

Revised Resolution No. 19

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Policy

**Re: Endorse California Professional Firefighters
*Personal Exposure Reporting System***

1 WHEREAS, the link between the job of
2 firefighting and diseases such as cancer, heart and
3 lung disease, MRSA and other ailments is well
4 established by research; and

5 WHEREAS, even with California's
6 groundbreaking firefighter presumption laws,
7 documenting on-the-job exposure to dangerous and
8 cancer-causing chemicals remains a firefighter's best
9 protection in securing appropriate workers'
10 compensation coverage for their job-related illnesses;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, in 1984, CPF launched the first, and
13 still the only, union-operated firefighter exposure
14 reporting system in the nation, Personal Exposure
15 Reporting (PER), adding the first-ever online
16 Personal Exposure Reporting – PER Online – in
17 2003; and

18 WHEREAS, in its more than 30 years of
19 existence, PER has securely documented more than a
20 quarter of a million individual firefighter exposures,
21 providing a secure, private health database that
22 belongs specifically to the member and can't be
23 accessed by management; and

24 WHEREAS, acting on a resolution approved by
25 the 2013 Convention, CPF undertook a complete
26 upgrade of the online PER system, with an updated,
27 mobile-friendly user interface and simplified system
28 for entering fire, hazmat and medical exposures, as

29 well as symptoms, treatments and other information;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, acting on recommendations
32 developed in concert with the IAFF, PER now
33 includes the ability to enter behavioral health
34 symptoms, either as an individual exposure or as part
35 of another exposure record; and

36 WHEREAS, the updated PER system has become
37 a national model for union-sponsored exposure
38 reporting, having been adopted by Tennessee
39 Professional Fire Fighters Association and New
40 Jersey Professional Fire Fighters; and

41 WHEREAS, PER's long history, security,
42 comprehensiveness and acceptance in and outside of
43 California make it an important and valuable service
44 that should be encouraged for all IAFF members;
45 therefore be it

46 RESOLVED, That the International Association
47 of Fire Fighters recognize CPF's Personal Exposure
48 Reporting (PER) system as a union-managed
49 exposure reporting system; and be it further

50 RESOLVED, That the IAFF shall join in
51 encouraging all firefighters to diligently report their
52 exposures on the job.

Submitted by: California Professional Firefighters, A-5

Cost Estimate: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as Revised

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted as Revised