

**Substitute Resolution No. 24**

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Resolutions**

**Re: IAFF District Vice President Emeritus Status for  
Brother Lawrence F. Osborne**

1           WHEREAS, Brother Osborne knew from a very  
2 young age that his goal in life was to be a  
3 Jacksonville fire fighter; and

4           WHEREAS, Brother Osborne started his  
5 firefighting career in 1965 as a member of the  
6 Southside Estates station of the Duval County Fire  
7 Department; and

8           WHEREAS, Brother Osborne enlisted in the  
9 United States Army National Guard in 1967 and  
10 served his country honorably; and

11          WHEREAS, in 1969, Brother Osborne realized  
12 his dream and was hired by the Jacksonville Fire  
13 Department, assigned to Engine 4 after graduating  
14 from the Training Academy; and

15          WHEREAS, Brother Osborne's career as a labor  
16 leader includes service as President, Vice President,  
17 Station Steward, and Business Agent of IAFF Local  
18 122 dating back to 1969; and

19          WHEREAS, Brother Lawrence F. Osborne was  
20 proudly endorsed by the Florida Professional  
21 Firefighters, Professional Fire Fighters of Georgia,  
22 South Carolina Professional Fire Fighters  
23 Association, and the Professional Fire Fighters and  
24 Paramedics of North Carolina for his election to the  
25 IAFF 12<sup>th</sup> District Vice President position in a  
26 special election in January 2007 to fill an unexpired  
27 term of office; and

28          WHEREAS, the Florida Professional Firefighters

29 endorsed Brother Osborne in 2008 and he was re-  
30 elected to the office of IAFF 12<sup>th</sup> District Vice  
31 President in August 2008 in Las Vegas, NV; and

32 WHEREAS, the FPF, PFFG, SCPFFA, and  
33 PFFPNC all endorsed Brother Osborne in 2012 for  
34 the office of IAFF 12<sup>th</sup> District Vice President and  
35 he was re- elected in July 2012 in Philadelphia, PA;  
36 and

37 WHEREAS, the FPF, PFFG, SCPFFA, and  
38 PFFPNC, all endorsed Brother Osborne in 2016 for  
39 the office of IAFF 12<sup>th</sup> District Vice President and  
40 he was re-elected in August 2016 in Las Vegas, NV;  
41 and

42 WHEREAS, Brother Osborne faithfully served on  
43 the IAFF Constitution and By-Laws Committee from  
44 1992 until 2016; and

45 WHEREAS, Brother Osborne faithfully served as  
46 FPF 1<sup>st</sup> District Trustee for twenty-two (22) years  
47 and, as such, offered sound and prudent decisions,  
48 coupled with trustworthy stewardship over the FPF's  
49 financial operations; and

50 WHEREAS, at the 2008 FPF Annual Convention,  
51 Brother Osborne was the first FPF Trustee to have  
52 the honor of having the title of Trustee Emeritus  
53 bestowed upon him; and

54 WHEREAS, Brother Osborne's extensive  
55 knowledge and expertise in the Emergency Medical  
56 Services arena have served us well in the 12<sup>th</sup>  
57 District; and

58 WHEREAS, Brother Osborne's in-depth training  
59 and "hands on" experience in the ways of local  
60 government and the political process have served the  
61 12<sup>th</sup> District well, both in Florida's State Capitol and

62 the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC; and  
63 WHEREAS, Brother Osborne retired as IAFF 12<sup>th</sup>  
64 District Vice President in April 2017; and  
65 WHEREAS, Brother Osborne has served the  
66 affiliates and members in Florida, Georgia, North  
67 Carolina and South Carolina as IAFF 12<sup>th</sup> District  
68 Vice President for over ten (10) years, providing  
69 invaluable knowledge, resources and guidance; and  
70 WHEREAS, Brother Osborne qualifies as a  
71 District Vice President Emeritus of the IAFF as  
72 provided for in the IAFF's Constitution and By-Laws  
73 Article V – International Officers and Elections,  
74 Section 9 – Vice President Emeritus; therefore be it  
75 RESOLVED, That Brother Lawrence F. Osborne  
76 shall be bestowed the status of Vice President  
77 Emeritus of the International Association of Fire  
78 Fighters.

Submitted by: Walter J. Dix, 12<sup>th</sup> District Vice President  
Jim Tolley, President, Florida Professional  
Firefighters  
Gilbert Marsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Florida  
Professional Firefighters  
Rocco Salvatori, Vice President, Florida  
Professional Firefighters  
Michael Dodd, President, Professional Fire  
Fighters of Georgia  
Roger Odachowski, President, South Carolina  
Professional Fire Fighters Association  
Tom Brewer, President, Professional Fire  
Fighters and Paramedics Of North Carolina  
Ken Bailes, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Trustee, Florida  
Professional Firefighters

Derrick Ryan, 10<sup>th</sup> District Vice President, Florida  
Professional Firefighters  
Florida Professional Firefighters, A-8  
Professional Fire Fighters of Georgia, A-9  
Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics of  
North Carolina, A-32  
South Carolina Professional Fire Fighters, A-39  
All of the over 200 IAFF Locals in the 12th  
District

Cost Estimate: Minimal

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt**

**CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted Unanimously**