

Resolution No. 35

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Resolutions

Re: Censure of Fire Chief Dennis Edwards and Deputy Chief Shawn Krizaj

1 WHEREAS, IAFF Local 101 represents 129
2 members of the Duluth Fire Department who proudly
3 serve approximately 86,000 citizens, 20,000 college
4 students, and thousands of daily commuters and
5 tourists; and

6 WHEREAS, Local 101 represents a bargaining
7 unit that has long included the positions of assistant
8 fire chief and fire marshal; and

9 WHEREAS, the City of Duluth has filed a unit
10 clarification petition with the Minnesota Bureau of
11 Mediation Services, seeking to exclude the three
12 assistant fire chiefs and one fire marshal from the
13 bargaining unit represented by Local 101; and

14 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Dennis Edwards and
15 Deputy Chief Shawn Krizaj, both of whom are
16 former Local 101 members, sought, and have
17 supported, the City's unit clarification petition; and

18 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Edwards has threatened
19 that he could eliminate the jobs of the assistant fire
20 chiefs; and

21 WHEREAS, in a survey of 100 Local 101
22 members, a majority of respondents indicated they
23 have low confidence in Fire Chief Edwards;
24 therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the International Association
26 of Fire Fighters formally censure Fire Chief Dennis
27 Edwards and Deputy Chief Shawn Krizaj; and be it
28 further

29 RESOLVED, That notice of this censure be
30 disseminated to Fire Chief Dennis Edwards and
31 Deputy Chief Shawn Krizaj, IAFF affiliates, and the
32 International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Submitted by: Local 101, Duluth, MN

Cost Estimate: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted Unanimously