

Resolution No. 38

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Health & Safety

Re: Disaster Relief

1 WHEREAS, the IAFF Disaster Relief Fund
2 provides immediate and vital cash assistance to IAFF
3 members in the United States and Canada who suffer
4 financial hardship as the result of a federally declared
5 disaster or in cases of natural or man-made disasters,
6 such as floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes,
7 fires or civil disturbances; and

8 WHEREAS, the fund was created in 1993 as a
9 nonprofit, tax exempt, trust fund affiliated with the
10 IAFF after the IAFF and local affiliates throughout
11 Florida provided assistance to its members following
12 the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew; and

13 WHEREAS, since its inception, the fund has paid
14 out millions of dollars to our members as well as
15 provided incident command staff, communications,
16 evacuation, food, medicine (including vaccinations
17 and baseline medical evaluations), behavioral health
18 and counseling, building materials, crews for house
19 repairs, transportation, and housing support through
20 IAFF Operations and Command; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2006 delegates assembled at
22 Convention voted to support a 10-cent per capita
23 increase to fund Disaster Relief Operations; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2010 delegates assembled at
25 Convention voted to reallocate 6 cents from the
26 Disaster Relief Operations Account to the Disaster
27 Relief Fund; and

28 WHEREAS, since the 2006 Convention the IAFF
29 has supported our membership in their times of need

30 both financially and with operations before, during
31 and subsequent to the following events; Hurricane
32 Isaac 2008, Jackson, Mississippi, rain and hail storm
33 2008, Hurricane Ike 2008, Nashville, Tennessee,
34 flood 2010, Hurricane Irene 2011, Minot, North
35 Dakota, flood 2011, Superstorm Sandy (East Coast)
36 2012, Calgary floods 2013, Oklahoma City (Moore,
37 OK) tornado 2013, Fort McMurray fire 2016,
38 Louisiana flood 2016, Hurricane Irma 2017, Tubbs
39 Fire Santa Rosa 2017; Hurricane Harvey Texas and
40 Louisiana 2017; Las Vegas and Parkland shootings;
41 and

42 WHEREAS, these types of events are occurring
43 more often and without prejudice; and

44 WHEREAS, to ensure there is continued funding
45 for disaster relief operations and the disaster relief
46 funds so that the funds remain economically viable to
47 provide direct and immediate disaster assistance to
48 our members; therefore be it

49 RESOLVED, That the IAFF approve a per capita
50 increase of 10 cents with 7 cents going to the IAFF
51 Foundation for Disaster Relief Fund and 3 cents
52 going to the Disaster Relief Operations Account; and
53 be it further

54 RESOLVED, That these changes will be effective
55 September 1, 2018.

Submitted by: Professional Fire Fighters Association of
Louisiana

Cost Estimate: 10 cents

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted