

Revised Resolution No. 41

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Health & Safety

Re: Cell and Radio Antenna Effects on Firefighters

1 WHEREAS, California and the nation's
2 firefighters are subjected to extreme amounts of radio
3 frequency radiation and cellular radiation in the
4 regular performance of our job duties; and

5 WHEREAS, the exposure to said forms of
6 radiation have negative health and safety effects on
7 our members resulting in increased rates of cancer,
8 nerve, and brain system impairment with temporary
9 and permanent damage; and

10 WHEREAS, the CPF represents the body of
11 California Professional Fire and EMS personnel
12 regarding legislative and health and safety issues;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, federal legislation and administrative
15 action as well as federal and national studies of the
16 subject and issues, as it relates to the needed federal
17 legislative and administrative action, is necessary to
18 address the issue with our national leaders; and

19 WHEREAS, the IAFF is responsible for federal
20 legislative and administrative efforts with regard to
21 the health and safety of our firefighters and the
22 economic effects of property tax valuation as a result
23 of the cell and radio antennas near or on our fire
24 stations and any other administrative sites with the
25 fire department, where prolonged exposure to our
26 members and/or the citizens we serve in our districts
27 and/or property devaluation can occur; and

28 WHEREAS, the property tax valuation is the very
29 basis for property tax collected for fire districts and

30 City and County and Federal Fire Departments, and
31 said tax revenue is used to fund fire and EMS
32 services critical to the mission of our membership;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, the cost for such studies and
35 dynamics of such studies are not affordable to the
36 smaller local affiliates, and larger locals in a
37 combined effort with the smaller locals, as
38 coordinated by the IAFF Health and Safety
39 Department, would result in efficiencies and
40 effectiveness benefiting all large and small locals
41 with regard to protecting our members lives;
42 therefore be it

43 RESOLVED, That the IAFF take action to oppose
44 cell and radio antennas from being placed on fire
45 stations, fire facilities and anywhere prolonged
46 exposure to the radiation from radio and cell
47 antennas is present; and be it further

48 RESOLVED, That the IAFF direct and
49 aggressively seek a funding source, whether
50 governmental or private, to fund an appropriate
51 study and data collection of the negative health
52 and safety effects of the radiation exposure from
53 cell and radio antenna exposure like the data
54 collection for cancer statistics and to share the data
55 with local affiliates; and be it further

56 RESOLVED, That the IAFF direct and
57 aggressively seek a funding source, whether
58 governmental or private, to fund an appropriate
59 study of the devaluation of property near said cell
60 and radio antennas resulting in negative property
61 tax assessments and reduced revenue critical to the
62 fire and EMS needs of our membership; and be it

63 further
64 RESOLVED, That the IAFF Health and Safety
65 Committee give quarterly updates to the District Vice
66 Presidents so that information may be disseminated
67 to their local affiliates.

Submitted by: California Professional Firefighters, A-5

Cost Estimate: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as Revised

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted as Revised