

Resolution No. 54

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Legislative

Re: Banning Marijuana Grow-Ops in Residential Buildings

1 WHEREAS, the recreational use of
2 cannabis/marijuana is legal in nine US states; and

3 WHEREAS, the current laws regarding
4 cannabis/marijuana prohibition in Canada are being
5 lifted to allow the legal sale and use of
6 cannabis/marijuana; and

7 WHEREAS, any individual can grow from 4 to 6
8 plants in their home for personal use without any
9 license depending on the local jurisdiction; and

10 WHEREAS, individuals in Canada can obtain a
11 license to grow up to 100 cannabis/marijuana plants
12 for personal use without the requirement of a
13 business license, and can grow these plants in any
14 residential building; and

15 WHEREAS, an individual with a grow license
16 in Canada, can also grow up to 100 additional plants
17 for another person on a separate license in the same
18 residential building; and

19 WHEREAS, there is no provision in the current
20 laws that requires the grow license holders be
21 disclosed to the local jurisdiction having
22 authority; and

23 WHEREAS, if the local civic authority is not
24 made aware of these grow operations in residential
25 buildings in the community therefore no fire
26 inspection will occur and the notification of the
27 existence of such operations will not be made to the
28 fire department; and

29 WHEREAS, when the fire department is not made
30 aware of these operations, firefighters have
31 experienced significant hidden risk during fire
32 suppression activities due to the building's electrical
33 requirements, fortification against theft,
34 entanglement hazards and potential building
35 modifications; and

36 WHEREAS, civilians living in residential
37 buildings containing cannabis/marijuana grow
38 operations also may be exposed to significant health
39 and life safety risks; therefore be it

40 RESOLVED, That the IAFF take the public
41 position that the growing of cannabis/marijuana,
42 for commercial use, be banned in all residential
43 buildings in all States, Provinces and communities
44 throughout Canada and the United States; and be it
45 further

46 RESOLVED, That the IAFF advise in the
47 strongest of terms, all governments, who have
48 adopted or are considering adopting laws allowing
49 licensing of the growing of cannabis/marijuana, of
50 the IAFF position against permitting the growing of
51 cannabis/marijuana in residential locations for
52 commercial use or profit.

Submitted by: Local 1271, Surrey Fire Fighters' Association

Cost Estimate: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted as Amended