

## OSFA Legislative Resolution 20-1

*Whereas* volunteer members of the Oklahoma State Firefighters Association met in El Reno in February to discuss and determine the issues facing the volunteer fire service; and

**Whereas** these issues were narrowed to the top three issues affecting volunteer firefighters in the State; and

**Whereas** the OSFA is the largest representative organization for volunteer firefighters in Oklahoma; and

**Whereas** Interoperability communications is an important and cost prohibitive issue facing many fire departments in our state, both volunteer and smaller paid departments; and

**Whereas** the current funding levels provided by the state and other minimal resources do not provide the type of resources that will address the funding shortfall; and

**Whereas** radio systems continue to advance and improve as fast as other technology currently does;

*Therefore* **Be It Resolved** that the delegates at the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual OSFA Convention show the overall support of the organization toward our volunteer members; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Volunteer Fire Services Committee and the Legislative Committee be directed to research, develop, and move to implement new funding sources from the State of Oklahoma to provide interoperable communications that will meet the needs of the communities in the state regardless of size or resources.

**Be It Further Resolved** that these committees will report back to the OSFA Volunteer Caucus and the OSFA Convention on their progress during the 2021 caucus and convention.

Respectfully submitted:

By unanimous vote of the members present at the OSFA 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Caucus, Chair Travis Fortune