

Constitutional Resolution 17-1

Whereas the Executive Board of the Oklahoma State Firefighters Association has realized that Emergency Medical Responses are becoming an increasingly higher percentage of calls within the Oklahoma Fire Service; and

Whereas the issues and impacts of state and national EMS rules are becoming increasingly more complex; and

Whereas funding for EMS within the fire service is becoming a bigger issue; and

Whereas the OSFA is the largest representative organization for Fire Based Emergency Medical Response Agencies in Oklahoma; and

Whereas the delegates at the 123rd Annual OSFA Convention recognize the need for OSFA to add Fire Based EMS to its core mission;

Therefore, be it resolved that Article 7 of the Constitution be amended to read:

ARTICLE 7 – COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. The Standing Committees of the Association shall be the Legislative Committee, ~~and~~ Educational Advisory Committee, and the EMS Committee and such other committees as may be found necessary by the Board.

Section 2. The Legislative Committee:

- a) The Legislative Committee shall draft such bills for the enactment of Legislation as the Association may designate, see that such legislation is intelligently presented to the members of the State Legislature, and to have the same introduced and endeavor to have same passed and enacted into law. In addition, this committee shall initiate and develop firefighter legislative education.
- b) Labor management legislation not specifically addressed at the annual convention shall not be opposed or promoted unless labor and management are in total agreement and then only as directed by the Board.
- c) Only legislation vetted and approved by the Legislative Committee and/or the Board will be supported by the Association.

Section 3. Educational Advisory Committee: It shall be the duty of the Educational Advisory Committee to research, develop and implement educational programs for firefighters in the State of Oklahoma.

Section 4. The EMS Committee: It shall be the duty of the EMS Committee to identify, research, and discuss issues which affect Fire Based EMRA'S and Fire Based EMS in the State of Oklahoma. These issues shall include but not be limited to funding, rules, and regulations.

Section 4.5. Meetings of all committees of the Association shall be open to all members.

Respectfully submitted:

By the 2016-17 OSFA Executive Board – Mike Duncan, President