

Legislative Resolution 18-1

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hereas 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 state funded vehicles for fire departments having task force capabilities are an important safety issue for the citizens in the rural portions of the state; and

Whereas currently volunteer fire departments must find creative ways with little or no funding to attempt to purchase these vehicles; and

Whereas funding by the state would make this necessary equipment more available for the protection of our citizens; and

Whereas these state funded vehicles could be placed regionally with trained personnel from several departments being available to operate these vehicles in a similar fashion to the FEMA equipment;

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herefore, be it resolved that the delegates at the 124th Annual OSFA Convention show the overall support of the organization toward our volunteer members; and

Be it further resolved that the OSFA introduce legislation to fund this standardized wildland Type I, Type III, and Type VI task force capable equipped vehicles; and

Be it further resolved that in addition to the funding for the equipment a request also be made for funds to maintain this equipment.

Respectfully submitted:

By the members present at the OSFA 16th Annual Volunteer Caucus