

Legislative Resolution 18-2

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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 recruitment and retention is a major issue within the volunteer fire service in Oklahoma; and

Whereas there are numerous retired and paid off-duty firefighters who are willing and able to continue to serve their local community; and

Whereas these well trained and capable firefighters are currently prohibited from serving as a volunteer firefighter in their local community; and

Whereas these off-duty and retired firefighters could be a tremendous asset to understaffed volunteer departments;

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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 Legislative Committee be tasked with researching and defining a solution that would allow willing firefighters to legally serve in their local volunteer fire department.

Respectfully submitted:

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