

Revised Resolution No. 32

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Legislative & Political

Re: Restrict the Use of Private Firefighting Resources

1 WHEREAS, it is established policy of California
2 Professional Firefighters that firefighting and fire
3 protection are services in the public interest that are
4 best provided by public agencies and sworn public
5 safety officers; and

6 WHEREAS, professional firefighters employed
7 by public agencies have dedicated their careers and
8 often their lives to the protection of life and property,
9 and sworn an oath to serve their communities; and

10 WHEREAS, private, for-profit companies will
11 never provide adequate fire protection as their
12 primary motivation is the pursuit of profit for their
13 shareholders and not the pursuit of public good; and

14 WHEREAS, private companies have repeatedly
15 demonstrated callous disregard for their employees,
16 leading to the tragic deaths of several contractors
17 through inadequate safety measures or poorly
18 managed operations; and

19 WHEREAS, response operations managed by
20 private corporations have interfered with the larger
21 response to wildfire disasters, endangering California
22 firefighters due to their inexperience and lack of
23 training and preparation on the nuanced complexities
24 of California's fire dangers; and

25 WHEREAS, these private resources are often
26 brought in by Federal agencies of the United States

27 government to respond to wildfires on federally
28 managed land; and

29 WHEREAS, this practice dedicates public
30 resources to private profit, on operations that would
31 be best and most safely managed by professional
32 California firefighters that are properly trained as
33 experts in fire mitigation and protection, and

34 WHEREAS, within the State of California we
35 have access to Department of Defense firefighting
36 resources that are currently not being utilized for
37 automatic aid, mutual aid, and extended incidents;
38 therefore be it

39 RESOLVED, That the IAFF shall pursue
40 legislation to restrict or eliminate the usage of private
41 firefighting and EMS resources by Federal
42 agencies of the United States and Canadian
43 government such as advocating for a provision
44 similar to 10 CFR 2465 which prohibits the
45 Department of Defense from contracting out
46 fire service responsibilities.

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Cost Estimate: **None**

Annual or Perpetual Designation: **N/A**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as Revised

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted as Revised