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FOR THE GREAT LAKES DIVISION MEMBERS
ATTENDING INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of FIRE CHIEFS' FIRE RESCUE
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IAFC Great Lakes Division Forum 2007

April 12–13, 2007

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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2007**

If you attended the outstanding and highly reviewed Forum 2005 with the Green Bay Packers, you received valuable management insight from a pro-sports team. The Milwaukee Brewers plan to top that event with their presentations on administration, community relations, consumer marketing, human resources and Miller Park operations.



Forum '07 Program and Registration Forms on Page 4 and 5

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Chief Larry Grorud****Janesville Fire Department, WI**

I hope all is going well for everyone, and that you're having a safe and warm winter.

I write this letter as I have just returned from our January IAFC Board meeting held in the home City of our IAFC Treasurer Julian Taliaferro, Charlottesville, VA. Julian and Chief Charles Werner were gracious hosts and we had a great time. The Board had a special dinner at the University of Virginia Rotunda honoring Garry and Roni Briese for their many years of dedicated service to the IAFC. The Board also took action to bestow IAFC Lifetime Membership on Garry and Honorary Lifetime Membership on Roni. Garry and Roni's last day with us is February 14th.

The main business of our Board meeting was establishing the IAFC Budget for 2007-2008, and approving the IAFC Strategic Plan for the same time period. The basis for the Strategic Plan was assembled by many of our IAFC leaders at the strategic planning session held last October. Staff organized the Plan and submitted it to the Board for final approval. The Board reviewed the Plan and approved it as our working document for the next two years.

The budget deliberations were a little more difficult. Our costs for service continue to outpace our dues revenue, and the proposed budget submitted by Chief Taliaferro and staff tried to deal with this dilemma. In order to maintain a balanced budget, the Board had to make a very difficult decision to raise the membership dues. The Constitution & By-Laws allows the Board to raise the dues by an amount not to exceed the increase in the CPI since the last dues increase. Those parameters allowed the Board to consider a dues increase of nearly \$22. Our last dues increase was in 2001, when it was raised \$25. After a thorough review of the budget, the Board voted to increase the dues by \$20. The increase allowed the Board to have sufficient funds in the budget to

maintain a high quality conference for our members as well as to keep the wide participation of IAFC members in our Strategic Planning process. We also maintained training funds for staff professional development and their health insurance package. It was a difficult decision for the Board, but I believe they made the right choice.

In other business, the Board has asked staff to look into the possibility of jointly establishing a Limited Liability Corporation with the IAFF to handle the CPAT program and the Labor/Management program. We feel this might work well for both organizations and should be explored. I will let you know how things progress.

And finally, the deadline for candidates to file for this year's IAFC election has passed. We only have one candidate for Treasurer and I'm confident Chief Bill Metcalf from Fallbrook, Ca will do an outstanding job following in Julian's footsteps. He is an excellent individual. The race for 2nd Vice President includes myself and Chief Jack Parow from Chelmsford, MA. I thank you for all of your support in the past, and hope you will see fit to vote for me when the ballots come out the last week in May.

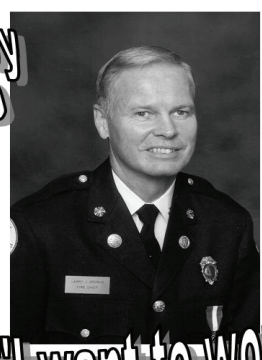
It is a pleasure serving as your Director, and I wish you a mild and pleasant winter. I look forward to seeing you at our Forum in Milwaukee in April, and I encourage you to feel free to contact me (608-755-3051, or e-mail me at

ELECT

Larry J. Grorud

IAFC 2nd Vice President

2007



"I want to work for you!"

"Larry Grorud is a dedicated fire service leader. He is engaged and informed on the issues. He is creative and innovative in developing solutions to problems and issues confronting local fire departments, as well as the IAFC."

*Chief John M. Buckman III, CFO
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grorudl@ci.janesville.wi.us) with any questions or concerns. Until then, enjoy life, have fun and... STAY SAFE!!! ***

Editors note: E-mail balloting will begin May 25th and will be completed July 9th. All active members will receive ballots as last year. Life members who did not vote last year can receive ballots, either e-mail or paper ballots, by requesting to be included, by phoning IAFC Membership at (703) 273-0911. We encourage all GLD Members to vote. We have enough votes in our division alone to assure that we elect Larry as 2nd VP IAFC adding to a considerable list of GLD leaders who have gone on to guide the IAFC.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chief Kenn Taylor

Violet Twp, Fire Department, OH

Great Things Are Going On

There are a number of great things going on either within the Great Lakes Division or involving the Great Lakes Division that each of you should be aware of.

Thanks to Chief Jay Reardon, the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, and MABAS, a Grant was secured for the first MABAS Presidents Council Meeting held in January. All of the state presidents and statewide mutual aid coordinators were invited to attend and participate in this event. The response to this was overwhelming. After two days of meetings and collaboration the Mid America Mutual Aid Consortium or MAMA-C was put together. Collectively, all of the ground work is being laid for all of the states within the Great Lakes Division to have a compatible mutual aid system.

The Second National Line of Duty Death Prevention Summit will take place on March 4th and 5th in Novato, California. Our division has been invited to participate in this two day event. I can think of nothing more important in the fire service than working towards the reduction of line of duty deaths. We should all do everything that we can to make every day a training day, thus ensuring that everyone goes home.

The IAFC's Intra State Mutual Aid (IMAS) will be hosting the second IMAS Stakeholder meeting in Columbus, Ohio to share the successes of the pilot states and the plans for continuing the program. The stakeholders include the 50 state fire chiefs' associations as well as our fellow agency partners. This also includes the opportunity for participants to observe a demonstration of a large scale mobilization effort of the Ohio Fire Service Emergency Response Plan.

Members of the Great Lakes Board will be attending the IAFC Orientation on March 26th and 27th in Fairfax, Virginia. This provides an excellent opportunity for members of our board to interact with the leadership and staff of the IAFC.

The Congressional Fire Services Institute Dinner will take place on March 29th. This is an opportunity for Fire Service Leadership from all over the country to gather and convene in our nation's capitol to make our presence known. It also provides a tremendous opportunity for all of us to renew and rekindle those relationships with our legislators.

Fire Rescue MED will take place April 30th through May

2nd. This conference, sponsored by the IAFC's EMS Section, promises to inform and educate every attendee on the essential issues facing the emergency medical services industry. The conference in its 10th year will once again be held in Las Vegas. What a great opportunity for all of us.

Forum 2007 is scheduled for April 12th and 13th. This year the Great Lakes has partnered up with the Milwaukee Brewers and will be meeting at Miller Park in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. You can read more about the forum in this issue of the Trumpet.

As you can see there are great things going on in today's fire service. You should take comfort in knowing that your Great Lakes Board is active, engaged, and involved.***

WESTIN PEACHTREE—ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The Great Lakes Division has selected the Westin Peachtree Hotel to be Division headquarters when attending IAFC Fire Rescue International August 23-25, 2007. The hotel is located a few blocks from the convention center overlooking Centennial Olympic Park and provides breathtaking views in every direction. The hotel has just recently been completely renovated and provides Westin's "Heavenly Bed and Bath" in every room.



The Westin was selected for its value at \$159 / night which is in the mid price range for FRI Atlanta and a dbbl room is the same price as a singl. The Westin also offers a Lobby Bar, full service Starbucks, The Cafe, which features casual dining, and The Sun Dial Restaurant located 723 feet above the city slowly rotating for your dining pleasure.

The Westin has an Extensive Fitness Center for conditioning or recreational activities and a large indoor pool with a retractable roof.

Please note: the GLD luncheon will be held at 11:00 am on August 23rd at the convention center. You will have to plan your arrival for August 22nd to attend the hospitality room and the annual meeting and luncheon.

GREAT LAKES DIVISION

International Association of Fire Chiefs



FORUM 2007 “Partners in Learning”

BIG LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

Wednesday April 11, 2007

8:00 am to 4:00 pm	IAFC-Great Lakes Division Board Meeting-Miller Park. Lunch Meeting-State Presidents invited
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	MAMA-C Meeting Miller Park
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Weary Travelers Reception Country Inn and Suites - Brookfield

Thursday, April 12, 2007

6:30 am to 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast Country Inn and Suites
7:30 am to 8:30am	Registration - Miller Park
8:00 am to 9:00 am 9:00 am to 9:30 am	Opening Message – Chief Kenn Taylor-President GLD Keynote Addresses: Welcome Address from the Milwaukee Brewers Rick Schlesinger, Executive Vice president – Business Operations Miller Park
9:30 am to 9:45 am	Break
9:45 am to 10:45 am	Presentation: Consumer Marketing – Kathy Schwab – Senior Director Marketing Miller Park
10:45 am to 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	Presentation: IAFC Member Services Gioia Albi - Director of Membership Miller Park
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch Miller Park
1:15 pm to 2:15 pm	Presentation: Media Relations/ Publications – Tyler Barnes – Vice President - Communications Miller Park
2:15 pm to 2:30 pm	Break

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Presentation: Miller Park Operations and Tour – Wil Gorman– Senior Director – Brewer Enterprises and Matt Kenney Manager Event Services Miller Park
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Evening Reception Miller Park
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm	Plated Dinner Miller Park

Friday, April 13, 2007

7:00 am to 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast Country Inn and Suites
8:00 am to 9:00 am	Presentation: Fire Corps – Larry Curl Miller Park
9:00 am to 9:15 am	Break
9:15 am to 10:15 am	Presentation: ISO – Brian Hooten Miller Park
10:15 am to 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am to 11:30 am	Presentation: National Society of Executive Fire Officers (NSEFO) – Timothy Curtis – Board of Directors Miller Park
11:30 am to 12:00 pm	IAFC Update IAFC President Jim Harnes Closing



The registration fee for Forum 2007 is: \$150.00 for IAFC members and other municipal or department officials - includes continental breakfast, with hotel registration, Thursday and Friday and lunch on Thursday. Also includes one reception and dinner ticket for Thursday evening dinner to be held at the Miller Park. Extra guest dinner tickets are available at \$35.00 each. Also included is a weary travelers reception from 5-8:00 PM on Wednesday evening to be held at the Country Inn & Suites

REGISTRATION CLOSES April 07, 2007

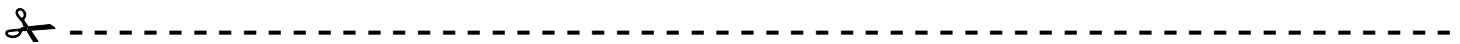
Please complete and return the form below along with a check or P.O. made payable to the **"Great Lakes Division IAFC"**.

NAME _____ Extra Dinner ticket Yes ___ No ___ (Include \$35.00 with registration)
TITLE _____ IAFC MEMBER # _____
DEPT/MUNICIPALITY _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
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Mail form to:

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Note: One registration per form.
Please copy for additional registrations.



HOTEL REGISTRATION FORUM 2007

SPONSORED BY the GREAT LAKES DIVISION, IAFC in cooperation with IAFC and the Milwaukee Brewers. The GLD has reserved a block of rooms at the Country Inn & Suites, Brookfield. To make room reservations complete and return this hotel registration form. **HOTEL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 13, 2007.** Reservations received after this date will be honored on a space available basis only and reduced rates may not apply. **Prices listed below do not include tax of 13.6%.**

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Please Check: Single \$72.00 Two Room Suite \$99.00
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Brookfield, WI 53005
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WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE**Chief Jeff Stauber****Green Bay Fire Department, WI**

Sprinkler Code Initiative

The proposal to adopt the stronger fire sprinkler codes for multifamily residential occupancies that are contained in the 2006 International Building Code is proceeding in the State of Wisconsin. The Department of Commerce, which has the authority to adopt new codes, held a public comment hearing in late December 2006. The hearing was well attended by Wisconsin fire chiefs, many of whom provided oral and written comment supporting adoption of the stronger sprinkler code language.

The period for public comment was not extended as requested by several builders/developers and ended on January 5, 2007. Jim Quast, project manager for the Department of Commerce, said approximately 250 comments were submitted; the great majority addressed the sprinkler requirements in the code.

Department of Commerce employees are summarizing the comments that were received. Several public meetings will be held with stakeholders during the next few months, with a goal of creating a final draft of the new rules in late April or early May. Barring unforeseen delays, the new building code could be adopted for enforcement by August 2007.

IAFC Legislative Forum

Chief Dave Bloom, Legislative Liaison for the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association, has taken on the role of moderator for the IAFC's new state legislative forum. IAFC members can log on to the site at www.iafc.org/statelegislativeforum. The site will enable members to ask questions and discuss any legislative initiative in Wisconsin.

Annual Conference

The Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association is scheduled for the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells on June 22-24, 2007, with a pre-conference session on Thursday, June 21st. Watch for conference details on the association's website, www.wsfca.com during the coming months.

Fire Safe Cigarette Legislation

Wisconsin State Representative Wasserman and Senator Robson will introduce fire safe cigarette legislation, LRB 1520/1, in the upcoming legislative session. The proposed legislation was modeled from statutory language that has been adopted in

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the States of New York, Vermont, California, Illinois, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. A call for co-sponsorship was sent to all Wisconsin legislators in February. Wisconsin chiefs are urged to contact their local legislators and urge support of this important fire safety legislation.***

OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE**Chief Dale Duermit****Sharonville Fire Department, OH**

To all my friends in the Great lakes Division,

I just needed to say thanks to all of the wonderful people we have met and worked with from the Great Lakes Division.

I will be retiring from the Sharonville Fire Department on March 31, 2007. I will remain as a Representative for the State of Ohio until our State Conference in July. It has been a wonderful opportunity to serve on the Board of the Great Lakes Division. We have been blessed with great leadership for our Division and that same great leadership continues today.

I will continue to be active and be around through Forum 2007 in Milwaukee as well as FRI in Atlanta. Many of you will hear from me prior to the Election this year in May. We must GET OUT THE VOTE for Chief Larry Grorud as he runs for 2 nd Vice President of the IAFC. Let not one of us take for granite that Larry will walk away with this election. Let us show the strength of the Great Lakes Division. I firmly believe we can win this election for Larry, if we get out our votes.

When I tell you about the leaders we have been fortunate to have, there is no better example than Chief Larry Grorud. We will be with you in Atlanta when they introduce Chief Larry Grorud, 2 nd Vice President IAFC. I can't wait to hear that introduction.

We, the members of the Great Lakes Division can and will make this happen. I look forward to your vote and support of our Director.

It has been a wonderful ride for me, as I have been so fortunate to meet and work with so many of you from our Division. My personal thanks for your friendship and cooperation. I also need to say thanks for the courtesies you have shown my wife Janet, as we have traveled and visited each of the States in the Division.

Chief Dale D.***`

**GREAT LAKES DIVISION
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS
POSITION STATEMENTS – November 2006**

FIRE ACT

The GLD Board strongly supports Congressional efforts to fully fund the FIRE ACT at its authorized level. We request IAFC members and all other members of the fire service to make this a priority issue. We ask IAFC members to continue contact with Congressional delegation members to explain the positive and far-reaching impact this legislation has on local fire departments and the importance of institutionalizing the program as a separate grant program direct to local fire departments.

NFPA 1710 & 1720

The GLD Board concurs with the CPSE Board of Directors in recognizing NFPA 1710-1720 as deployment standards, not safety standards. We urge the Board to monitor closely the use of these standards throughout the United States. The GLD Board continues to support the IAFC Accreditation system as a model for fire departments to use to reach "equivalency" with the requirements found in NFPA 1710. The GLD Board joins the IAFC Board in declaring opposition to either standard being adopted for use by the federal OSHA Administration or any state OSHA agency.

USFA / NFA

The Board of the Great Lakes Division supports the management and program revisions being implemented by the Administration of FEMA, USFA, and NFA. We remain committed to supporting these efforts to revitalize the operations of these critical agencies. The GLD Board strongly urges that the position of Administrator and Deputy Administrator be maintained and filled by a person with a fire service background.

IAFC STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Great Lakes Division Board commends the IAFC Board for institutionalizing strategic planning to maintain continuity and governance for the Association. The GLD Board encourages the IAFC Board to fully fund the necessary meetings of Division, Section and State Fire Chief Association representatives to attend the planning sessions.

EMS INITIATIVES

The GLD Board supports the efforts of the IAFC to focus greater attention on delivery of emergency medical services by the fire service. With many of our members involved in some sort of EMS delivery to the public, the GLD Board supports efforts to improve the delivery system of fire-based EMS and urges the IAFC Board of Directors to support the same. The GLD Board also supports the development of a EMS National Patient Data Set. The GLD encourages members and the IAFC to pursue mechanisms that will assist in successfully recovering costs by member agencies that provide any level of EMS service (first responder to ALS) even if agencies do not transport patients.

WELLNESS PROGRAMS

The GLD Board supports the concept of fitness/wellness for all fire service personnel. A comprehensive program to accomplish this has been jointly developed by the IAFC and IAFF and implemented in 10 U.S. metropolitan fire departments. The GLD Board requests that the IAFC Safety, Health & Survival Section study the cost implication, implementations timing, and appropriateness for all levels of fire service delivery systems.

FITNESS STANDARDS

The GLD Board supports the IAFC/IAFF physical fitness standards for entry-level employees and encourages member fire department leaders to evaluate the CPAT program for implementation in their organizations. The GLD Board further supports the continued development of fitness standards for incumbent employees. The GLD is supportive of efforts to eliminate language in the fitness standards that makes employee refusal to participate in a fitness program nonpunitive.

CHILDREN'S SLEEPWEAR (TO BE UPDATED)

The GLD remains supportive of HR 528/730 that has been introduced in Congress and seeks to reinstate the 1972 flame-resistant standard for children's sleepwear. The GLD Board continues to oppose the decision of the Consumers Product Safety Commission that eliminated this vital safety measure for children. The GLD Board further requests that the IAFC urge other fire service organizations to join in opposing the CPSC's actions regarding sleepwear for children and ask the IAFC to support passage of HR 528/730.

FARM CHEMICAL PLACARDING

The GLD is opposed to any legislative or regulatory effort that will relax or eliminate the enforcement for failure to placard hazardous chemicals used in some agricultural applications. We believe strongly that this could increase the chances of fire service personnel being exposed unnecessarily to hazardous situations.

WOMEN CHIEF FIRE OFFICERS

The GLD Board supports the WCFO's efforts to render the IAFC more open and sensitive to the diverse work force in the fire service. The GLD believes the mission, vision, and value statements developed by the WCFO set a standard for the IAFC that will make the entire organization, and all its members, capable of meeting the many diversified challenges over the next decade.

ALCOHOL & DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

The GLD Board strongly believes in and supports the concept of an alcohol and drug free work force. To this end, the Board supports all drug testing and monitoring procedures and policies now in place in our respective states. The GLD Board further advocates taking necessary actions to implement random drug testing for members of the fire service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION

Continuous quality improvement and enhancement of service delivery remains a major challenge to the fire service. The Center for Public Safety Excellence, Fire and Emergency Service Self-Assessment Process, operated by the Commission of Fire Accreditation International, provides a voluntary program by which our members can evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of their organization and set a course for improvement. The Great Lakes Board encourages members to consider participating in the accreditation process and to set a goal to become an internationally accredited agency.

CHIEF FIRE OFFICER DESIGNATION PROGRAM

The GLD Board believes in the professional development of fire and emergency service chief officers by providing a voluntary designation program that promotes excellence and serves as a career path for junior officers. The Chief Fire Officer Designation (CFOD) is a program that the GLD Board supports and promotes for use by our members.

DIRECTED VOTES BY IAFC REPRESENTATIVES

Individuals serving on standards and codes development committees of the NFPA, as appointed representatives of the IAFC, or individuals working on committees or work groups of other organizations in which the IAFC has an interest, must agree to the principle that the IAFC Board may direct them to vote a particular way on issues placed before the committee or work group. It is the GLD Board's firm conviction that the principle of "directed votes", on issues critical to the mission of the IAFC, must be agreed to by IAFC appointed representatives prior to serving on such committees or work groups. The interests of the general membership of the IAFC must be protected and advanced by the Board.

STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) ACT

Recognizing that our local firefighters are America's first line of defense for a myriad of events, the GLD Board strongly supports congressional efforts to fully fund the SAFER Act at its authorized level that would provide funding directly to local governments to hire additional firefighters. We ask IAFC members to continue contact with congressional delegation members to explain the positive and far reaching impact this legislation has on local fire services.

POSITION ON NATIONAL EMS SCOPE OF PRACTICE MODEL

It is the position of the Great Lakes Division Board of Directors, of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, that the National EMS Scope of Practice Model, as presently constructed, is unacceptable and would, if implemented, cause an immediate detrimental effect upon the delivery of Emergency Medical Services in our Region.

Specifically, the Great Lakes Division Board opposes changing the levels of licensure of Emergency Medical Service personnel, and further opposes the elimination of the EMT-Intermediate certification.

The Great Lakes Board opposes any increase in the number of hours currently required by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) curricula for education of First Responders, EMT-Basics, EMT-Intermediates, and EMT-Paramedics.

The Great Lakes Division Board opposes the imposition of any requirement that limits paramedic practice to only those persons with an Associates Degree or completion of an accredited Paramedic Program (which would eliminate paramedic-training programs at some local hospitals). The Board supports a Scope of Practice Model that recognizes all training programs that meet state requirements for licensure.

The Great Lakes Division Board opposes any EMS Scope of Practice that would limit the ability of individual Emergency Medical Service Medical Directors to determine the skills to be performed by any level of EMT licensee practicing under their supervision.

The Board supports minimum levels of practice for each license level but opposes any maximum level of practice for any level of practice, if an Emergency Medical Service provider's Medical Director permits such practice.

Statements revised/amended & approved 11/16/06

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