

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ARIZONA FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION WITHIN THE STATE OF ARIZONA.**

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Fire Services Institute (AFSI) is a consensus organization created by mutual agreement of the various individual participating organizations representing the interests of Arizona's fire service; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of AFSI is to serve as a single focal point at the state level relating to issues affecting Arizona's fire service; and

**WHEREAS**, AFSI firmly believes that it is the role and function of state government, and more specifically the Office of the State Fire Marshal, to provide for adequate training, certification and accreditation of programs for Arizona's fire service personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, AFSI understands that current economic conditions and budgetary constraints have caused the training and certification functions previously provided by the State Fire Marshals Office to be suspended; and

**WHEREAS**, AFSI further believes that even a temporary suspension of training and certification would be detrimental to the safety of Arizona's fire service and the citizens they protect; and

**WHEREAS**, AFSI additionally believes that it is within their scope of responsibility to address this situation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARIZONA FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE**, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That AFSI will assume responsibility and authority for policy oversight of the fire service training and certification processes within the State of Arizona and that AFSI, through its designated representatives, will serve as the entity representing Arizona's fire service at the national level with respect to grants, educational requests or other issues related to fire service training and certification.

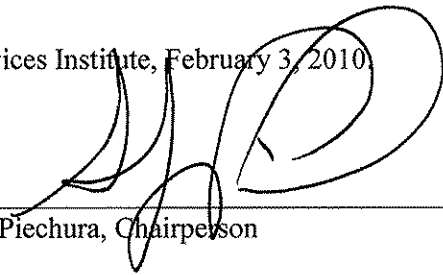
**SECTION 2.** That AFSI will develop and implement a comprehensive operational and management plan to the delivery of fire service training and conduct appropriate testing and certification processes.

**SECTION 3.** That AFSI will identify a method of providing funding that will allow the AFSI to accomplish its responsibilities with the expectation that the functions of the Certification Processes become financially self sufficient through fees generated revenue.

**SECTION 4.** That AFSI may, at the appropriate time, coordinate as necessary with the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) to formally accredit the various certification programs.


**SECTION 5.** That AFSI may work to develop appropriate legislation to require dedicated funding mechanisms that will permit these functions and responsibilities to become self supporting and be reassigned to the Arizona State Fire Marshal as soon as reasonably practical.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Arizona Fire Services Institute, February 3, 2010



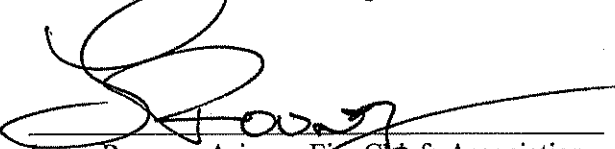
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Jeff Piechura, Chairperson




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Tim Hill, Professional Firefighters of Arizona



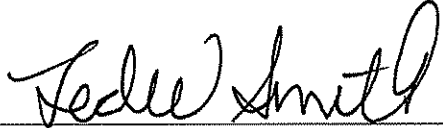
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