

# Western Fire Chiefs Association

## DOCTRINE

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“Serving, Leading, and Mentoring Fire Chief Officers”

### **Purpose**

The Western Fire Chiefs Association (WFCA) supports, promotes, and develops Chief Officers in the ten states that comprise the Western Division of the International Fire Chiefs Association<sup>1</sup> and furthers the interests of prevention, control, and mitigation of fire, life safety, and all hazards in our region.

### **Mission**

Pursue the protection of life and property by leadership, education, and support for its members and affiliate organizations.

### **Fundamental Principles**

The WFCA values:

- honesty and integrity
- ethical behavior
- timely and responsive service
- excellence

The WFCA promotes:

- safe communities
- firefighter safety
- an “all-hazards” approach to prevention, control, and mitigation of incidents
- officer development
- legislation and legislators that supports our doctrine
- adequate funding to deliver our principles
- strategic planning
- the development and adoption of standards of cover documents

The WFCA will:

- build and maintain relationships with our members, our state associations, the IAFC, and other partner organizations; the WFCA will actively foster communication to enhance these relationships.
- support its members through the delivery of quality member services.
- remain focused on enhancing the financial strength of the association.
- endorse, support, and foster legislative and policy development initiatives that will enhance the fire service and advance firefighter, citizen, and community safety.
- will endorse programs that foster and promote quality improvement and professional development for fire service professionals and agencies.
- will seek and utilize fire service leaders who will professionally and enthusiastically advance the mission, goals and objectives of our organization.

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<sup>1</sup> Western Division: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

## **Fundamental Principles (cont'd)**

The WFCFA is expected to:

- produce and promulgate biennial strategic plans consistent with the doctrine
- produce and disseminate public annual reports to the membership
- maintain a financial position of solvency
- develop and maintain functional bylaws
- promote membership
- promote legislation that advances our collective interests
- promote the fire service industry
- promote the success of our membership
- properly advise its board, staff, appointees and representatives, and all other appropriate relationships on issues of adopted principles and doctrine, bylaws and policies, and best practices
- develop, promulgate, and maintain quality, timely, and relevant communications

**Origin:**

(To be drafted)

**Adopted:** May 25, 2006

**Revised:**