



TEXAS FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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Elections Committee Chair
International Association of Fire Chiefs
8251 Greensboro Drive, Suite 650
McLean, VA 22102

Dear Elections Committee Chair,

It is with the highest regard that the Texas Fire Chiefs Association enthusiastically endorses Jason L. Catrambone, CFO, ECO, GFireE, for the position of Treasurer for the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC). With over 31 years of exemplary service in the fire and emergency management sectors, Chief Catrambone embodies the dedication, expertise, and leadership qualities essential for this critical role.

Chief Catrambone has demonstrated exceptional fiscal stewardship throughout his career. As Fire Chief for Escambia County Fire Rescue, he managed a \$22 million budget, demonstrating his ability to balance strategic investments with fiscal responsibility. His tenure in Williston, North Dakota, overseeing over \$40 million in bond-funded improvements, and his adeptness in securing over \$1 million in grant funding exemplify his mastery of financial management within complex systems. These accomplishments align seamlessly with the requirements for IAFC Treasurer, particularly his experience with large-scale budgeting, audits, and financial planning as outlined in IAFC's election criteria.

Beyond his financial acumen, Chief Catrambone has consistently championed organizational growth and development. As an IAFC Board Member since 2020 and a Volunteer Combination Officers Section (VCOS) International Director, he has actively contributed to shaping policies that advance the fire service. His leadership in transitioning departments into combination models and implementing strategic plans within diverse and challenging environments underscores his visionary approach to governance and service.

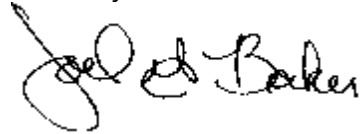
Chief Catrambone's extensive international experience—including starting fire departments in Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, and Afghanistan—adds a global perspective that will be invaluable to the IAFC's mission of fostering collaboration and excellence in fire services worldwide. His dedication to enhancing operational efficiency, promoting diversity, and fostering community resilience reflects the core values of the IAFC and ensures he will excel as Treasurer.



Chief Catrambone's track record and passion for advancing the fire service make him uniquely qualified for this role. His ability to communicate complex financial information effectively and deep commitment to the IAFC guarantee his success in ensuring the organization's fiscal integrity and strategic growth.

We wholeheartedly support Jason Catrambone for IAFC Treasurer and encourage the membership to elect this outstanding leader.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel G. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fire Chief Joel G. Baker
President

