

**CALIFORNIA FIRE PREVENTION OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE 1

CONSTITUTION OF THIS ORGANIZATION

Section 1

This Association shall be organized for nonprofit purposes and individual members will not derive profit therefrom. The specific and primary purpose of this Association is to operate for the advancement of fire prevention within the meaning of R&TC Section 23701e.

Section 2

This Association shall be divided into Divisions. California shall be divided into two Divisions. One Division is to include all those counties that are north of Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties and west of Mono and Inyo Counties. The second Division shall include the counties of Mono, Inyo, San Luis Obispo, Kern, and all others to the south.

ARTICLE II

NAME OF THIS ASSOCIATION

Section 1

This organization shall be known as the California Fire Prevention Officers' Association, hereto referred as the Association.

Article III

OBJECTIVES OF THIS ASSOCIATION

Section 1

Through the mutual association and joint effort of the members, develop and make available information that can be used to safeguard life and property against the ravages of fire and related hazards.

Section 2

Coordinate efforts and develop solutions to fire prevention problems.

Section 3

Solicit the Chief of each City, County, City and County, District, State, Tribal, or Federal fire department or agency in California to assign members to join and participate in fire prevention matters.

Section 4

Propose, support, or oppose legislation which may have an effect upon the efforts of this Association in safeguarding and protecting life and property from the ravages of fire or related hazards.

Section 5

Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purpose and powers, this Association shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purpose of this Association.

Article IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Membership shall be open to all persons interested in the objectives of this Association.

Article V MEETINGS

Section 1

Meeting dates. The regular meeting of this Association shall be held monthly, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors of either Division and approved by the membership.

Article VI AMENDMENTS

Section 1

This Constitution may be amended upon recommendation of either the Northern Division or Southern Division Board of Directors with the approval of a majority of both memberships present at any regular meeting, or by presentation of a resolution by any regular member stating in detail the proposed amendment and adoption of the resolution by a majority of both memberships present at any regular meeting. No amendment shall be adopted at the time of presentation but shall be held over until the next regular meeting, at which time it shall be voted on. The amendment becomes final upon announcement of the vote.

Article VII
ASSOCIATIONS

Section 1

Each division of this Association has established itself as a Chapter of the International Code Council

Section 2

This Association has established itself as a Chapter of the International Fire Marshals Association (IFMA), a membership section of the National Fire Protection Association.

Section 3

When this Association conducts business related to IFMA they shall comply with and adhere to all applicable requirements and restrictions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the International Fire Marshals Association as such pertain to chapters thereof. Including without being limited to, those requirements set forth in Article 7 of the Bylaws of the International Fire Marshals Association or any successor article thereto.

Section 4

This Association will hold harmless and indemnify the National Fire Protection Association and/or the International Fire Marshal Association from an against any and all suits, damages, loss, costs, or other liabilities which may threaten or accrue to the International Fire Marshals Association or the National Fire Protection Association, as a result of the acts or activities or failure to act by this Association.

ARTICLE VIII
DISSOLUTION

In the event of a dissolution or final liquidation of the Association or individual Divisions, all of the remaining assets and property of the Divisions shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities or obligations of the Division and for necessary expenses thereof, shall be transferred to one or more organizations which will (i) dedicate such assets and property to public and/or charitable purposes, and (ii) qualify as tax exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3), Section 501(c)(4), or Section 501(c)(6) of the Code.

HISTORY:

June 12, 2024. During the Joint North-South Division Membership Meeting, the motion to adopt the amended Constitution passed with more than 2/3 majority (87-1). Amendment included removing all reference to California Fire Chiefs Association, changing the term organization to association, added Tribal to list of agencies in Article III, and added Dissolution provisions in Article VIII.

Resolution 2021-01. Passed and Adopted (South) Jul 13 2011 and (North) Jun 24 2011. Signed Ian MacDonald (South) George Apple (North). Amendment included additional language to gain non-profit status with the California Franchise Tax Board.

Resolution No. 2011-01

A Resolution of the California Fire Prevention Officers confirming changes to the collective constitution of the northern and southern division of the California Fire Chiefs Association Fire Prevention Officers section.

WHEREAS, the southern section of the California Fire Prevention Officers wishes to gain non-profit status through the California Franchise Tax Board,

WHEREAS, the Franchise Tax Board requires certain amendments to the California Fire Prevention Officers Constitution for the purposes of approving non-profit status,

WHEREAS, the by-laws of the California Fire Prevention Officers require a majority vote by the north and south respective memberships to approve any changes to the by-laws and/or constitution,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The northern and southern sections of the California Fire Prevention Officers have approved, via membership majority, the necessary changes to the constitution
2. The constitution has been amended by adding the following sections as underlined:


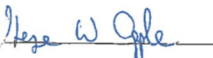
Section 1. This Organization shall be constituted as a section of the California Fire Chiefs' Association and be divided into Divisions. This Organization shall be organized for nonprofit purposes and individual members will not derive profit therefrom. The specific and primary purpose of this organization is to operate for the advancement of fire prevention within the meaning of R&TC Section 23701e.

Section 6. Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this organization shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purpose of this organization.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of June, 2011 by the northern section membership.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of July, 2011 by the southern section membership.

ATTEST:

 _____ Ian MacDonald Southern Section President	 _____ George Apple Northern Section President
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