

Fire Fighters – Living in the Shadows of a Cell Tower

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I will bring to the conference delegates the position the International Association of Fire Fighters has taken regarding Resolution #15 that passed with an overwhelming majority at convention in Boston 2004. To understand why the Fire Fighters are concerned we need to understand what is happening to Fire Fighters in Cities throughout North America, and in fact around the world. The concerns the Fire Fighters have are real, and current regulations that are relied upon we believe do not adequately consider continuous exposures to low level radio frequency radiation. It is those concerns that brought us to creating resolution #15. The IAFF resolution is in 3 parts;

- #1) funding for a conclusive study contrasting Fire Fighters exposed in stations with existing towers and those not exposed,
- #2) using the study results, establish protective policy measures with the health and safety of all Fire Fighters as the paramount objective, and
- #3) until we have been satisfied that these installations are not hazardous to our health; we oppose and call for a moratorium on the placement of towers on our worksites.

By bringing this to attention of the scientific community we hope to expand our position and garner the support to accomplish the goals.