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TO: ALL I.A.B.P.F.F. EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

FROM: BRENT BURTON & GEORGE COLLINS, HISTORICAL COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

SUBJECT: HISTORICAL COMMITTEE Report & ACTION ITEMS NEEDED

Brother Lawrence Quinn Sr. out of Waukegan Illinois served as the previous History Committee chairperson. Brother Quinn was deeply passionate about his position as he served very diligently for several years. Brothers Brent Burton (Los Angeles Ca) and George Collins (Baltimore Md.) were appointed by past President James Hill to serve as co-chairs of the History Committee. We were selected because of the work we do already, Brother Burton with The African American Firefighter Museum, opening its door in Los Angeles, Ca. in 1997 and Brother Collins of The African American Fire Fighters Historical Society founded in Baltimore, Md. in 2009. Current President Carrie Edwards-Clemons has asked us to continue to serve in this capacity through her term in office. We look forward to serving under the leadership of the historic administration of IABPFF's First Woman President.

In 2017 the History committee was renamed and is now known as the Historical Committee. The I.A.B.P.F.F. Historical Committee boundaries will include Brother George Collins serving the Northeast, Southeast, North Central and Caribbean regions, and Brother Burton serving the Northwest, Southwest and South-Central regions. The mission of the Historical Committee will continue to remain, which is to collect, document, exhibit and preserve the history of Black firefighters serving around the world. In reviewing some of Brother Quinn's documentation and reports to the I.A.P.B.F.F. administration, he indicated there should be a few action items that our regional directors must take. Brother Collins and Brother Burton would like to continue this path and secure what Brother Quinn set out to accomplish. Below, is a list of the action items that were presented in the past and are still needed.

- Each regional director should appoint a regional historical coordinator. This individual will serve on the I.A.P.B.F.F.'s Historical Committee as a member.
- There should be time allotted on the International conference agenda for Historical Committee business and the regions should allot time at the regional meetings for historical coordinator business, where the coordinator will address matters related to regional historical issues.
- Each regional historical coordinator shall work with each chapter to gather information about that chapter's history. This information should include:
 - The founding date of the chapter
 - The date the chapter incorporated. ▪ The names of the original officers / founders
 - The first Black firefighter hired by that Department and the date
 - The first Black woman firefighter hired by that Department and the date ▪ The first Black firefighter to promote in that Department and the date
 - Any other significant milestone of historical relevance made by the chapter or individuals in the chapter that is noteworthy

This information will be archived by the regional coordinator and the Historical committee to be preserved in the African American Firefighter Museum located in Los Angeles. In closing, we are asking that each regional director appoint a regional historical coordinator and those names, and their contact information be provided to Brothers Collins and Burton by the first week in April. Brothers Collins and Burton will establish a zoom meeting with each coordinator and start our journey toward capturing our organization's history. If there are any questions, please contact Brother Collins at (410) 258-7546, email: aaffhs54@gmail.com or contact Brother Burton at (323) 842-6998, email: biburton@sbcglobal.net. We look forward to serving.