

Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute

Report to IABPFF

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Activities

- We currently maintaining contact with Dillard University whose Liaison has informed us that no outside program will be allowed on campus in 2021. They recently announced that until farther notice anyone coming on campus must be vaccinated.
- We are hosting a series of webinars for our student body.
- We are serving along with IABPFF, BCOC and IAFC to take action to eliminate systemic racism in Fire Service.
- Participating with President of IABPFF and BCOC Chairman to reconsider a MOU first discussed in 2010.
- Considering changing our business model to a hybrid. In which we would conduct on campus and virtual classes.
- We are near completion of criteria and application process for EDI's virtual Wall of Honor for alumni, staff, and instructors.
- We continue to monitor and act on our Strategic Plan which has seven initiatives.
- We have participated several webinars presented by IAFC, NFPA, Metro Chiefs, Committee of 100 and various Congressional Officials.
- We continue to monitor the number of firefighters and ems personnel who died from the virus. We know that Covid-19 is going to effect retention as well as recruitment of blacks to enter our beloved profession.

As complete my report I would be remised if I did not mention our warrior colleague Brother Leroy Norwood who recently transitioned. Brother Norwood put his heart into building EDI's Logistics department. I trust that we will all miss his counsel which he shared over many years.

As close this report I will reiterate to Madame President Carrie Edwards-Clemons what I said when I called to congratulate her on become our president. That is, I am willing to assist her in having a successful tenure while in office. EDI's board agrees that we need each of these black organizations which includes BCOC, and we must work together if are to be around for the next generation of black firefighters.

Finally, we appreciate the opportunity to serve....

Respectfully submitted by:

Dave Washington

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