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IABPFF Inc. President Report

Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday October 30th 7:00pm EST

To the members of the IABPFF Inc. What a pleasure to experience an in person meeting visually and spiritually with the IABPFF Family in Miami, Florida. I would like to thank all members throughout the nation who continue to work diligently across the country and beyond recruiting and preparing future candidates to succeed in the Fire Service and Emergency Medical Service.

As the newly elected president, I would like to encourage all members to attend all symposiums, training workshops offered by the IABPFF Inc., and affiliated groups. Also, encourage members to play any role to improve efforts to uplift the organization and our beloved communities.

Over the last four years we have held several zoom meetings to continue the business of IABPFF Inc. I have attended several services in honor of our beloved fallen members. I have also taken part in several press conferences and discussion groups about lawsuits and discrimination in the workplace. We as an organization must continue to work diligently towards Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Fire Service. We must continue to focus on hiring and retention challenges we face throughout the nation and beyond.

In closing, we must continue to fight the injustices we are facing head on. Our communities continue to face the same obstacles we faced over 50 years ago in the fire service. We, the IABPFF Inc. Family, must continue to stay vigilant in our efforts to make a difference for generations to come.

***Fraternally,
Gary Tinney
President, IABPFF, Inc.***

IABPFF Inc. President- August 9, 2024 - Present

- Attended the 2024 IABPFF Inc. Convention in Miami Florida.
- Attended the Black Congressional Caucus Prayer Breakfast in Washington DC.
- Serve on several Board of several community organizations who engage in mentoring and scholarship outreach.
- Continue to aid IABPFF members with discrimination issues in their departments.
- Nominated as CT NAACP 100 most Influential Blacks in CT in 2024.
- Inshrined in the Ruby and Calvin Fletcher African American History Museum in Connecticut due to my life's work and commitment to the mission and goals of our beloved organization.
- Collaborated with members and community partners to set up the Hartford Community That Care, Workforce and Career Readiness Program. The program will offer training in Youth Engagement, Violence Intervention and EMT Certification. Members of the IABPFF Inc. will play a key role in helping to build the project. The Phoenix Society along with members from the Bridgeport Firebird Society Inc. and the Firebird Society of New Haven Inc., attended training sessions about Violence Intervention.
- Attended the 2024 South-Central Regional Conference in Dallas Texas.
- Recently attended a meeting with Ben Crump Chief Strategy Officer to discuss establishing a relationship with the IABPFF Inc.
- Recently nominated by the United Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Right of Free Masonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Jurisdiction, USA as The Knight Commander in Court of Honor.