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## CENTRAL ARIZONA FIRE AND MEDICAL AUTHORITY

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### **CAFMA Responds to IAFF Censure of Fire Chief Scott Freitag, Seeks Clarity and Fair Process**



The Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority (CAFMA) has become aware of a press release provided by a representative of the Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona (PFFA), the state organization that locally represents members of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) union, concerning the IAFF's censure of our Fire Chief, Scott Freitag. We feel it is essential to provide clarification and context in light of this development.

First and foremost, neither our Agency, the Board of Directors, nor Chief Freitag was informed of this resolution of censure prior to its announcement. We have also not been officially notified of the censure by the IAFF. As with any situation involving such serious allegations, CAFMA is committed to thoroughly reviewing all documentation and details associated with this matter before issuing a comprehensive response.

CAFMA has always prioritized the safety and well-being of our community and our firefighters. Over the past decade, under Chief Freitag's leadership, we have made significant strides in improving our operations, services, and community outreach. These improvements include enhanced firefighter physical and mental health services, including occupational cancer prevention and screening, as well as improved firefighter safety and training.

The allegations presented in the IAFF press release are significant, and we take them seriously. However, it is crucial to understand that Chief Freitag has not been given an opportunity to address them directly. We believe in a fair and transparent process, where all parties have the chance to be heard and where decisions are made based on complete and accurate information.

CAFMA remains committed to supporting our firefighters and ensuring that they have the resources and leadership necessary to carry out their vital work. We ask for the public's patience and understanding as we conduct a full evaluation of the situation and determine



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the best course of action moving forward.

Once we have completed our review, we will provide further information and address any concerns that may arise from this censure. Our focus will continue to be on maintaining the high standard of service that the CAFMA community expects and deserves.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

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### **ABOUT CAFMA**

The Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority (CAFMA) provides emergency services and all hazards response for 369 square miles of Yavapai County, Arizona, including the towns of Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, Dewey-Humboldt, areas of Paulden, and outlying areas of Prescott.