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To: Julie Beauchamp

From: Donny Boggs – 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President SFFMA of Texas

I want to take this time to express my sincere appreciation to the membership of the SFFMA for electing me 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President during the 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Training Conference and Convention in Arlington, Texas. I am truly honored and humbled by your trust and support in me for this prestigious position. I will do my very best to live up to each of your expectations and fight for those things that make it better for our members, as a whole, and the Association. I feel with open and honest dialogue between the membership, District boards, and Executive Board, the SFFMA will be revitalized, and the number of active participants will increase. This will not occur overnight and will take some serious assessment(s) of how our business is being conducted, at this time, and how it may need to be conducted in the future for survivability. All areas should be analyzed and determinations made and presented to the membership whether to leave it “as is”, “make necessary adjustments”, or “totally change the current direction”. I know not everyone will be in favor of change.... that is in our nature, however; if we truly look back at the changes that have occurred in the fire service it is very apparent that those changes were absolutely the right thing to come about. Change can and should bring about new opportunities. As stated during my campaign, I am a traditionalist up to the point tradition impedes or hinders progress....then we must look for an alternative solution, method, or direction. No decision should be made easily, simply, or hastily; but be made for what is best for EVERYONE!

I ask for your input and your ideas as to what you want to see or receive from the Association and your Executive Board. YOU are what matters in this great Association. Without YOU, there would be no Association.

I want to thank Frankie Marcinkiewicz for his dedication and passion to the fire service, and in conducting his campaign in a positive fashion. I hope to work closely with him in the future to make things better for our members.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Gabi Glass for keeping me “steered” in the right direction. Gabi, I wish you well in your endeavors and look forward seeing you “down the road”.

Thank you for what you do for the love of family,

Donny Boggs

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