



## **2020 Spring Meeting**

# **GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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## GAC Members

- Lee Morris, FAMA Co-Chair
- David Durstine, FAMA Co-Chair
- John Granby, FEMSA Co-Chair
- Scott Beecher
- Mark Brenneman
- Craig Brooks
- Corey Carlson
- Tim Dean
- John McNulty
- Chad Moffat
- Cindy Morgan
- Mike Natchipolsky
- David Russell
- Jeff Mazza (Board Liaison)

## GAC Support

Dave Gatton and Development Initiatives Inc. (DII)  
Washington Consultant



## 2019 Hill Day Report

- 2019 Hill Day included over 110 meetings, 55 FAMA and FEMSA member company representatives participated and represented 42 companies located in 24 states.
- The number of meetings was close to the same number held in 2018, a major accomplishment as Congress came back into session the week of Hill day.
- Saw increased participation from both member companies and attendees.



# 2019 Hill Day Report

Meetings with the following key members or committees:

- 7 meetings with members of the full Senate Appropriations committee including the Chair and ranking member.
- 5 meetings with members from the Senate Homeland Security Appropriations subcommittee including the Chair, ranking member and committee staff.
- 8 meetings with members of the full House Appropriations committee including the ranking member.
- 3 meetings with the House Homeland Security Appropriations subcommittee including the ranking member and the committee staff.



## 2019 Hill Day Talking Points

- During the 2019 Hill Day meetings we thanked all members and staff for their continued support for:
  - AFG and SAFER and asked for an increase
  - USFA and USAR and asked for an increase
- We thanked all members for the passage of the Cancer Registry
- AFG grant appropriations increased by **\$5 Million** – Good job!



## 2019 Hill Day Talking Points

- Full Funding for AFG and SAFER grant programs and increases over present levels
- Full funding for the U.S. Fire Administration
- Continued funding for the USAR program
- Funding for occupational cancer within the Fire Service
- Educating new Congressional members and staff about priority issues of the Fire Service and the GAC
- Home Day Tool Kit with talking points and briefing are available on the GAC website: <https://www.famafemsagac.org/>



# 2020 Hill Day and Home Days

- Greater member participation is needed for Hill Day
  - Dates: ~~April 29-30~~ **Postponed**
- Home Days Home Days are Critically Important for 2020.  
If you are unable to host an in person visit please consider a Virtual Event
  - Special thanks to those involved in the Annual Illinois Home Day and UPF for their support in 2019.

**Reminder:** Please share your Home Day events by sending photos and information to [info@FAMA.org](mailto:info@FAMA.org) to post on the GAC website.



# 2020 Hill Day Support

- **Participate and complete the 2020 Employment data survey**
  - The GAC needs your employment information.
  - It's used to show congressional offices, when we are on the Hill, where we are located and how many **potential votes** we represent.
  - It helps CFSI when talking to congressional members of the depth and strength of the Fire Service manufacturing and business base.
  - Please take 5-10 minutes and fill the survey out - it's simple, easy and completely confidential.





# Annual & Ongoing GAC Activities



*Photo from Alliance Luncheon*

- Annual Alliance Luncheon
- Sponsor the annual CFSI Holiday Party
- Continue to work with FEMA and the Grants office
- Participate in the National Advisory Committee of CFSI
- Continue to advocate for full funding for the AFG grant program during the year



# 2020 Activities for the Members!

**It hasn't changed, it's a Relationship Business!!**

- Call your Congressional Offices to Promote AFG, SAFER, USFA and USAR funding initiatives
- Invite your congressional office to visit your facility (Home Days)
- ~~Mark your calendar: <sup>Postponed</sup> April 29-30, 2020 GAC Hill Day and CFSI dinner~~
- Host a Home day.
- Continue to discuss the Occupational Cancer issues surrounding the Fire Service
- Report back to the GAC about your activity



## **GAC**

**The GAC thanks you for your support!**

If there are any questions or you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Lee Morris or David Durstine.