

RESOLUTION NO. 10-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AIRBORNE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION, (ALEA) SEEKING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SECTION (IAFC-EMS) TO REPRESENT PUBLIC SAFETY AVIATION INTERESTS; PROVIDING FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF SAFETY INITIATIVES TO PREVENT AVIATION INCIDENTS FOR ALL HELICOPTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (HEMS), AS WELL AS, FIRE SUPPRESSION AND FIRE RESCUE AIR SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR PUBLIC HEMS AND OTHER FIRE SERVICE OPERATORS AS THE BEST MEANS TO AVOID AVIATION MISHAPS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Airborne Law Enforcement Association, Inc. (ALEA) continues to give a priority to the dissemination of information and training for all aspects of public aircraft and public aviation operation safety through its Safety Management System Tool Kit; and,

WHEREAS, ALEA seeks to form a partnership with the IAFC-EMS to represent public safety aviation interests to promote air safety among their respective members and other public safety operators who operate aircraft in the public safety sector; and,

WHEREAS, ALEA and IAFC-EMS recognize that during the past decade that there have been more than 100 HEMS air crashes resulting in the loss of lives and property of which 139 involved FAA Part 135 operators with the proximate cause being controlled flights into the terrain or fuel management issues,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association, Inc. (ALEA) seeks to form a partnership with the International Association of Fire Chiefs, EMS Section (IAFC-EMS) for ALEA to provide education and training to fire suppression and fire rescue agencies and personnel in safe and effective aircraft operations using the ALEA Safety Management System (SMS) and other safety training to prevent aircraft accidents involving public safety aircraft; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of ALEA encourages the International Association of Fire Chiefs to pass a similar resolution forming an education and training partnership that encourages its members who operate aircraft to participate in ALEA safety training programs in the future; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ALEA and the International Association of Fire Chiefs Emergency Medical Services Section have formed a partnership to provide a single strong voice for public safety Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) operators for issues of critical importance to the public safety HEMS mission at the federal and state level; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chair of the EMS Section of IAFC through the Section's Secretary, Deputy Chief Michael T. Metro.

DONE AND RESOLVED, this effective date of July 17, 2010

ATTEST

Gregg Wietzman

ALEA Secretary
(SEAL)

Martin L. Jackson

Martin L. Jackson, President