

2019 Report
Membership Committee
Chair: Chief Joseph Kitchen

I was pleased to begin leading this committee in January 2019. After a period of stagnation, I feel like the committee is now up and running and its members are becoming more actively engaged.

So far for this year we have had one face-to-face meeting at the OFCA office and by July 1 will have had two conference calls.

A couple of previous members have resigned; however, they have been replaced with new members. Mike Ramm and William McCullough both joined the committee this year.

The committee currently has eight members.

We have been inviting the association president and the executive director to sit in on our meetings and conference calls.

Due to some overlap of our goals and vision, the Membership Committee will be working alongside the Marketing Committee on some projects.

We have been working with office staff to make contact with non-renewals.

We set a goal to not only encourage members of Ohio Fire service to join the Association, but also to get current members more actively engaged with our services and programs.

We conducted a survey in the first quarter of 2019. Unfortunately, a low number of members participated so we question the accuracy of the data collected. However, a common theme in the survey was that members regard networking as one of the most valuable rewards of belonging to the Association.

It is the vision of the committee to encourage participation and engagement. We want to talk to members and find out what resources they need and how we can better provide them.

New for 2019 - The committee recommended that a membership certificate be issued to all new members. Current members will be able to obtain the same certificate by contacting the office, or attending the July conference.

New for 2019 - years of service pins will be provided to active members.

In closing, I feel like the committee is officially up and running and we are looking forward to helping the association grow and thrive.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Joseph Kitchen, OFC