Evan S. Davis

SUMMARY

Seasoned government relations professional with a passion for the fire and emergency medical services. Talented political and policy strategist with experience developing solutions for labor unions and local governments.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Established presumptive workers' compensation benefits for firefighters
- Maintain and grow nearly \$750 million in annual grants appropriations
- Restored program allowing local governments to access \$1.4 billion in surplus DOD vehicles and equipment
- Secured a \$1 billion reauthorization of Medicare supplemental payment program for fire departments
- Created a \$11 million grant program to support rural EMS agencies
- Gained a 63% (\$7 million) increase in funding for rural firefighter grants
- Created tax incentives for firefighters and fire sprinkler systems
- Drafted IRS-adopted language on implementation of Affordable Care Act
- Developed partnership between IAFF and international fire/EMS agencies

EXPERIENCE

International Association of Fire Fighters · Washington, DC (2021-Present)

Director, Government Affairs (October 2022 – Present)

Deputy Director, Government Affairs (August 2021 – September 2022)

- Lead a team of five employees to develop and execute lobbying strategies to secure IAFF legislative and regulatory priorities
- Advise senior leadership on sensitive political issues and in creating the IAFF's legislative and regulatory agenda
- Assist in developing the spending and political action plan for FIREPAC, which invests \$6.5 million annually in IAFF-aligned candidates
- Draft legislation, amendments, correspondence, and talking points
- Prepare three witnesses to testify at Congressional hearings per year
- Create model legislation for use by IAFF state and local affiliates
- Assist in planning the annual legislative conference for 800+ attendees
- Develop a communications strategy to highlight IAFF initiatives
- Collaborate with other unions' lobbyists to promote AFL-CIO priorities

International Association of Fire Chiefs · Fairfax, VA (2012-2021)

Strategic Manager, Government Relations (January 2019 – Present) Manager, Government Relations (August 2014 – December 2018) Coordinator, Government Relations (July 2012 – August 2014)

- Manage a broad portfolio of legislative and regulatory issues related to emergency medical services, public health, taxation, and wildfires
- Negotiate industry-wide policy positions related to federal ambulance payments, valued at \$4.5 billion annually, with 12+ trade associations
- Create and lead national coalitions focused on public safety grant programs and tax incentives for fire-safe building construction

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SKILLS

Coalition Leadership

Legislative/Regulatory Drafting

Public Speaking

Policy Analysis

Grassroots Advocacy

Organizational Budgeting

Website Management

EDUCATION

BA, Government

University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA

AWARDS

2023 - President's Award International Association of Fire Chiefs

2019 - President's Award International Association of Fire Chiefs

2018 - President's Award National Fire Sprinkler Association