

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE  
ANNUAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2009**

**Proposed Bylaw change #1:**

ARTICLE V, ' (1)(A) is hereby amended as follows:

A. Active membership is open to all firefighters in the State of Maine, up through the rank of Captain, ~~as well as public ambulance or rescue personnel who come under the direction of a fire chief~~ and members of private ambulance and rescue services who are duly licensed under the rules and protocols established by the Maine Emergency Services Board pursuant to 32 MRS § 88.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the amendment is to open Federation membership to private ambulance personnel. In many parts of the state private ambulance services provide the bulk of EMS services through contractual arrangements with municipalities. The men and women employed by these companies are in most cases doing the same work as EMS personnel working for a municipal or other fire department under the direction of a chief. Many have expressed interest in joining the Federation. The board of directors sees no reason to exclude them from the benefits of membership in the Federation.