Chicago Fire

INT. FIREHOUSE 51 - BRIEFING ROOM - NIGHT

Carver, Kidd and Boden, all dressed in civvies, mill anxiously about the briefing room, until a figure enters the house from the app floor.

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BODEN

Here he comes.

(calling out)

In here, Mike!

MIKE NAVIN (50's), the union's unexpectedly blue-collar attorney, joins them in the briefing room.

MIKE NAVIN

Sorry for the late hour. I didn't want to keep you waiting 'til tomorrow.

CARVER

It's never too late to meet the legendary Mike Navin. (extends a hand)

Sam Carver.

MIKE NAVIN

Good to meet you, Sam.

BODEN

You connect with the ASA?

MIKE NAVIN

I did. Finally. Yeah.

CARVER

And, where do we stand?

Navin sets his briefcase down on a nearby table and catches his breath.

MIKE NAVIN

Well, I laid it out for him, your whole situation -- a decorated first responder acting in self-defense -- and I said, shouldn't you guys just plead (MORE)

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MIKE NAVIN (CONT'D)

down to a Class-C misdemeanor. I mean, that's no-brainer.

CARVER

Couldn't agree more.

MIKE NAVIN

But that's not how the State's Attorney's office is looking at this. They're sensitive to the optics of a firefighter beating up a mentally ill homeless man... It's not a good look.

BODEN

Wait a minute. They understand that the homeless man in question was stalking Lieutenant Kidd, don't they?

MIKE NAVIN

He was on a public street, and there was nothing like a restraining order in place--

BODEN

Come on.

MIKE NAVIN

--and they're also well aware that the firefighter in question has two prior disorderly conduct arrests.

Boden and Kidd do a slow turn to Carver, who doesn't meet their gazes.

CARVER

Those were nothing. I got swept up in a bar fight or two, but there were never any charges.

MIKE NAVIN

It's a pattern of behavior, Sam. They can't go easy on you and risk the bad press. They're planning to charge you with felony assault.

KIDD

What?

MIKE NAVIN

They want jail time.

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