



April 7-12, 2025

H.O.T. & Workshops: April 7 & 8

Conference: April 9-11

Exhibits: April 10-12

Indiana Convention Center & Lucas Oil Stadium

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- Registration Packages & Pricing

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SCHEDULE OF TRAINING & EXHIBITION

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Registration	Indiana Convention Center
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MONDAY, APRIL 7

6:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration	Indiana Convention Center
6:30 AM	Hands-on Training (H.O.T.) Evolutions Bus Loading	Indiana Convention Center – Wabash West Lobby
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Hands-on Training (H.O.T.) Evolutions & Hands-on Workshops	
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM	Workshops	Indiana Convention Center
12:00 PM	Hands-on Training (H.O.T.) Evolutions Bus Loading	Indiana Convention Center – Wabash West Lobby

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

6:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration	Indiana Convention Center
6:30 AM	Hands-on Training (H.O.T.) Evolutions Bus Loading	Indiana Convention Center – Wabash West Lobby
7:00 AM – 6:30 PM	The Summits at FDIC	See page 99 for more details.
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Hands-on Training (H.O.T.) Evolutions & Hands-on Workshops	
8:00 AM – 5:30 PM	Workshops	Indiana Convention Center
12:00 PM	Hands-on Training (H.O.T.) Evolutions Bus Loading	Indiana Convention Center – Wabash West Lobby

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration	Indiana Convention Center
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	The Summits at FDIC	See page 99 for more details.
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Opening Ceremony, Day 1	Indiana Convention Center – Sagamore Ballroom
10:30 AM – 5:15 PM	Classroom Sessions	Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

7:30 AM – 5:30 PM	Registration	Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium
8:00 AM – 6:30 PM	The Summits at FDIC	See page 99 for more details.
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Opening Ceremony, Day 2	Indiana Convention Center – Sagamore Ballroom
10:30 AM – 5:15 PM	Classroom Sessions	Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium
10:00 AM – 5:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Lucas Oil Stadium/Connector
11:00 AM – 5:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Indiana Convention Center and Outdoor Exhibits & Demo Area

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration	Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium
8:30 AM – 12:15 PM	Classroom Sessions	Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM	The Summits at FDIC	See page 99 for more details.
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Lucas Oil Stadium/Connector
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Indiana Convention Center and Outdoor Exhibits & Demo Area

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Registration	Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Indiana Convention Center, Lucas Oil Stadium/Connector, Outdoor Exhibits & Demo Area

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HYBRID HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) WORKSHOPS

APRIL 7-11, 2025

Introduced in 2024, our hybrid Hands-on Training (H.O.T.) Workshops are the best of both worlds and offer a combination of classroom time with a Hands-on Training portion of the class.

NEW FOR 2025: Limited sessions and topics being offered later in the week! Unable to attend during FDIC's Pre-Conference days on Monday and Tuesday? Now you have the opportunity to take select Hands-on Training (H.O.T.) Workshops Wednesday through Friday!

OPENING CEREMONIES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

KEYNOTE: Lieutenant Michael N. Ciampo | Fire Department of New York

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

TOM BRENNAN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT: Chief Robert R. Morris | Stamford (CT) Fire Department



*CADAVER LABS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

A unique opportunity to review relevant anatomy associated with critical care and lifesaving emergency procedures. Participants will enhance their understanding of the various procedures and the associated risks and benefits through the hands-on practicum.

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HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) EVOLUTIONS + WORKSHOPS

8-HOUR HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) EVOLUTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

* ELEVATOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - OPERATIONS

Michael Dragonetti, President/Owner, Dragon
Rescue Management

H.O.S.E.: HOISTING-OPERATING- STRETCHING-ESTIMATING

Stephen Florian, Sergeant, Detroit (MI) Fire
Department

🔥 * LIVE FIRE: CRITICAL ACTIONS FOR FIRST-ARRIVING CREWS

Russell Sykes, Lieutenant, Atlanta (GA) Fire/Rescue
Department

🔥 LIVE FIRE: OPERATING IN THE FLOWPATH

Chad Christenson, Chief, Los Angeles County (CA)
Fire Department

🔥 LIVE FIRE: OPERATION MAYDAY

Bassel Ibrahim, Lieutenant, Orlando (FL) Fire
Department

🔥 * LIVE FIRE: RIT UNDER FIRE

Gary Coney, RIT Program Manager, IFSI

* TOWER RESCUE ROPE OPERATIONS

Nate Paulsberg, Lieutenant, Palatine (IL) Fire
Department

TRUCK ESSENTIALS FOR EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT OUTCOMES

Samuel Hittle, Captain, Wichita (KS) Fire Department

4-HOUR HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) EVOLUTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

* ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE FOR THE FIRST-DUE COMPANY

Mark Litwinko, Captain, Fort Wayne (IN) Fire
Department

* ADVANCED OPEN WATER RESCUE AND DROWNING RESUSCITATION

Jack Gramlich, Chief, Spring Lake (NJ) Fire
Department

* COMMON SENSE TECHNICAL RESCUE FOR THE FIRST-DUE COMPANY

Clinton Crafton, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Whitestown (IN)
Fire Department

* ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLE RESPONSE

Jason Defosse, Firefighter, Quinte West (Canada)
Fire Department

FORCIBLE ENTRY: THE KEYS TO THE JOB

Chris Minichiello, Firefighter, Fire Department of
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* HEAVY EXTRICATION

Todd Taylor, Captain, Wayne Township (IN) Fire
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Eric Wheaton, Battalion Chief, Winter Park (FL) Fire
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Joseph Berchtold, Chief, Teaneck (NJ) Fire
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Eric Dreiman, Battalion Chief, Indianapolis (IN) Fire
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* MAN VS. MACHINERY

Mark Gregory, Battalion Chief, Fire Department of
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* RESIDENTIAL PRIMARY SEARCH: MAKING THE GRAB

Grant Schwalbe, Division Chief, Estero (FL) Fire
Rescue

* ADVANCED AUTO EXTRICATION

Nick Herlihy, Deputy Chief, North Port (FL) Fire
Rescue

🔥 LIVE FIRE: AGGRESSIVE TIC SEARCH OPERATIONS

Thomas Anderson, Captain, Charlotte (NC) Fire
Department

4-HOUR HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) EVOLUTIONS

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1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) EVOLUTIONS + WORKSHOPS

4-HOUR HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) WORKSHOPS

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ENGINE DESIGN AND LAYOUT FOR FUNCTION
Dennis LeGear, Captain (Ret.), Oakland (CA) Fire Department

ESTABLISHING FIREFIGHTER RESCUE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND PROP BUILDING
James Crawford, Assistant Chief of Operations, Midway (SC) Fire Rescue; and Aaron Heller, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Hamilton (NJ) Fire Department

NOZZLEMANSHIP AND LINE BOSS LEADERSHIP FOR TODAY'S FIREGROUND
Ray McCormack, Lieutenant (Ret.), Fire Department of New York

REMOTE TACTICAL TRAINING: ENHANCE TRAINING USING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY
Jerald Perillo, Captain, Fire Department of New York; and Thomas Bendick, Lieutenant, Fire Department of New York

STREET HYDRAULICS
Christopher Howard, Firefighter, Fire Department of New York

TACTICAL RESPONSE TO EXPLOSIVE GAS EMERGENCIES
Jerry Knapp, Chief, Rockland County (NY) Hazmat Team

THE OTHER FORCIBLE ENTRY: THROUGH THE LOCK
Brandon Maurer, Firefighter, Wichita (KS) Fire Department

RESPONSE TO MC-406 GASOLINE TANKER EMERGENCIES
Leigh Hollins, Battalion Chief (Ret.), Cedar Hammock (FL) Fire Rescue

SHORING EXTREME ANGLES AND THE SIX-POST LACED SHORE
John O'Connell, Firefighter (Ret.), Fire Department of New York

4-HOUR HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) WORKSHOPS

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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4-HOUR WORKSHOPS

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

20 TRAINING PROPS/DRILLS ON A SHOESTRING BUDGET
James Jester, Deputy Chief, Ocean City (MD) Fire Department

*** BUDDY TO BOSS: HIGH-SPEED LEADERSHIP LESSONS**
Chase Sargent, Division Chief/Paramedic (Ret.), Virginia Beach (VA) Fire & Rescue

COMPANY LEVEL DRILLS: HOW TO LEAVE THEM WANTING MORE
Michael Dugan, Captain (Ret.), Fire Department of New York

CSST AND LIGHTNING: AN EXAMINATION OF TWO LINE-OF-DUTY DEATHS
Celeste Flynn, Fire Widow, Phoenix Advocates

ESSENTIALS OF FIRE INVESTIGATION: THE COMPLETE FIRE SCENE EXAMINATION
Adrian Cales, Corporate Security Operations Manager, Public Service Enterprise Group

FIREGROUND STRATEGIES: STRATEGIC DECISION MAKING
Anthony Avillo, Deputy Chief (Ret.), North Hudson (NJ) Regional Fire & Rescue

IGNITING FIREFIGHTER RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT
Candice McDonald, Firefighter, Winona (OH) Fire Department

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS FOR NEWLY PROMOTED COMPANY OFFICERS
Bill Gustin, Captain, Miami Dade (FL) Fire Rescue

PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAMS: SETTING AND RAISING THE BAR
Jesse Marcotte, Training Chief, Northville Township (MI) Fire Department

TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR RESEARCH-BASED PUBLIC EDUCATION
Jennifer Williams, Research Amplification Specialist, Fire Safety Research Institute; and Brian Brush, Training Chief, Midwest City (OK) Fire Department

*** SIMULATION TRAINING WORKSHOP**
Scott Gano, Training Captain, Delaware County (OH) EMS

*** THE CULTURE FORGE**
Corley Moore, Battalion Chief, Moore (OK) Fire Department

THE SCIENCE BEHIND HIGH-RISE OPERATIONS
Brent Brooks, Acting District Chief, Toronto (Ontario, Canada) Fire Services

THE STATE OF DATA: TRANSITIONING TO NERIS
Craig Weinschen, Principal Research Engineer, Fire Safety Research Institute



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4-HOUR WORKSHOPS

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

* 360° LEADERSHIP

Trevor Steedman, Chief/Director of Emergency Services, Palm Beach Shores (FL) Fire Department

* ACTIVE SHOOTER: PREPLANNING THE RESPONSE

Steven Hamilton, Assistant Chief, Fort Jackson (SC) Fire Department

BUILDING A BETTER COMPANY

Brian Zaitz, Assistant Chief, Kirkwood (MO) Fire Department

BUILDING THE LADDER: OFFICER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Rudy Horist, Chief, McHenry Township (IL) Fire Protection District

COMMAND UNDER FIRE

David Polikoff, Assistant Chief, Frederick County (MD) Fire and Rescue

CREATING AND REFINING A FIRE ACADEMY: THE ROLE OF THE TRAINING OFFICER

Bobby Drake, Battalion Chief, Hanover (VA) Fire-EMS Department

* DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACTS

Jerry Streich, CEO, Capstone, LLC

* FIVE-ALARM LEADERSHIP: REAL LEADERSHIP WITH REAL PEOPLE

Rick Lasky, Chief (Ret.), Lewisville (TX) Fire Department; and Battalion Chief (Ret.) John Salka, Fire Department of New York

IN THE HOT SEAT: TACTICAL DECISION GAMING FOR THE FIREGROUND

Phil Jose, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Seattle (WA) Fire Department

INDY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION: WALKING THE TALK

Professor Glenn Corbett, John Jay College, NYC; and Fire Marshal Paul Dansbach, Rutherford (NJ) Bureau of Fire Safety

* MASTERING FIREGROUND COMMAND - CALM THE CHAOS

Anthony Kastras, Battalion Chief (Ret.), Sacramento Metropolitan (CA) Fire District; and Training Chief Brian Brush, Midwest City (OK) Fire Department

SPECIFYING FIRE APPARATUS

William Peters, Battalion Chief/Apparatus Supervisor (Ret.), Jersey City (NJ) Fire Department

THE PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thomas Merrill, Fire Commissioner, Snyder (NY) Fire Department

8-HOUR HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) EVOLUTIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

* ELEVATOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT-OPERATIONS

Michael Dragonetti, President/Owner, Dragon Rescue Management

H.O.S.E.: HOISTING -OPERATING-STRETCHING-ESTIMATING

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4-HOUR HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) EVOLUTIONS

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8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

* ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE FOR THE FIRST-DUE COMPANY

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4-HOUR HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) EVOLUTIONS

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4-HOUR HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) WORKSHOPS

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8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ENGINE DESIGN AND LAYOUT FOR FUNCTION

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NOZZLEMANSHIP AND LINE BOSS LEADERSHIP FOR TODAY'S FIREGROUND

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REMOTE TACTICAL TRAINING: ENHANCE TRAINING USING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY

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STREET HYDRAULICS

Christopher Howard, Firefighter, Fire Department of New York

TACTICAL RESPONSE TO EXPLOSIVE GAS EMERGENCIES

Jerry Knapp, Chief, Rockland County (NY) Hazmat Team

THE OTHER FORCIBLE ENTRY: THROUGH THE LOCK

Brandon Maurer, Firefighter, Wichita (KS) Fire Department

RESPONSE TO MC-406 GASOLINE TANKER EMERGENCIES

Leigh Hollins, Battalion Chief (Ret.), Cedar Hammock (FL) Fire Rescue

SHORING EXTREME ANGLES AND THE SIX-POST LACED SHORE

John O'Connell, Firefighter (Ret.), Fire Department of New York

4-HOUR HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) WORKSHOPS

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HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) EVOLUTIONS + WORKSHOPS

4-HOUR WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

30 FIRES YOU SHOULD KNOW

Billy Goldfeder, Deputy Chief, Loveland-Symmes (OH) Fire Department; and Deputy Assistant Chief (Ret.) Frank Leeb, Fire Department of New York

* BE A POWERFUL INSTRUCTOR NOW

Steve Crothers, Lieutenant, Seattle (WA) Fire Department

ENERGY HAZARD TRAINING FOR RESPONDERS

Chris Greene, Captain (Ret.), Seattle (WA) Fire Department

* EXTREME LEADERSHIP

William Greenwood, Chief / Emergency Manager, General Dynamics/EB (CT) Fire Department

FIREGROUND TACTICS: STORE FIRES (TAXPAYERS AND STRIP MALLS)

John Norman, Deputy Assistant Chief (Ret.), Fire Department of New York

IMPLEMENTING INCIDENT COMMAND TRAINING IN DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

Brian Brush, Training Chief, Midwest City (OK) Fire Department

MAYDAY MONDAY: SURVIVING THE COMMERCIAL BUILDING FIRE

Tony Carroll, Deputy Chief, Louisa County (VA) Fire and EMS

OPERATIONALIZING DATA IN THE FIRE SERVICE

Eddie Buchanan, Assistant Chief (Ret.), Hanover (VA) Fire-EMS

* RED, GREEN, AND GRAY: BUILDING TACTICAL PERFORMANCE SLIDE DECKS

Jason Brezler, Captain, Fire Department of New York

* SEARCHABLE VS. SURVIVABLE: EDUCATED DECISION MAKING

Sean Duffy, Firefighter, Ann Arbor (MI) Fire Department

* TACTICAL LEADERSHIP

Frank Ricci, Battalion Chief (Ret.), New Haven (CT) Fire Department

* TENSION PNEUMOTHORAX: NEEDLE DECOMPRESSION, FINGER THORACOSTOMY, AND CHEST TUBES

Jared Ross, President and Founder, EMSEC, LLC

THINK LIKE AN INCIDENT COMMANDER

Thomas Dunne, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Fire Department of New York

4-HOUR WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

AERIAL DEVICE STRATEGY AND TACTICS

G. Howard Blythe, Firefighter (Ret.), Fire Department of New York

COMMANDING FROM THE SIDELINES

Curt Isakson, Battalion Chief, Escambia County (FL) Fire Rescue

FIREGROUND OPERATIONS: THE LOST ART

Jeff Shupe, Division Chief (Ret.), North Myrtle Beach (SC) Fire Department

* IT'S NOT THE CALLS: ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MENTAL ILLNESS

Dena Ali, Battalion Chief, Raleigh (NC) Fire Department

LEFT SEAT TIPS AND TACTICS

Nick Peppard, Firefighter/Paramedic, Oshkosh (WI) Fire Department

OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Larry Schultz, Chief of Operations, Anne Arundel County (MD) Fire Department

* SIX STEPS TO BECOMING A CRITICAL DECISION MAKER

Michael Barakey, Chief, Suffolk (VA) Fire and Rescue

* THE ART OF BUILDING EFFECTIVE TEAMS

David Conley, Creative Director, LDC, LLC, Roswell, GA; and Deputy Chief Training/Safety (Ret.) Larry Conley, Collinsville (IL) Fire Department

THE EVOLVING FIREGROUND - RESEARCH-BASED TACTICS

P.J. Norwood, Director of Training, Connecticut Fire Academy

THE TACTICALLY DRIVEN FIREFIGHTER

Mark van der Feyst, Battalion Chief, Six Nations (MI) Fire and Emergency Services

* THIS HOUSE ROCKS - ACHIEVING FIREHOUSE EXCELLENCE

Mike Gagliano, Captain (Ret.), Seattle (WA) Fire Department; and Captain (Ret.) Michael Dugan, Fire Department of New York

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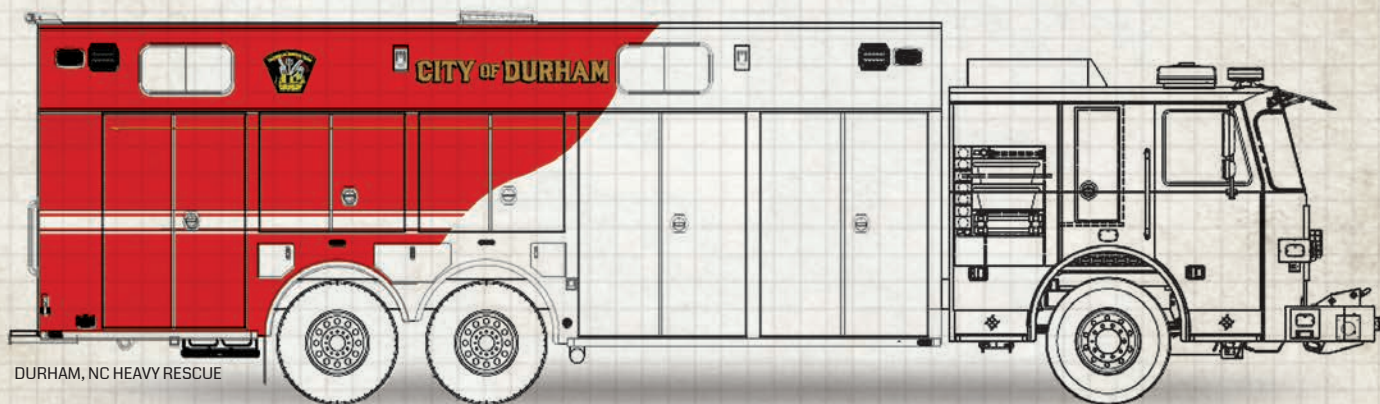
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Michael Dragonetti, President/Owner, Dragon Rescue Management

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Richard Riley, Assistant Chief, Prince George's County (MD) Fire/EMS Department

COMMANDING AND CONTROLLING THE VOLUNTEER FIREGROUND

Richard Ray, Battalion Chief, Durham (NC) Fire Department

COORDINATING VENTILATION: SUPPORTING EXTINGUISHMENT AND SURVIVABILITY

Nicholas Papa, Captain, New Britain (CT) Fire Department

*** CRITICAL THINKING FOR FIRE OFFICER DEVELOPMENT**

Leigh Shapiro, Deputy Chief / Senior Tour Commander (Ret.), Hartford (CT) Fire Department

*** DAMAGE CONTROL: MANAGING MAJOR TRAUMA**

Mike Brown, Lieutenant, Fort Wayne (IN) Fire Department

FIREGROUND COMMUNICATIONS AND THE NIOSH 5

Jamie Reyes, Assistant Chief-Operations, Plano (TX) Fire-Rescue

*** FORGING YOUR TEAM: DEMYSTIFYING TEAM DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIRE SERVICE**

Johnny Torgeson, Assistant Chief of Operations, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow (CA) Fire & Emergency Services (MCLB Barstow F&ES)

*** FULLY INVOLVED LEADERSHIP**

Mark vonAppen, Captain (Ret.), Palo Alto (CA) Fire Department

LARGE TRUCK EXTRICATION

Steve White, Battalion Chief, Fishers (IN) Fire Department

LEAD, SURVIVE, AND THRIVE: DEVELOPING FIRE SERVICE LEADERS

Doug Mitchell, Captain, Fire Department of New York

*** MAN VS. MACHINERY**

Mark Gregory, Battalion Chief, Fire Department of New York

*** REDUCING CANCER IN THE FIRE SERVICE**

Russell Osgood, Chief, Ogunquit (ME) Fire Department

*** SMART CLASSROOMS, SMARTER RESPONDERS: AI INSIGHTS**

Bill Young, Associate Professor, Eastern Kentucky University

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David McGrail, Assistant Chief (Ret.), Denver (CO) Fire Department

*** STEP UP AND LEAD: LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

Frank Viscuso, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Kearny (NJ) Fire Department

TACTICS FOR LIFE

Brian Brush, Training Chief, Midwest City (OK) Fire Department

THE ART OF GO/NO-GO

Mike Gagliano, Captain (Ret.), Seattle (WA) Fire Department

THE NONTRADITIONAL TRUCK COMPANY: COORDINATING TACTICS

Jim Silvernail, Chief, Kirkwood (MO) Fire Department

THE RESIDENTIAL PLAYBOOK

Keith Stakes, Lead Research Engineer, Fire Safety Research Institute (MD)

*** TREATING KIDS LIKE LITTLE ADULTS: A PARADIGM SHIFT IN PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE**

Peter Antevy, Medical Director, Davie Fire Rescue and Coral Springs-Parkland (FL) Fire Department

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Ric Jorge, COO, Tactical Resiliency Training, Florida

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Paul Combs, Lieutenant (Ret.), Bryan (OH) Fire Department

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Clark Lamping, Captain, Clark County (NV) Fire Department

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Eric Wheaton, Battalion Chief, Winter Park (FL) Fire Department

*** CARDIOLOGY 101 FOR THE BLS PROVIDER**

Devin Bartlett, Paramedic/ALS Instructor, Yale New Haven (CT) Hospital Center for EMS

DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF FIRE SERVICE LEADERS

Douglas Cline, Chief of Professional Development, Harry County (SC) Fire Rescue

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Dan Yaw, Major, Oklahoma City (OK) Fire Department

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Robert Eckert, Captain, Camden (NJ) Fire Department

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Bryan Winzer, Lieutenant, Fire Department of New York

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Aaron Peth, Special Faculty, Creighton University Department of Paramedicine (NE)

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Bradley Pinsky, Chief, Manlius (NY) Fire Department

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Bassel Ibrahim, Lieutenant, Orlando (FL) Fire Department

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Gamaliel Baer, FF/EMT/Special Operator, Howard County (MD) Fire and Rescue

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Thomas Anderson, Captain, Charlotte (NC) Fire Department

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Grant Schwalbe, Division Chief, Estero (FL) Fire Rescue

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John Thomson, Associate Dean of Prehospital Medicine, Best Practice Medicine, MT

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Nicol Juratovac, Assistant Chief, San Francisco (CA) Fire Department

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Samuel Hittle, Captain, Wichita (KS) Fire Department

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Frank Leeb, Deputy Assistant Chief (Ret.), Fire Department of New York

TRAINING FIRST-DUE VOLUNTEER COMPANY OFFICERS

Joe Nedder, Deputy Chief of Training, Mendon (MA) Fire Department

WIND IMPACTED FIRES: "THE WIND DOESN'T KNOW!"

John Ceriello, Captain, Fire Department of New York

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Jim Moss, Captain, Metro West (MO) Fire Protection District

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Brad Brzynski, LASTFIRE – US Liaison

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AGGRESSIVE FIREFIGHTING: THE TOP 5 COMMANDMENTS FOR A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE FIREGROUND

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Marc Coenen, Captain, Fire and Rescue Service of South-West Limburg, Belgium

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Christopher McLaughlin, Fellow, Trauma Surgery and Surgical Critical Care, University of Pennsylvania Health System

CONDUCTING A FIRE APPARATUS FLEET EVALUATION

Michael Wilbur, Lieutenant (Ret.), Fire Department of New York

ENGINE COMPANY OPERATIONS IN MULTIPLE DWELLINGS

Jonah Smith, Battalion Chief, Charlotte (SC) Fire Department

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Eric Hankins, Battalion Chief, Yuba City (CA) Fire Department

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Rommie Duckworth, Shift Commander (Captain), Ridgefield (CT) Fire Department

* FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM: THE IMPORTANCE OF STANDARDS

Nathan House, Training Chief, Merritt Township (MI) Fire Department

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Joseph DeVito, Captain Paramedic, Fort Myers Beach (FL) Fire District

* FIREHOUSE LAW: MAPPING THE MINEFIELD

John Rukavina, Public Fire Safety Services, Asheville, NC

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James Johnson, Firefighter, Vancouver (Canada) Fire Rescue Services

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Kris Blume, Chief, Meridian (ID) Fire Department

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Mitchell Newcomer, ALS Program Lead, Yale New Haven (CT) Health Center for EMS

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Billy Goldfeder, Deputy Chief, Loveland-Symmes (OH) Fire Department; and Gordon Graham, Fire Service Consultant

* RESPIRATORY EMERGENCIES

Dr. Neal Richmond, Medical Director, JEMS Training Academy

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Brittany Brown, Chief of Fire Prevention, South Adams County (CO) Fire Department

* THE FUNCTIONAL FIRE COMPANY

Scott Thompson, Chief, The Colony (TX) Fire Department

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Marc Aloian, Battalion Chief, West Columbia (GA) Fire Department

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Christopher J. Naum, SFPE, Chief of Training, Command Institute, Center for Fireground Leadership (NY)

THE RESCUE COMPANY FIREFIGHTER

Jason Rivera, Firefighter, New Haven (CT) Fire Department

* THE THREE DEGREES OF MAYDAY

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Becki Rowan-White, Battalion Chief, Chanhassen (MN) Fire Department / UL Research Institutes/ Education Program Manager

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Anthony Rowett, Captain, Mobile (AL) Fire Rescue Department

* CHALLENGES OF THE FIREFIGHTER MARRIAGE

Anne Gagliano, Writer/Speaker, Saved from the Flame; and Captain (Ret.) Mike Gagliano, Seattle (WA) Fire Department

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Jack J Murphy, Fire/Marshal (Ret.), Leonia (NJ) Fire Department

CRUEL INTENTIONS

Kyle Romagus, Battalion Chief of Training, East Montgomery County (TX) Fire Department

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Jimmy Davis, Captain, Chicago (IL) Fire Department

IDENTIFYING AND AVOIDING THE WILDLAND FLOW PATH

Todd McNeal, Chief, Dixon (CA) Fire Department

* INSTRUCTORS' ROLE IN PREVENTING FRIENDLY FIRE TRAINING LIABILITIES

John Murphy, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Eastside (WA) Fire & Rescue/Attorney at Law, Murphy Law Group (WA)

LEARNING FROM OTHERS' EXPERIENCES

David Traiforos, Training Instructor, McHenry County (IL) College Fire Academy

* MAKING YOUR DEPARTMENT THE EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

Craig Haigh, Chief (Ret.), Hanover Park (IL) Fire Department

* MANAGING PEDIATRIC BURNS

Marvin Wayne, Physician Medical Director, Whatcom County (WA) EMS

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Christina Philpott, Critical Care Instructor, Impact EMS Training

OPERATING ABOVE THE FIRE

Bill Gustin, Captain, Miami Dade (FL) Fire Rescue

READING THE FIREGROUND

Walter Lewis, Assistant Chief, Orlando (FL) Fire Department

* STOP THE HYPE: DEBUNKING THE MYTH OF FENTANYL EXPOSURE

Douglas Hexel, Lieutenant, Schenectady (NY) Fire Department

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Bill Hopson, Captain, Beachwood (NJ) Fire Department

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Gerald Tracy, Battalion Chief (Ret.), Fire Department of New York

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Robert Todd Edwards, Captain (Ret.), Atlanta (GA) Fire-Rescue

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A ROUTINE HOUSE FIRE

Jim Duffy, Battalion Chief / Shift Commander (Ret.), Wallingford (CT) Fire/Rescue

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Mike Giroux, Captain, Yonkers (NY) Fire Department

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Kristen Martin, Lieutenant, Goochland County (VA) Fire-Rescue

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Katherine West, BSN, MSED

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Daniel Madrzykowski, Sr. Research Director, Fire Safety Research Institute (MD)

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Rick Haase, Chief, Staunton (IL) Fire Protection

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Benjamin Martin, Acting Battalion Chief, Henrico County (VA) Division of Fire

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Tiffanye Wesley, Deputy Chief, Arlington County (VA) Fire Department

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Gregory Nall, Senior Planning Specialist, South Central (PA) Regional Task Force

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John M. Buckman III, Chief (Ret.), German Township (IN) Fire Department

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Karen Owens, Deputy Director of Operations and Planning, Virginia Office (VA) of EMS

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Justin Bailey, Chief, Oliver Springs (TN) Fire Department

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Art Bloomer, Captain (Ret.), Kearny (NJ) Fire Department

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Erin McGruder, Instructional Program Manager, Kansas (MO) Fire & Rescue Training Institute

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Seth Barker, Deputy Chief – Operations, Big Sky (MT) Fire Department

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Stephen Rhine, Lieutenant, Fire Department of New York

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Tim O'Connor, Firefighter/EMT, Townsend (DE) Fire Company

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Jada Hudson, Counselor, Hudson (IL) Clinical Counseling

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Nick Wilbur, Owner, Emergency Vehicle Response (VA)

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David Fornell, Deputy Commissioner (Ret.), Detroit (MI) Fire Department

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Peter Antevy, Medical Director, Davie Fire Rescue and Coral Springs-Parkland (FL) Fire Department; and Charles Coyle, Division Chief of Medical Services, Palm Beach County (FL) Fire Rescue

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Glenn Corbett, Professor, John Jay College/Technical Editor, Fire Engineering

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Kyle Smith, Battalion Chief, Cobb County (GA) Fire Department

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Andy Saccodato, Owner & Lead Instructor, The Water Thieves, TN

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Sara Jahnke, Director, Center for Fire, Rescue & EMS Health Research, NDRI - USA

COMPANY DRILLS IN ACQUIRED STRUCTURES

James Kirsch, Captain (Ret.), Bergenfield (NJ) Fire Department

ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN PARKING STRUCTURES

Chris Soda, Lieutenant, Chicago (IL) Fire Department

*** ESSENTIAL MEDICAL SKILLS
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Will Ferguson MD, Medical Director, Birmingham (AL) Fire and Rescue

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Ron Kanterman, Executive Inspector, Fire Department of New York

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Paul Banerjee, Medical Director, Polk County (FL) Fire Rescue

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Denis Onieal, Chief (Ret.), Jersey City (NJ) Fire Department

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Salvatore Ancona, Deputy Chief Instructor, Nassau County (NY) Fire Service Academy

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Sara Laird, Fire Widow, Phoenix Advocates (PA)

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Aaron Dix, Vice President, Mobile (SC) Medicine Prisma Health EMS

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Tom Jenkins, Chief, UL FSRl

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Rob Fisher, Battalion Chief (Ret.), Snohomish (WA) Regional Fire & Rescue

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Craig Weinschenk, PhD, Fire Safety Research Institute

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Shea Chwialkowski, Deputy Chief, Orano (MN) Fire Department

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Stephen Marsar, Battalion Chief, Fire Department of New York

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Greg Merrell, Battalion Chief, Oklahoma City (OK) Fire Department

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Clay Magee, Lieutenant, Birmingham (AL) Fire and Rescue Service

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Laurie VandeSchoot, Deputy Chief, Okotoks (Alberta, Canada) Fire Department

WARRIORS, WISDOM, AND WHEELBARROWS

Clyde Gordon, District Chief, Houston (TX) Fire Department

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Gerard Mann, Station Officer, Fire Rescue Victoria, Australia

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Arthur Ashley, Captain (Ret.), Lexington (KY) Fire Department

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SAFE AND EFFICIENT FIREGROUND**

Brian Gettemeier, Captain, Cottleville (MO) Fire Protection District

ATTACK FROM THE BURNED SIDE

Sean Gray, Captain, Cobb County (GA) Fire Department

*** BOSS SERIES: MANAGEMENT
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Candace Ashby, Battalion Chief, Indianapolis (IN) Fire Department

**BUILDING HIGH PERFORMANCE
FOR THE FIREGROUND**

David Gillespie, Chief Training Officer, Peterborough (Ontario, Canada) Fire Services

CHOOSING TO COMMAND

Dennis Rubin, Chief, Kansas City (KS) Fire Department

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GARDEN APARTMENT FIRES**

Jason Hoefelmann, Chief, Florissant Valley (MO) Fire Protection District

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Sean DeCrane, Director, International Association of Fire Fighters, Cleveland, OH

*** COURAGE UNDER FIRE LEADERSHIP**

Steve Prziborowski, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Santa Clara County (CA) Fire Department

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Edward Collet, Firefighter, Canal Fulton (OH) Fire Department

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Gordon Lohmeyer, Division Director, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Emergency Services Training Institute (ESTI)

*** EXPECTATIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Matt Aalto, Battalion Chief, Estacada (OR) Fire District

**FIREGROUND DECISION MAKING: DEVELOPING
COMPETENT INCIDENT COMMANDERS**

Dennis Reilly, Chief (Ret.), Pittsburg (KS) Fire Department

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TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

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Charley Fleischmann, PhD, Fire Safety Research Institute

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Ryan Batenhorst, Faculty/Assistant Professor, Creighton University (NE)

* ARE WE DOING RESUSCITATION WRONG?

Mohamed Hagahmed, Medical Director, Mt. Lebanon (PA) Fire Department and Dormont Fire Department

* BUILDING TRUST: ETHICAL LEADERSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Dan Kramer, Executive Director, State Firefighters and Fire Marshals Association of Texas

FIGHTING FIRES IN LARGE PARKING GARAGES

Mark Watters, Captain Training Division, Plantation (FL) Fire Department

* FIRE SERVICE COURT: BURNING LEGAL ISSUES

David Comstock, Chief, Western Reserve (OH) Fire District

FIRE STREAM DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND APPLICATION

Dennis LeGear, Captain (Ret.), Oakland (CA) Fire Department

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Nick Ledin, Captain, Eau Claire (WI) Fire Department

* HAZMAT HOTZONE RESCUES: THE GRAY AREA

Phil Ambrose, Battalion Chief, Glendale (CA) Fire Department

INITIAL SIZE-UP REPORTS FOR FIRST-DUE INCIDENT COMMANDERS

Leonard Carmichael Jr., Deputy Chief of Operations (Ret.), Trenton (NJ) Fire Department

* LEAD FROM THE FRONT: LEARN THE SECRETS OF SUCCESS AND ACCOMPLISH YOUR LIFE GOALS

Steve Chikerotis, Deputy District Chief (Ret.), Chicago (IL) Fire Department

* LEADERSHIP IN CRISIS: STAYING STRONG UNDER FIRE

Tony Watson, Chief, Pigeon Forge (TN) Fire Department

* LET'S DISCUSS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Eriks Gabliks, Superintendent, United States Fire Administration / National Fire Academy (MD)

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James Reidy, Lieutenant (Ret.), San Antonio (TX) Fire Department

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George Healy, Deputy Chief, Fire Department of New York

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James McNamara, Firefighter, Fire Department of New York

* PERFORMANCE CULTURE: MOVING FORWARD BY REDEFINING AVERAGE

Adam Parkhurst, Driver/Engineer, Euless (TX) Fire Department

RURAL WATER MOVEMENT OPERATIONS

Bill Adkins, Battalion Chief, Loveland Symmes (OH) Fire Department

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Gavin Horn, PhD, Fire Safety Research Institute

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Jeremy Williams, Paramedic & EMS Training Center Coordinator, Ascension St. Vincent, IN

* YOUR PPE: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Tim Pillsworth, Past Chief, Winona Lake (NY) Engine Company #2

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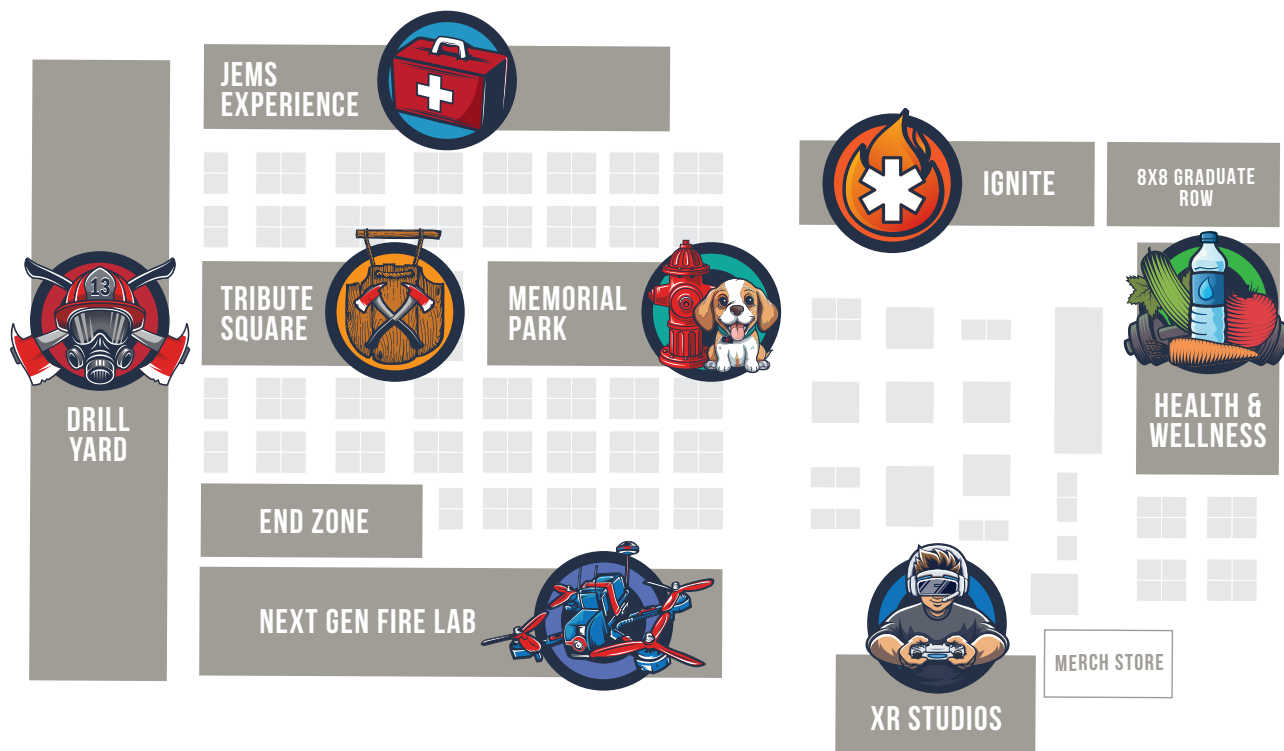
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