

2026 PRE-CONFERENCE BROCHURE



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APRIL 20-25, 2026

INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER & LUCAS OIL STADIUM
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, USA

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SCHEDULE OF TRAINING & EXHIBITION

SUNDAY, APRIL 19		
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM	REGISTRATION	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER
MONDAY, APRIL 20		
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 EAST & WEST LOBBY
7:00 AM - 6:30 PM	THE SUMMITS AT FDIC: METRO OFFICERS SUMMIT, EMS INNOVATION SUMMIT	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) EVOLUTIONS & HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS	VARIOUS LOCATIONS
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM	WORKSHOPS	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM	MID-RISE/HIGH-RISE SYMPOSIUM	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER
12:00 PM	HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) EVOLUTIONS BUS LOADING	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER - WABASH WEST LOBBY
TUESDAY, APRIL 21		
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 EAST & WEST LOBBY
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22		
7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	REGISTRATION	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	OPENING CEREMONY	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER - SAGAMORE BALLROOM
8:00 AM - 6:30 PM	THE SUMMITS AT FDIC: NEXTGEN FIRE RESCUE TECH SUMMIT, INDUSTRIAL FIRE SUMMIT, AIRCRAFT RESCUE & FIRE FIGHTING SUMMIT	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER
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8:00 AM - 5:30 PM	WORKSHOPS	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER
10:30 AM - 5:15 PM	CLASSROOM SESSIONS	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER AND LUCAS OIL STADIUM
1:30 PM - 5:15 PM	HIGH INTENSITY TRAINING SESSIONS (HITS)	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER
THURSDAY, APRIL 23		
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	REGISTRATION	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER AND LUCAS OIL STADIUM
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	THE SUMMITS AT FDIC: OFFICERS CLUB	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER
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11:00 AM - 5:30 PM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN: THE STADIUM	LUCAS OIL STADIUM/CONNECTOR
12:00 PM - 5:30 PM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN: CONVENTION CENTER & OUTSIDE	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER AND OUTDOOR EXHIBITS & DEMO AREA
FRIDAY, APRIL 24		
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	THE SUMMITS AT FDIC: OFFICERS CLUB	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER
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10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN: CONVENTION CENTER & OUTSIDE	INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER AND OUTDOOR EXHIBITS & DEMO AREA
SATURDAY, APRIL 25		
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

GET READY FOR FDIC INTERNATIONAL 2026

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

FDIC is commemorating the 25th anniversary of 9/11 this year with special remembrance events, personal testimonials, and tributes throughout the week. The program will also feature post-9/11 organizations and progress, the Tunnels to Towers 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit, and the annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb in collaboration with NFFF. Come together with us as we honor those we have lost and remember the community's enduring strength.

OPENING CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

KEYNOTE: Frank Siller | Chairman and CEO, Tunnel to Towers Foundation

TOM BRENNAN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT:

The Late Lieutenant Andrew A. Fredericks | Fire Department of New York

CHECK OUT OUR NEW EMS LINEUP FOR FDIC 2026!

Sharpen your skills, rack up continuing education hours, and take your expertise to the next level with our reimagined EMS offerings—all week long. Dive into content curated by **Mike Brown**, Captain at Fort Wayne Fire Department and Development Editor for *JEMS*, and train with and learn from the most respected instructors in the industry. From becoming a resuscitation pro to mastering ventilation during cardiac arrest, you'll get hands-on experience through immersive workshops and classroom sessions. Looking to connect with EMS leaders? Need credit hours for recertification? We've got you covered. This is your chance to learn, network, and lead.

EMS INNOVATION SUMMIT MONDAY-TUESDAY, APRIL 20-21, 2026

The EMS Innovation Summit is the definitive leadership forum for EMS executives and decision-makers. This reimagined event convenes EMS leaders for a day and a half of candid discussion, practical problem-solving, and future-focused collaboration. Focused on real-world solutions and leadership excellence, **the EMS Innovation Summit is where EMS leaders come together to drive innovation**—and shape the systems of tomorrow.

***CADAVER LABS** WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

SPONSORED BY: **Teleflex®**

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.

The Cadaver Labs are open to the following EMS certifications: Paramedic, Critical Care Paramedic, Advanced Practice Paramedic, and AEMT.

JEMS LOUNGE

Join us for special networking events in the JEMS Lounge during the week where EMS attendees can link up, and conversations turn into meaningful connections.

EMS CREDIT HOURS

Get access to over 230 hours of CAPCE-accredited continuing education through hands-on training, dynamic workshops, and engaging classroom sessions.

THE SIM YARD THURSDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 23-25, 2026

NEW FOR 2026, the Sim Yard is a dedicated EMS simulation and innovation zone in Lucas Oil Stadium bringing prehospital medicine to life through immersive, scenario-based training led by top educators, industry partners, and simulation experts. This is where education meets adrenaline—where **EMS professionals can practice, perform, and progress** in the same arena that hosts champions.

MORE TRAINING THAN EVER BEFORE

HANDS-ON TRAINING SESSIONS ALL WEEK LONG

FDIC 2026 is bringing more heat and more action – we've added more Hands-On Training (H.O.T.) sessions Monday through Friday, including MORE Live Fire classes, so you can sharpen the skills that matter most all week long!

MID-RISE/HIGH-RISE SYMPOSIUM

MONDAY-TUESDAY, APRIL 20-21, 2026

NEW FOR 2026, the Mid-Rise/High-Rise Symposium addresses the critical risk of building failure during fire conditions and brings together top experts to share strategies, tactics, and lessons learned from incidents in complex buildings—ranging from skyscrapers to “groundscrapers.” The symposium features four workshops, each four hours long, with various topics in each session, offered as part of FDIC’s pre-conference lineup on Monday and Tuesday. Attendees can register for the full series or individual sessions. [View the Symposium schedule on page 107.](#)

HIGH INTENSITY TRAINING SESSIONS (HITS)

APRIL 22-24, 2026

NEW FOR 2026! Get ready for four adrenaline-charged sessions designed to push your limits and stay sharp on and off the job. Each four-hour HITS session delivers ten rapid-fire, 20-minute presentations packed with actionable insights and high-impact takeaways. Led by FDIC’s top instructors, veteran firefighters, researchers and wellness experts, these sessions deliver the perfect mix of tactics, leadership, culture, fitness, nutrition, mental-health insights, and little comedy to keep the energy high. Speakers will include: **Sam Hittle, Bobby Eckert, Justin McWilliams, Corley Moore, Todd Edwards, Frank Viscuso, Sara Jahnke, Megan Lutz, Dena Ali, Mike Ciampo, Sean Duffy, Candace Ashby, Nick Papa, Mo Davis, Eric Wheaton, Bassel Ibrahim, Seth Major, Annette Zapp, Ric Jorge, Keith Stakes, Kyle Romagus, Dan Shaw, Mark VonAppen,** and **Micky Ferrell.** [View the HITS schedule on page 115.](#)

CURSOS EN ESPAÑOL

FDIC will be offering two courses in Spanish for Spanish-speaking attendees to master critical fire and rescue strategies that they can bring back to their departments and share with their teams.

4-hour Pre-Conference Workshop | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Operaciones básicas de motobombas y camiones-escalas/Basic Engine and Truck Operations | **Jose Troncoso**, Regional Fire & Rescue (AZ) and **Daniel Sheridan**, Fire Department of New York

8-hour Hands-on (H.O.T.) Training Evolution | THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Operaciones Básicas de Motobombas y Escalas - Práctica Operativa | **Daniel Sheridan**, Fire Department of New York

TRAINING FOR ALL

APRIL 22-25, 2026

Whether you're a seasoned responder or just starting your journey, **all badge holders are invited to dive into expert-led sessions, hands-on education, and cutting-edge techniques** designed to elevate your skills and strengthen your impact.

PARTNER SESSIONS | WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, APRIL 22-23, 2026

Discover industry insights by partners shaping and leading the future of the fire service. [View the Partner Sessions schedule on page 111.](#)

MORE TRAINING IN THE DRILL YARD | THURSDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 23-25, 2026

The Drill Yard is FDIC’s premier training ground, dedicated to hands-on tactical instruction for first responders. Designed to replicate real-world challenges, this space offers immersive simulations in vehicle stabilization, extrication, bailout, forcible entry, and more – building the essential skills needed to perform under pressure.

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

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

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Captain Samuel Hittle, Wichita (KS) Fire Department

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

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8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Firefighter Timothy Hannigan, Bridgeport (CT) Fire Department

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STREET HYDRAULICS

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

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

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*** ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLE RESPONSE**

Firefighter Jason Defosse, Quinte West Fire Department (Canada)

ESTABLISHING FIREFIGHTER RESCUE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND PRACTICAL PROP BUILDING

Assistant Chief James Crawford, Midway (SC) Fire Rescue

NFSA: MODERN FIRES, MODERN FIRE PROTECTION
National Fire Sprinkler Association

NOZZLEMANSHIP AND LINE BOSS LEADERSHIP FOR TODAY'S FIREGROUND

Lieutenant (Ret.) Ray McCormack, Fire Department of New York

TACTICAL RESPONSE TO EXPLOSIVE GAS EMERGENCIES

Chief (Ret.) Jerry Knapp, Rockland County (NY) Hazardous Materials Team

THE OTHER FORCIBLE ENTRY: THROUGH THE LOCK

Firefighter Brandon Maurer, Wichita (KS) Fire Department

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

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*** 360° LEADERSHIP**

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

BUDDY TO BOSS HIGH-SPEED REALISTIC FIRE SERVICE LEADERSHIP

Division Chief/Paramedic (Ret.) Chase Sargent, Virginia Beach (VA) Fire and Rescue

*** CARDIOLOGY MASTER CLASS: STEMI RECOGNITION**

Advisor Tom Bouthillet, Cambridge Consulting Group

CARRY THE FIRE: LEADERSHIP FOR ASPIRING FIRE OFFICERS

Chief Kris Blume, Meridian (ID) Fire Department

COMMAND UNDER FIRE

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

CRITICAL THINKING FOR FIRE OFFICER DEVELOPMENT

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

FIRE BEHAVIOR AND THERMAL IMAGING: THE BASICS

Captain/Interim Battalion Chief Joseph DeVito, Fort Myers Beach (FL) Fire District

FIVE-ALARM LEADERSHIP: REAL LEADERSHIP WITH REAL PEOPLE

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

LEFT SEAT TIPS AND TACTICS

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

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY FIRES FROM THE STREETS TO INSIDE STRUCTURES

CEO/Owner Paul Shoemaker, Next Level Training Network (CO)

*** POCUS IN THE PRE-HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT**

Assistant Clinical Care Manager Shane O'Donnell, CHS Mobile Integrated Healthcare (NY)

STRATEGIES AND TACTICS FOR EMPLOYEE FIRES

Battalion Chief Jesse Quinalty, Calimesa (CA) Fire Department

TEACHING FOR LEARNING: BRINGING YOUR PRESENTATIONS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

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

THE STATE OF DATA: OPERATIONALIZING NERIS

Principal Research Engineer Craig Weinschenk, Fire Safety Research Institute (MD)

TRAINING OFFICER AND INSTRUCTOR GRADUATE SCHOOL 2026

Chief (Ret.) Forest Reeder, Making a Difference Training & Incident Safety Solutions (IL)

4-HOUR PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

*** ACTIVE SHOOTER: PREPLANNING THE RESPONSE**

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

BUILDING THE LADDER: OFFICER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

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

COMMANDING FROM THE SIDELINES

Battalion Chief (Ret.) Curt Isakson, Escambia (FL) Fire & Rescue

DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACTS

Chief/CEO Jerry Streich, Capstone PSS (MN)

DESIGNING & DELIVERING ENGAGING TRAINING SESSIONS

Captain Edward Tracey, Rochester (NY) Fire Department

EXTREME LEADERSHIP

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

*** HANDTEVY PEDIATRIC RESUSCITATION & READINESS COURSE**

Vice President of Education Daniel Moran, Handtevy (FL)

MID-RISE MAYHEM-ABOVE THE FIRST FLOOR: CONCERNS, PRIORITIES, AND PITFALLS OF FIRES IN THE MID-RISE, MEGA-APARTMENT BUILDINGS, AND NEW CONSTRUCTION TOWNHOMES

District Chief Clyde Gordon, Houston (TX) Fire Department



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PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAMS: SETTING AND RAISING THE BAR

Deputy Chief Jesse Marcotte, Northville Township (MI) Fire Department

* RESUSCITATION ACADEMY ADULT HIGH-PERFORMANCE CPR-HANDS ON TRAINING

Sr. Advisor to the Chief Medical Officer Kelly Derthick, Howard County Department (MD) Fire & Rescue Services

* SEARCHABLE VS SURVIVABLE: EDUCATED DECISION MAKING

Firefighter Sean Duffy, Ann Arbor (MI) Fire Department

SPECIFYING FIRE APPARATUS

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

THE HIGH-RISE FIREFIGHT: KEEP IT SIMPLE

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

THIS HOUSE ROCKS: ACHIEVING FIREHOUSE EXCELLENCE

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

WALKING THE TALK: THE BEST OF OLD AND NEW BUILDINGS

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

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

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

🔥 LIVE FIRE: FLASHOVER-STUDYING THE MODERN FIRE BEHAVIOR

Chief Joseph Berchtold, Teaneck (NJ) Fire Department

🔥 * LIVE FIRE: VENT-ENTER-SEARCH

Battalion Chief Eric Dreiman, Indianapolis (IN) Fire Department

*** MAN VS. MACHINERY**

Battalion Chief Mark Gregory, Fire Department of New York

MAXIMIZING YOUR RURAL WATER MOVEMENT

Owner and Lead Instructor Andy Soccodato, The Water Thieves

*** MOVING WITH PURPOSE: BODY MECHANICS AND LEVERAGE FOR FIREGROUND SUCCESS**

Firefighter/Paramedic/Special Ops Tech Jenny Grima, Saint Lucie County (FL) Fire District

PINNED AND BURNING: THE DUAL THREAT

Firefighter Timothy Hannigan, Bridgeport (CT) Fire Department

*** RESIDENTIAL PRIMARY SEARCH: MAKING THE GRAB**

Division Chief Grant Schwalbe, Estero (FL) Fire Rescue

STREET HYDRAULICS

Firefighter Chris Howard, Fire Department of New York

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*** ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLE RESPONSE**

Firefighter Jason Defosse, Quinte West Fire Department (Canada)

ESTABLISHING FIREFIGHTER RESCUE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND PRACTICAL PROP BUILDING

Assistant Chief James Crawford, Midway (SC) Fire Rescue

NFSA: MODERN FIRES, MODERN FIRE PROTECTION

National Fire Sprinkler Association

NOZZLEMANSHIP AND LINE BOSS LEADERSHIP FOR TODAY'S FIREGROUND

Lieutenant (Ret.) Ray McCormack, Fire Department of New York

TACTICAL RESPONSE TO EXPLOSIVE GAS EMERGENCIES

Chief (Ret.) Jerry Knapp, Rockland County (NY) Hazardous Materials Team

THE OTHER FORCIBLE ENTRY: THROUGH THE LOCK

Firefighter Brandon Maurer, Wichita (KS) Fire Department

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

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4-HOUR PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

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

Chief Nicholas Martin, Upper Darby (PA) Fire Department

BECOMING AN EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

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

*** CARDIOLOGY MASTER CLASS: STEMI RECOGNITION**

Advisor Tom Bouthillet, Cambridge Consulting Group

CHIEF OFFICERS TO RECRUITS: A MINDSET FOR IMPROVING SEARCH AND RESCUE

Captain Justin McWilliams, Clackamas (OR) Fire Department

COMPANY LEVEL DRILLS: HOW TO LEAVE THEM WANTING MORE

Captain (Ret.) Michael Dugan, Fire Department of New York

ESSENTIALS OF FIRE INVESTIGATION: THE COMPLETE FIRE SCENE EXAMINATION

Corporate Security Operations Manager Adrian Cales, PSEG (NJ)

FIREGROUND STRATEGIES: STRATEGIC DECISION-MAKING 2026

Deputy Chief (Ret.) Anthony Avilla, North Hudson (NJ) Regional Fire & Rescue

FIREGROUND TACTICS: STORE FIRES—TAXPAYERS AND STRIP MALLS

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

IN THE LINE OF DUTY: FIRSTHAND LESSONS FROM LINE-OF-DUTY DEATHS

Deputy Chief (Ret.) Daniel DeYear, Dallas (TX) Fire-Rescue Department

INCIDENT SIMULATION DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Deputy Chief (Ret.) Theodore Nee, Albuquerque (NM) Fire Department

IT'S NOT THE CALLS: ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MENTAL WELLNESS

Battalion Chief Dena Ali, Raleigh (NC) Fire Department

LEARNING, LEADING, AND LEGACY

Assistant Chief of Operations Anthony Kelleher, District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department

*** POCUS IN THE PRE-HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT**

Assistant Clinical Care Manager Shane O'Donnell, CHS Mobile Integrated Healthcare

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF FIRE SERVICE OFFICERS

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

REIGNITE THE FLAME: PROVEN STRATEGIES FOR RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

Firefighter Candice McDonald, Winona (OH) Fire Department

THINK LIKE AN INCIDENT COMMANDER

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

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4-HOUR PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

30 FIRES YOU MUST KNOW

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

BE A POWERFUL INSTRUCTOR NOW

Lieutenant (Ret.) Steve Crothers, Seattle (WA) Fire Department

FIRE ACADEMY TO THE FIRE FLOOR: WHY THE DISCONNECT?

Lieutenant Mickey Farrell, Fire Department of New York

FIREGROUND OPERATIONS: THE LOST ART

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

FUELING FIRE NUTRITION

Registered Dietitian Megan Lautz, RescueRD LLC; Fairfax County (VA) Fire and Rescue

* HANDTEVEY NEWBORN RESUSCITATION & OBSTETRICS COURSE

Vice President of Education Daniel Moran, Handtevy

IN THE HOT SEAT: TACTICAL DECISION MAKING ON THE FIREGROUND

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

INTOXICATED LEADERSHIP: THINKING STRATEGICALLY VS. REACTING EMOTIONALLY

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

* MASTERING FIREGROUND COMMAND - CALM THE CHAOS

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

MITIGATING NEW VEHICLE RESCUE CHALLENGES AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE / L.I. BATTERY FIRE CHALLENGES

Deputy Chief (Ret.) Carl Haddon, North Fork (ID) Fire Department

NFPA 1400 ROADMAP FOR THE MODERN FIRE INSTRUCTOR

Assistant Chief Brian Zaitz, Kirkwood (MO) Fire Department; President, ISFSI

* RESUSCITATION ACADEMY ADULT HIGH-PERFORMANCE CPR-HANDS ON TRAINING

Sr. Advisor to the Chief Medical Officer Kelly Derthick, Howard County Department (MD) Fire & Rescue Services

TACTICAL LEADERSHIP

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

THE 7 C'S OF FIRE OFFICER TRUST

Chief of Department John Alston, New Haven (CT) Fire Department

THE NONTRADITIONAL TRUCK COMPANY

Captain (Ret.) Arthur Ashley, Lexington (KY) Fire Department and Chief Jim Silvernail, Kirkwood (MO) Fire Department

FIRE DYNAMICS FOR FIRE INVESTIGATORS

Senior Director of Research Daniel Madrzykowski, Fire Safety Research Institute

MID-RISE/HIGH-RISE SYMPOSIUM

Attendees can register for the full series or individual sessions.

GROUNDSCRAPERS AND CONSTRUCTION: SESSION I

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

8:00 AM

BUILDINGS FORN, SICK AND DYING

Gerald Tracy, Jim Kane

NAVIGATING TODAY'S MODER "GROUNDSCRAPER" MID-RISE

Jimmy Davis

GROUNDSCRAPERS AND CONSTRUCTION: SESSION II

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

1:30 PM

BIG BOX FIRES = BIG "GROUNDSCRAPER" PROBLEMS

Clark Lamping

FIRE IN THE SKY . . . AND NOW YOU'RE OUT OF AIR

Mike Gagliano

PANEL DISCUSSION

Gerald Tracy, Jim Kane, Jimmy Davis, Clark Lamping, Mike Gagliano

TACTICAL COMMAND: SESSION I

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

8:00 AM

FIREFIGHTER SMOKE CONTROL PANEL OPERATIONS

Dr. Rodger Reiswig

FDNY HIGH-RISE OFFICER TRAINING

Michael Meyers

EFFECTIVE COMMAND - BRIDGING THE GAP TO COMPETENT OFFICERS

Katherine Lamb

TACTICAL COMMAND: SESSION II

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

1:30 PM

THE WORLD TRADE CENTER: LEGACY CODES AND STRUGGLE FOR CHANGE

Charles Jennings, Glenn Corbett

STANDPIPE CHALLENGES - UNDERSTANDING MID & HIGH-RISE BUILDING STANDPIPE DESIGNS

Terin Hopkins

PANEL DISCUSSION

Dr. Rodger Reiswig, Michael Meyers, Katherine Lamb, Charles Jennings, Glenn Corbett, Tom Burke, Terin Hopkins, Brent Brooks

THE ROLE OF THE FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DIRECTOR

Tom Burke

MASTERING HIGH-RISE FIREFIGHTING TACTICS: STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

Brent Brooks



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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

🔥 LIVE FIRE: AGGRESSIVE INTERIOR OPERATIONS
Chief Jay Hurley, Suburban Georgia Fire Department

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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Chief Jay Hurley, Suburban Georgia Fire Department

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

🌟 MASTERING FIREGROUND COMMAND - CALM THE CHAOS - HANDS ON LAB
Battalion Chief (Ret.) Anthony Kastros, Sacramento (CA) Metro Fire District

4-HOUR PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

🌟 PEDIATRIC HIGH PERFORMANCE CPR - RESUSCITATION ACADEMY HANDS-ON TRAINING
Medical Director Kevin Seaman, Charles County Maryland Emergency Services

4-HOUR PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

OPERACIONES BÁSICAS DE MOTOBOMBAS Y CAMIONES-ESCALAS
Assistant Chief Jose Trancoso, Regional Fire & Rescue (AZ) and
Battalion Chief Daniel Sheridan, Fire Department of New York

🌟 BUILDING A SIMULATION SCENARIO
Captain Scott Gano, Delaware County EMS

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

OPERACIONES BÁSICAS DE MOTOBOMBAS Y ESCALAS - PRÁCTICA OPERATIVA
Battalion Chief Daniel Sheridan, Fire Department of New York

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

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Chief Jay Hurley, Suburban Georgia Fire Department

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Captain Matthew Stewart, Wayne Township (IN) Fire Department

URBAN RIGGING AND RESCUE
Lieutenant (Ret.) Nate Paulsberg, Palatine (IL) Fire Department

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ENERGY HAZARD TRAINING FOR RESPONDERS: INTRODUCTION TO THE IAFF ENERGY HAZARD GUIDE RESOURCE
 Captain (Ret.) Chris Greene, Seattle (WA) Fire Department

*** MASTERING FIREGROUND COMMAND - CALM THE CHAOS - HANDS ON LAB**
 Battalion Chief (Ret.) Anthony Kastros, Sacramento (CA) Metro Fire District

RESIDENTIAL SEARCH: DECISION MAKING AND COORDINATION FROM THE INCIDENT COMMANDER TO THE RECRUIT FIREFIGHTER
 Captain Justin McWilliams, Clackamas (OR) Fire

MID-RISE MAYHEM ENGINE COMPANY OPERATIONS IN MID-RISE BUILDINGS
 Lieutenant Steve Robertson, Columbus (OH) Division of Fire

TOWER LADDERS-TACTICAL OPERATIONS
 Lieutenant (Ret.) Michael Ciampo, Fire Department of New York

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8-HOUR PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

*** HIGH-PERFORMANCE VENTILATION TRAIN-THE-TRAINER**
 State CEU Educator Bob Page, Virginia Department of Health, Office of EMS

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM AND 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

🔥 LIVE FIRE: MULTI-DISCIPLINE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS
 Captain Matthew Stewart, Wayne Township (IN) Fire Department

URBAN RIGGING AND RESCUE
 Lieutenant (Ret.) Nate Paulsberg, Palatine (IL) Fire Department

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

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10:30 AM – 12:15 PM

10 HOSE STRETCHES EVERY FIREFIGHTER SHOULD KNOW

Lieutenant (Ret.) Ray McCormack, Fire Department of New York

* AORTIC DISSECTION: WHEN MINUTES AND MEDICATIONS MATTER

Flight Nurse and Critical Care Educator Christina Philpott, Impact EMS

ART OF GO/NO-GO ... OR GO SLOW

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

COMMANDING AND CONTROLLING THE VOLUNTEER FIREGROUND

Battalion Chief Richard Ray, Durham (NC) Fire Department

COORDINATING VENTILATION: SUPPORTING EXTINGUISHMENT AND SURVIVABILITY

Captain Nicholas Papa, New Britain (CT) Fire Department

* ELECTRIC HYBRID VEHICLE RESPONSE

Firefighter Jason Defosse, Quinte West (Canada) Fire Department

* FROM BLOOD PRESSURE TO BICARB: EMS MYTHS YOU WERE TAUGHT IN SCHOOL

Paramedic Devin Bartlett, Branford (CT) Fire Department

* FULLY INVOLVED LEADERSHIP

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

LARGE TRUCK EXTRICATION

Battalion Chief Steve White, Fishers (IN) Fire Department

LEAD, SURVIVE, AND THRIVE: DEVELOPING FIRE SERVICE LEADERS

Captain Douglas Mitchell Jr., Fire Department of New York

* MAKING IT, BREAKING IT, OR LOSING IT

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

* MAN VS. MACHINERY: ARE YOU PREPARED?

Battalion Chief Mark Gregory, Fire Department of New York

* ONE BAD DAY: THE PROACTIVE MINDSET

Lieutenant Bassel Ibrahim, Orlando (FL) Fire Department

SIZE-UP: A SYSTEM FOR SUCCESS

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

* STEP UP AND LEAD: LEADERSHIP SKILLS

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

TAILBOARD TAKEAWAYS, TAKE 6: LESSONS LEARNED FROM EVEN MORE FIRES FOUGHT BY THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

TALKING RIGS

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

* THE ANDRAGOGY OF SIMULATION IN EMS

State CEU Educator Bob Page, Virginia Department of Health, Office of EMS

THE GRAB ANALYSIS

Training Division Chief David Stone, South Walton (FL) Fire District

THE NONTRADITIONAL TRUCK COMPANY: COORDINATING TACTICS

Chief Jim Silvernail, Kirkwood (MO) Fire Department and Captain (Ret.) Arthur Ashley, Lexington (KY) Fire Department

THE RESIDENTIAL PLAYBOOK

Deputy Chief Keith Stakes, Bethesda-Chevy Chase (MD) Rescue Squad

THE WORLD TRADE CENTER: LEGACY IN CODES AND THE STRUGGLE FOR CHANGE

Associate Professor Charles Jennings and Associate Professor Glenn Corbett, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

TOP DOWN STRUCTURE TRIAGE FOR RAPID DECISIONS IN THE WUI

Chief Todd McNeal, Dixon (CA) Fire Department

* WHOLE BLOOD IN EMS

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

1:30 PM – 3:15 PM

BIG ROOM SESSION: EVIDENCE-BASED EV FIREFIGHTING

Lead Research Engineer Adam Barowy, UL Fire Safety Research Institute

AERIAL OPERATOR FUNDAMENTALS

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

ATTACK FROM THE BURNED SIDE

Captain Sean Gray, Cobb County (GA) Fire Department

CHOOSING TO COMMAND

Chief Dennis Rubin, Kansas City (KS) Fire Department

COMMAND EXPECTATIONS FOR THE COMPANY OFFICER

Division Chief Nicolas Morgado, Miami-Dade (FL) Fire Rescue

COMMANDING THE COMMERCIAL FIREGROUND

Deputy Chief (Ret.) Aaron Heller, Hamilton (NJ) Fire Department

COMMON OCCUPANCY, UNCOMMON RESPONSE

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

IMPROVING RESIDENTIAL SIZE-UP: BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND FIRE DYNAMICS

Acting Lieutenant James Johnson, Vancouver (Canada) Fire Rescue Services

LEADERSHIP FROM THE BOTTOM UP

Battalion Chief Candace Ashby, Indianapolis (IN) Fire Department

LOW INTAKE/HIGH EXHAUST AND ITS DEADLY CONSEQUENCES

Deputy Chief George Healy, Fire Department of New York

MASTERING THE ROLE OF THE PUMP OPERATOR

Assistant Chief Paul Watlington, Burlington (NC) Fire Department

MUST-HAVE POLICIES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Chief Bradley Pinsky, Manlius (NY) Fire Department

* PREPPING FOR THE NREMT

Chadwick Massie, EMS Program Director for Rhodes State College

RESPONSE TO GASOLINE TANKER EMERGENCIES

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

TACTICS FOR LIFE

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

THE ART OF INTERVENTION

Battalion Chief (Ret.) Daniel DeGryse, Chicago (IL) Fire Department

* THE CROSSROADS OF TRAUMA: FROM TACTICAL TO TRADITIONAL

Captain Mark Litwinka, Fort Wayne (IN) Fire Department

* THE LIES WE'VE BEEN TAUGHT: PEDIATRIC TRAUMA MYTHS

Training Manager Bob Waddell II, SAM Medical

THE RESCUE COMPANY FIREFIGHTER

Firefighter Jason Rivera, New Haven (CT) Fire Department

THE TRAINING OFFICER: DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

Chief David McGlynn, Letterkenny (PA) Fire Department

* THIS HOUSE ROCKS

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

TIGHTROPE: MASTERING THE BALANCE BETWEEN FIREGROUND EFFECTIVENESS AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Deputy Chief (Ret.) Larry Conley, Leadership Development Concepts, LLC

TRAINING FIRST-DUE VOLUNTEER COMPANY OFFICERS

Deputy Chief (Ret.) Joe Nedder, Mendon (MA) Fire Department

* WHERE THE PROTOCOL ENDS: MEDICALLY DIRECTED RESCUE

Medical Director Benjamin Abo, Escambia County (FL) Public Safety; Miami-Dade (FL) Fire Rescue Venom 1

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BIG ROOM SESSION: CAN CONFIDENCE: SEARCHING FOR LIFE AND FIRE

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

* ADDRESSING MATERNITY CARE DESERTS: APPLYING NAEMT AND ACOG GUIDELINES TO REAL-WORLD EMS PROTOCOLS

Indiana State EMS Medical Director Eric Yazel

* BAD BLOOD: HEMORRHAGIC BLOOD FAILURE IN TRAUMA

Director/Firefighter Paramedic Anthony Horton, North American Rescue

BIG BOX FIRES = BIG GROUNDSCRAPER PROBLEMS

Captain Clark Lamping, Clark County (NV) Fire Department

EFFECTIVE AND PRACTICAL TRAINING TACTICS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Battalion Chief/Chief of Training Daniel Arroyo, Perth Amboy (NJ) Fire Department

* FIRE SERVICE COURT: BURNING LEGAL ISSUES

Chief David Comstock, Western Reserve (OH) Fire District

FROM GUT TO GRID: LEADING THE DATA-INFORMED FIREGROUND

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

FUTURE OF THE VOLUNTEER STAFFED DEPARTMENT

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

GOIN' UP & GOIN' OUT: CONSIDERATIONS FOR INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR

VERTICAL HOSELINE STRETCHES

Lieutenant Dave Quick, Manchester (NH) Fire Department

GROUND LADDERS: MOVING BEYOND MINIMUM STANDARDS

Lieutenant Clay Magee, Birmingham (AL) Fire and Rescue

* HIGH PERFORMANCE VENTILATION: PUTTING THE "P" BACK IN CPR

State CEU Educator Bob Page, Virginia Department of Health, Office of EMS

NOZZLE OPERATIONS AND VICTIMS: A REAL-LIFE HAT DANCE

Battalion Chief Jonah Smith, Charlotte (NC) Fire Department

OPTIMIZING SLEEP FOR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Captain (Ret.) Brandon Dreiman, Indianapolis (IN) Fire Department

POUNDED PRESSURES PRODUCING PROBLEMS

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

PREPARING TO FALL: THE LOSS AND REBOUND OF MENTAL HEALTH

Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Muscle, McKinney (TX) Fire Department

REDUCING CANCER IN THE FIRE SERVICE

Chief Russell Osgood, Ogunquit (ME) Fire Department

* REAL-LIFE TRAINING FOR REAL-LIFE TACTICS

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

* RESIDENTIAL PRIMARY SEARCH: AGGRESSIVE SEARCH CULTURE

Division Chief Grant Schwalbe, Estero (FL) Fire Rescue

RURAL WATER MOVEMENT OPERATIONS

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

STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL OPERATIONS IN RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLERED OCCUPANCIES

Division Chief of Fire Prevention Brittany Brown, Leawood (KS) Fire Department

THE EMPOWERED AERIAL OPERATOR: MASTERING TRUCK OPERATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Firefighter Nick Wilbur, Arlington County (VA) Fire Department

THE INFLUENCE OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPANCY RISKS ON FIREGROUND DECISION MAKING

Chief of Training Christopher J. Naum, Command Institute, Center for Fireground Leadership and Building Sciences

VES: BEYOND THE DOOR

Firefighter (Ret.) Cody Trestrail, Portland (OR) Fire & Rescue

WITHOUT THE PROTECTION OF A HOSELINE: THE UNCOMFORTABLE REALITY

Lieutenant Daniel Gordon, Fire Department of New York

PARTNER SESSIONS

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DRIVING BETTER OUTCOMES: IMPLEMENTING BLOOD PROGRAMS IN EMS



FROM RESPONSE TO READINESS: TRANSFORMING INCIDENT DATA INTO ACTIONABLE TRAINING INTELLIGENCE



EVERY BREATH FORWARD: THE NEW STANDARD IN FIREFIGHTER MOBILITY, SAFETY, AND SURVIVAL



CUTTING THROUGH THE NOISE: UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTING HEARING LOSS IN THE FIRE SERVICE



WAYMO 101 - SAVING LIVES AND PROPERTY IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM



DRIVING CHANGE WITH AI AND VISUAL TECHNOLOGY



CRAWL, WALK, RUN: INCIDENT COMMAND SIMULATIONS



DIGITAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT: DIGITALLY TRACKING RESOURCES AND TACTICS IN REAL TIME



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*** BREAKING THE CODE: THE 10 TRAUMA INTERVENTIONS THAT SAVE LIVES BUT RARELY GET APPROVED**

Division Chief Charles Coyle, Palm Beach County (FL) Fire

COMMANDING THE FIREGROUND: FROM THE CAB TO THE CAR

Battalion Chief Jarrad Sergi, Norfolk (VA) Fire Rescue

*** COMMON SENSE TECHNICAL RESCUE FOR THE FIRST-DUE COMPANY**

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

*** CRITICAL CARE—NOT JUST TRANSFERS**

Assistant Clinical Care Manager Shane O'Donnell, CHS Mobile Integrated Healthcare

CRUEL INTENTIONS

Battalion Chief Kyle Romagus, East Montgomery County (AL) Fire Department

DEVELOPING SMOKE SKILLS BECAUSE SMOKE KILLS

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

DOWN AND DIRTY FIREGROUND DECISION MAKING

Battalion Chief (Ret.) Corley Moore, Moore (OK) Fire Department

DRIVE TO SURVIVE: THE ART OF WHEELING THE RIG

Assistant Chief (Ret.) Christopher Daly, Goshen (PA) Fire Company

EVIDENCE-BASED ENGINE OPERATIONS

Battalion Chief Chad Christensen, Los Angeles County (CA) Fire Department

FIRST DUE: RESIDENTIAL CONCEPTS FOR THE ENGINE, TRUCK, AND CHIEF

Assistant Chief of Operations (Ret.) Dan Shaw, Fairfax County (VA) Fire and Rescue Department; and Captain Doug Mitchell, Fire Department of New York

FORGING YOUR TEAM: BUILD LEADERS WHO BUILD TEAMS

Assistant Chief of Operations Johnny Torgeson, MCLB Barstow Fire & Emergency Services

FROM REACTION TO REASON: TACTICS FOR DEVELOPING CRITICAL THINKING IN FIRE SERVICE TEAMS

Assistant Chief Mike Clements, Cy-Fair (TX) Fire Department

*** GRANT WRITING FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Lieutenant David Hesselmeyer, Bules Creek (NC) Fire Department

INDUSTRIAL FACILITY RESPONSE COMMAND AND CONTROL

Chief Rick Haase, Staunton (IL) Fire Protection District

INTENSE BLAZE: THE HAZARDS OF LITHIUM-ION FIRES IN HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS

Acting District Chief Brent Brooks, Toronto Fire Services (Canada)

INTRODUCTION TO EMPLOYMENT LAW FOR THE ASPIRING COMPANY OFFICER

Attorney Alisa Arnoff, Scalabrino & Arnoff LLP

JUST GIVE ME A REASON: PEARLS AND PITFALLS OF EMS AND FIRE REFUSALS AND LIFT-JOBS

Medical Director Neal Richmond, JEMS Training

LIGHTWEIGHT CONSTRUCTION WITH HEAVYWEIGHT IMPLICATIONS: THE NEW FIRE OFFICER'S GUIDE TO ENGINEERED WOOD PRODUCTS

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

MOVING FORWARD WHILE RIDING BACKWARD: ESSENTIAL MEDICAL SKILLS FOR THE FIREFIGHTER/EMT

Medical Director Will Ferguson, Birmingham (AL) Fire and Rescue

OUT OF SERVICE, NOT OUT OF POLICY: CRAFTING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR THE MODERN FIRE SERVICE

Training Captain/Paramedic Danielle Landholm, Omaha (NE) Fire Department

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

Fire Commissioner/Past Chief of Department Thomas Merrill, Snyder (NY) Fire Department

RAISING LADDER APPRECIATION AND KNOWLEDGE

Captain Samuel Hittle, Wichita (KS) Fire Department

*** ROADWAY OPERATIONS FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND EMTS**

Assistant Chief (Ret.) David Lewis, Odenton (MD) Volunteer Fire Company

THE "DECON DOMINOES": BREAKING THE CHAIN OF FIREGROUND CONTAMINATION

Captain Creston Ludlow, Phoenix (AZ) Fire Department

TIPS AND TECHNIQUES FOR TECHNICAL RESCUE

Captain Mike Giroux, Yonkers (NY) Fire Department

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FIRE RESCUE INDUSTRY? OPPORTUNITY IS HERE!

Rescue Chief Lindsay Judah, St. Petersburg (FL) Fire Rescue

WHEN LEADERSHIP LETS YOU DOWN: STAYING SANE, SAFE, AND EMPLOYED IN A TOXIC FIREHOUSE

Assistant Chief Laurie VandeSchoot, Okotoks (Alberta) Fire Rescue; Center for Fire, Rescue, and EMS Health Research

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35 THINGS EVERY FIRE OFFICER MUST KNOW AND DO

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

A FIREFIGHTER'S FIRE CHIEF

Chief (Ret.) Rick Lasky, Lewisville (Fire TX) Department

AN ELEVATOR RESCUE NEAR MISS: SOMETIMES KILLING THE POWER IS JUST NOT ENOUGH!

Firefighter (Ret.) Michael Dragonetti, Stamford (CT) Fire Department

ANATOMY OF AN ENGINE COMPANY

Captain Jay Bonnifield, Everett (WA) Fire Department

BECOMING UNDENIABLE: A NEW LOOK AT RECRUITING WOMEN INTO THE FIRE SERVICE

Firefighter Sarah Reasoner, Saint Paul (MN) Fire Department

*** BLOOD, BREATH, AND BALANCE: THE CRITICAL DANCE OF PERFUSION AND GAS EXCHANGE**

Perfusionist Brian Cress, Perfusion Dynamics

CAN YOU REALLY LEAVE YOUR PROBLEMS AT HOME? MENTAL HEALTH AND THE WORKPLACE

Jaketra Bryant, Diversity and Inclusion Strategist, Researcher, and Professional Counselor

CHALLENGES OF LARGE-SCALE LITHIUM-ION BATTERY INCIDENTS

Captain/Training Officer Patrick Durham, Troy (MI) Fire Department

DARE TO COMMAND

Company Director Katherine Lamb, Effective Command

FIREGROUND COMMUNICATIONS AND THE NIOSH 5

Assistant Chief Jaime Reyes, Plano (TX) Fire-Rescue

KEYS TO COMPANY SUCCESS

Assistant Chief Brian Zaitz, Kirkwood (MO) Fire Department

LEADERSHIP THROUGH TRAINING: THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF THE FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR

Deputy Chief Stephen Shaw, Jupiter (FL) Fire Rescue Department

LEARNING FROM OTHERS' EXPERIENCES

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

NO GOOD DUDE LEADERSHIP

Captain Noah Katz, Phoenix (AZ) Fire Department

*** PREHOSPITAL MANAGEMENT OF CBRNE INCIDENTS: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH FOR FIREFIGHTERS, EMS, AND CRITICAL CARE PROVIDERS**

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

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REACHING FOR EXCELLENCE: MEASURING AND IMPROVING INDUSTRIAL FIREFIGHTER PERFORMANCE

Deputy Chief/Division Chief of Training Alex Zielinski,
Eli Lilly (IN) Fire Department

RESIDENTIAL FIRE RESCUE- TACTICALLY PRIMED AND READY

Chief Mark van der Feyst, Fort Gratiot (MI) Fire Department

RESPONSE CHALLENGES FOR SUPER-BLOCK COMPLEXES

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

SLEEPLESS BY DESIGN: RETHINKING SHIFT CULTURE IN FIRE AND EMS

Director/Senior Scientist Sara Jahnke, Center for Fire,
Rescue & EMS Health Research

* STORMY COURSE: MANAGING ENDOCRINE EMERGENCIES IN THE PREHOSPITAL SETTING

Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine
and EMS Medical Director Mohamed Hagahmed,
Mt. Lebanon and Dromont (PA) Fire Departments

THE CRITICAL DECISION MAKER: SAY NO TO BLUE CARD—HOW ABOUT A HYBRID APPROACH?

Chief Michael Barakey, Suffolk (VA) Fire & Rescue

THE RESCUE MINDSET

Private Jake Hoffman, Toledo Fire & Rescue Department

TODAY'S MULTIPLE DWELLING: THE MID-RISE GROUNDSCRAPER

Captain Jimmy Davis, Chicago (IL) Fire Department

* **VENOM, VIOLENCE, AND VERY LARGE JAWS:
LESSONS FROM THE BUSINESS ENDS OF WILDLIFE**
Medical Director Benjamin Abo, Escambia County (FL)
Public Safety; Miami-Dade (FL) Fire Rescue Venom 1

WARRIOR'S BREATH

Owner/Founder Ric Jorge, Tactical Resiliency Training

WHAT IS OUR BIGGEST LIABILITY?

Deputy Chief Curt Varone, Exeter (RI) Fire Department

WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE STRATEGIES AND TACTICS FOR URBAN FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Station Officer Gerard Mann, Fire Rescue Victoria,
Australia

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Operations Chief Amy Hanifan, McMinnville (OR)
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* CARDIOGENIC SHOCK: THE PREHOSPITAL PROVIDER'S ROLE IN SAVING LIVES AND SHOCK TEAM ACTIVATIONS

Captain William Hallinan, Spencerport (NY) Fire District

* CHALLENGES OF THE FIREFIGHTER MARRIAGE

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

CHANGING THE FIRE SERVICE ONE LAWSUIT AT A TIME

Deputy Chief (Ret.) John Murphy, Eastside (WA) Fire and
Rescue; Attorney, Murphy Law Group

ENERGIZE YOUR OFFENSIVE ATTACK

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

EV FIREFIGHTING: HEALTH HAZARDS AND YOUR PPE

Research Engineer Richard Kesler, Fire Safety
Research Institute

FROM MID-RISE TO HIGH-RISE: ENGINE COMPANY OPERATIONS IN TALL BUILDINGS

Captain Anthony Rowett, Mobile (AL) Fire Rescue
Department

* HAZMAT HOTZONE RESCUES: THE GRAY AREA

Battalion Chief Phil Ambrose, Glendale (CA) Fire
Department

HEAD ABOVE WATER: DROWNING INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

Chief Jack Gramlich, Spring Lake (NJ) Fire Department

IMPOSTER SYNDROME: WILL THE REAL YOU PLEASE STAND UP?

Chief Officer (Ret.) Tiffanye Wesley, Arlington County
(VA) Fire Department

INITIAL SIZE-UP REPORTS FOR FIRST- DUE INCIDENT COMMANDERS

Deputy Chief of Operations (Ret.) Leonard Carmichael
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INTELLIGENTLY AGGRESSIVE SEARCH OPS: FAST, EFFICIENT, TARGETED DECISION MAKING

Captain Thomas Anderson, Charlotte (NC) Fire
Department

LAYING THE FOUNDATION: GROWING PARAMEDIC NUMBERS THROUGH STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

Chair of Public Safety Melissa Stuiwe, Del Mar College

* LEADERSHIP LESSONS LEARNED ON THE LINE

Deputy United States Fire Administrator (Ret.) Denis
Onieal, U.S. Fire Administration

* MEDICAL RESPONSE TO RADIATION EMERGENCIES

Medical Director Mark Liao, Indianapolis (IN) EMS

* PREHOSPITAL MANAGEMENT OF PENETRATING TRAUMA: THE TIME IS NOW

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

READING THE FIREGROUND

Deputy Chief Walter Lewis, Orlando (FL) International
Airport Fire Rescue

SMALLTOWN JOB TOWN

Chief Daniel Folks, Hammond (IN) Fire Department

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Deputy Chief Shea Chwialkowski, Orono (MN) Fire
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THE ANATOMY OF A NEAR MISS: TACTICAL LESSONS FOR COMMAND-LEVEL OPERATIONS

Division Chief of Training Garrett Rice, The Colony (TX)
Fire Department

THE ART OF READING SMOKE: THE NEXT GENERATION

Deputy Chief (Ret.) Phil Jose, Seattle (WA) Fire
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THE EVOLVING FIREGROUND UNVEILED: ESSENTIAL FIRE BEHAVIOR FOR TODAY'S TACTICS

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

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Chief Scott Thompson, The Colony (TX) Fire Department

THE MAYDAY MINDSET: THE ART OF TRAINING, LEARNING, AND SURVIVING

Division Chief Robert Ramirez, Jupiter (FL) Fire Rescue
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UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY: PREINCIDENT PLANNING FOR INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS

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Owner and Lead Instructor Andy Soccadato, *The Water Thieves*

AGGRESSIVE COMMAND LEADS TO SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES

District Chief Mo Davis, *Houston (TX) Fire Department*

DEVELOPING A LONG-TERM FLEET REPLACEMENT PLAN

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

FEMALE MENTORSHIP IN THE FIRE SERVICE

Firefighter/Acting Captain Safety Division Genna McMillan, *Ottawa (Canada) Fire Service*

FIGHTING HIGH-RISE FIRES: WHEN WIND IS A FACTOR

Captain (Ret.) John Ceriello, *Fire Department of New York*

FIRE CHEMISTRY, EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS, AND SITUATIONAL AWARENESS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Lieutenant Jarred Alden, *Akron (OH) Fire Department*

FIREGROUND CONSIDERATIONS

Captain Robert Eckert, *Camden (NJ) Fire Department*

FIRE STREAM DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND APPLICATION

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

FIREFIGHTER RESCUE SURVEY AND FSRI: THE FACTS AND PHYSICS OF THE FIREGROUND

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

FIREGROUND STRATEGIES: STRATEGIC LEVEL SIZE-UP

Deputy Chief (Ret.) Anthony Avilla, *North Hudson (NJ) Regional Fire and Rescue*

*** FIREHOUSE LAW: MAPPING THE MINEFIELD IN 2026**

Director John Rukavina, *Public Fire Safety Services*

*** FROM SCENE TO SURGERY: EMS ROLE IN ORTHOPAEDIC TRAUMA**

Physician Assistant Nathaniel Roach, *Orthopedics Northeast*

IGNITE INFLUENCE: EMPOWERING WOMEN TO LEAD, BUILD, AND BREAK BARRIERS IN THE FIRE SERVICE

Deputy Chief-Paramedic Oluwafunmike Omasere, *District of Columbia Fire and EMS*

LIGHTWEIGHT WOOD FRAME BUILDINGS: NOT YOUR GRANDPA'S FIRE BUILDING

Fire Marshal Paul Dansbach, *Rutherford (NJ) Bureau of Fire Safety*

*** MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: HOW KNOWING THE BASICS DRIVES PATIENT CARE**

Flight Nurse/Critical Care Educator Christina Philpott, *Impact EMS*

MENTAL TOUGHNESS TACTICS FOR THE FIREGROUND

Chief Training Officer Dave Gillespie, *Peterborough Fire Services (Canada)*

*** PUMPING BLOOD: TECHNOLOGY AND TRENDS IN MECHANICAL CIRCULATORY SUPPORT AND ECPR**

Perfusionist Brian Cress, *Perfusion Dynamics*

REIMAGINING PPE: ALIGNING PROTECTION WITH MODERN FIREFIGHTER NEEDS

President Jeffrey Stull, *International Personnel Protection, Inc.*

*** SEARCHABLE VS. SURVIVABLE: EDUCATED DECISION MAKING**

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

STRENGTH UNDER PRESSURE: ENHANCING FIRST RESPONDER TEAMS THROUGH MOTIVATION, VALUES, AND PERSONALITY

Manager Scott Martus, *Yale New Haven Health System; Deputy Chief (Ret.), North Haven (CT) Fire Department*

SWIFTWATER RESCUE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

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

THE PERFORMANCE DEFICIT: IDENTIFYING INTERNAL FAILURES THAT SABOTAGE FIREFIGHTERS AND REBUILDING FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Captain Kory Pearn, *St. Thomas (Ontario, Canada) Fire Department*

WHEN THE SPRINKLERS ARE NOT ENOUGH

Battalion Chief Kyle Smith, *Cobb County (GA) Fire & Emergency Services*

YOUR CANCER ISN'T GOING TO PREVENT ITSELF: TACTICAL PRIMARY CARE FOR FIREFIGHTERS

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EMS Lieutenant Stephen Wilcox, *The Colony (TX) Fire Department*

AGGRESSIVE SEARCH AND YES: FINDING SURVIVABLE SPACE

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

CARE BIAS IN EMERGENCY SERVICES

Assistant Chief Mike Scott, *Grand Fire Protection District 1*

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS, ASSESSMENT, AND TREATMENT OF RESPIRATORY COMPLAINTS

Captain (Ret.) Steven LeCroy Sr., *St. Petersburg (FL) Fire and Rescue*

DON'T LOSE YOURSELF: A FIRST RESPONDER'S MENTAL HEALTH PLAYBOOK

Sgt./Paramedic Cody Spaulding, *Frankfort (KY) Fire Department*

EFFICIENT & EFFECTIVE COMMERCIAL FORCIBLE ENTRY: BIGGER BUILDINGS PRESENT BIGGER CHALLENGES

Lieutenant Robert James, *Frederick County (MD) Fire/Rescue*

EXERCISE AS MEDICINE: REDUCING FIREFIGHTERS' RISK OF CANCER, HEART DISEASE, AND BURNOUT

Professor Dave Frost, *University of Toronto, Canada*

FAILING TO TEACH, OR TEACHING TO FAIL?

Superintendent (Ret.) Dave Casey, *Florida State Fire College*

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION SITES: PLANNING YOUR VISITS

Firefighter (Ret.) Jim Kane, *Fire Department of New York*

*** MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR TECHNICAL RESCUE**

Lieutenant Douglas Hexel, *Schenectady (NY) Fire Department*

MORE THAN JUST BATTERIES: UNIVERSAL STEPS TO CALLS INVOLVING ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

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NO-EXCUSE AERIAL OPERATIONS

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OPERATIONS AND COMMAND CONSIDERATIONS AT GARDEN APARTMENTS

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OPTIMIZING FIREGROUND OPERATIONS: FIVE CRITICAL AREAS FOR SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES

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PREPARING FOR A LINE-OF-DUTY DEATH-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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THE HAT DANCE: REALITIES OF THE SHORT-STAFFED COMPANY OFFICER

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*** THE LIMB AND LIFE-THREATENING TRIO OF CRUSH SYNDROME, CRUSH INJURY, AND COMPARTMENT SYNDROME**

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Captain Brian Gettemeier, Cottleville (MO) Fire Protection District

* ANNUAL OSHA INFECTION CONTROL UPDATE TRAINING

Infection Control Consultant Katherine West

COMMANDING ALONE: LEADING THE FIREGROUND WHEN YOU'RE ALL YOU'VE GOT

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

* COURAGE UNDER FIRE LEADERSHIP

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

DON'T TOUCH THE RED BUTTON: UNDERSTANDING THE INS AND OUTS OF PUMP CONTROLS

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

* EVERY LINK MATTERS: GABBY'S STORY AND THE ROLE OF EMS IN SURVIVOR-CENTERED RESPONSE

Chief (Ret.) James Schmidt, Blue Point (NY) Fire Department

EXAMINING THE MAYDAY

Senior Director of Research Daniel Madrzykowski, Fire Safety Research Institute

FROM ASHES TO ARMOR: TURNING MORAL INJURY AND ORGANIZATIONAL BETRAYAL INTO UNBREAKABLE RESILIENCE

Apparatus Driver Jeremy Sanders, Edmond (OK) Fire Department

INTO THE WILDLANDS: FIREGROUND COMMAND IN THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE

Battalion Chief Mo Khazaal, Los Angeles County (CA) Fire Department

* MANAGING THE MASS-CASUALTY INCIDENT

Manager of EMS Programs Karen Owens, Northern Virginia Emergency Response System

MAXIMIZING WATER SUPPLY WITH DRAFTING

Chief (Ret.) Gerard Naylis, Bergenfield (NJ) Fire Department

MAYDAY MONDAY: SURVIVING AND FIGHTING BASEMENT FIRES

Deputy Chief Tony Carroll, Louisa County (VA) Department of Fire & EMS

PURPOSE DRIVEN-MISSION MINDED

Firefighter Blake Stinnett, Greene County (GA) Fire Department

STANDPIPES: MUCH MORE THAN JUST "MAKING THE HALLWAY"

Captain Anthony Zaccaro Jr., Fire Department of New York

SURVIVABILITY PROFILING: RESCUING VICTIMS AND KEEPING YOU AND YOUR MEMBERS SAFE

Battalion Chief (Ret.) Stephen Marsar, Fire Department of New York

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* YOUR PPE: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

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APRIL 23-25, 2026 | LUCAS OIL STADIUM

This immersive experience in Lucas Oil is at the core of FDIC's critical mission 'to train' fire and EMS professionals worldwide. The experience is broken out into activations, carefully designed to deconstruct live-action scenarios to enhance firefighter and EMS professionals' skills and prepare them for the future. From cutting-edge equipment to state-of-the-art devices, attendees will have access to the best resources at their fingertips.

DRILL YARD: FDIC's premier training ground, dedicated to hands-on tactical instruction for first responders. Designed to replicate real-world challenges, this space offers immersive simulations in vehicle stabilization, extrication, bailout, forcible entry, and more—building the essential skills needed to perform under pressure.

HEALTH & WELLNESS: This area is dedicated to supporting the physical and mental well-being of first responders. Through expert-led discussions, educational activations, and complimentary cancer screenings, attendees can gain critical insights into mental health, cancer prevention, nutrition, and other key aspects of first responder wellness.

***NEW* THE SIM YARD:** From airway management to incident command, The Sim Yard showcases the full spectrum of EMS response in a dynamic, hands-on environment. This is where education meets adrenaline—where EMS professionals can practice, perform, and progress in the same arena that hosts champions.

CENTRAL PARK sponsored by FirstNet, Built with AT&T: This space offers a relaxed, social environment where attendees can connect and recharge. Featuring casual games, therapy dogs, and tasty concessions, it's the perfect space to unwind, network, and enjoy a break from the day's activities.

REMEMBRANCE SQUARE sponsored by Verizon Frontline: A dedicated space to honor and reflect on 9/11, featuring the Tunnel to Towers Mobile Exhibit, interactive timelines, and powerful conversations at the news desk. Visitors can leave messages of remembrance and connect in this meaningful area with seating and concessions.

IGNITE: an exhibiting destination for start-ups or small businesses

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Sponsor list as of 12/8/25



PLAN YOUR FDIC EXPERIENCE

Make the most of your time at FDIC – with so many registration options available, you can choose the FDIC package that’s right for you! View the package breakdown and **register today to lock in early bird pricing – rates increase after March 6.**



REGISTER TODAY!

Want the full FDIC experience at the best value? Register for our **Training All-Inclusive Package**, which gets you up to 20 hours of Hands-on Training (H.O.T.) and Workshops for one flat rate! Plus, unlock more savings when you register 3 or more department members for the Training All-Inclusive or Conference packages with our discounted **Group Plans**.

	TRAINING ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE	CONFERENCE	ONE-DAY CONFERENCE	HANDS-ON TRAINING & EXHIBITS ONLY	EXHIBITS PACKAGE	ONE-DAY EXHIBITS
WHAT'S INCLUDED:						
HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) EVOLUTIONS, HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS & WORKSHOPS	20 hours	\$\$*	–	\$\$*	–	–
CLASSROOM SESSIONS	☑	☑	☑	–	–	–
EXHIBIT HALL ACCESS	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
INDIVIDUAL PASS	\$1,430	\$673*	\$\$	\$369*	\$75	\$60
GROUP PLAN 3-4 PER PERSON PRICE	\$1,330	\$663*	–	–	–	–
GROUP PLAN 5-9 PER PERSON PRICE	\$1,230	\$653*	–	–	–	–
GROUP PLAN 10-14 PER PERSON PRICE	\$1,130	\$643*	–	–	–	–
GROUP PLAN 15-19 PER PERSON PRICE	\$1,030	\$633*	–	–	–	–
GROUP PLAN 20+ PER PERSON PRICE	\$930	\$623*	–	–	–	–

*The **Hands-on Training & Exhibits Only** and **Conference** packages DO NOT include the cost for each individual Hands-on Training (H.O.T.) Evolutions, Hands-on Workshops or Workshops, see Add-on Pricing below to calculate your total cost.

**Pricing details available on fdic.com/attend/registration-packages

SESSION ADD-ON PRICING

	RATES
4-HOUR HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) EVOLUTION	\$197
8-HOUR HANDS-ON TRAINING (H.O.T.) EVOLUTION	\$325
4-HOUR HANDS-ON WORKSHOP	\$197
4-HOUR WORKSHOP	\$165

SUMMIT & PARTNER CONFERENCE PRICING

	EARLY BIRD RATES (before 3/6/26)	STANDARD RATES (after 3/6/26)
EMS INNOVATION SUMMIT, NEXTGEN FIRE RESCUE TECH SUMMIT, INDUSTRIAL FIRE SUMMIT, AIRCRAFT FIRE AND RESCUE SUMMIT, WOMEN IN FIRE CONFERENCE	\$225*	\$250*

*Pricing does not include access to FDIC International Conference program or Exhibit Hall. Summit passes can be added to FDIC registration package that best fits your desired experience!
Please note: Conference pass holders will receive a discount on Summit registration.

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