

Host City Welcome Letter

JOHN MONACO
MAYOR



Greetings to the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association!

On behalf of the City of Mesquite, I am pleased to offer a warm welcome to association members, and their families, to the 135th Annual Conference of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association.

We appreciate the dedication and honor your association represents, and we are proud to host SFFMA in Mesquite this year. Our goal is to provide quality hospitality, outstanding service, and the opportunity for a successful conference.

We are excited to showcase our city to all our SFFMA visitors. While you are here, we hope you have an opportunity to visit many of our attractions, such as the Mesquite Arts Center, where you will find an art exhibit by Carl Sidle called "Jazz Shadows", and a concert for jazz lovers called "JazzBreaks on the Plaza".

You can also visit the Florence Ranch Homestead, one of two historic homes, and experience the lives of one of the pioneer families of Mesquite. And of course, the Mesquite Pro Rodeo at Resistol Arena is sure to thrill the entire family with some daring PRCA rodeo action. These are just a few of the many attractions available in June.

You will find a restaurant for almost every taste here, plus several shopping areas, including Town East Mall, with over 150 shops and restaurants under one roof.

As Mayor of the City of Mesquite, it is indeed a pleasure to welcome all of you, and encourage you to return often as a visitor, with your family, or with your association. We look forward to the opportunity to plan a future conference here again soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Monaco".

JOHN MONACO
MAYOR

Conference Keynote Speaker

CHIEF RICK LASKY



Rick Lasky, a 30-year veteran of the fire service, is chief of the Lewisville (TX) Fire Department. Rick began his career as a firefighter in the suburbs on the southwest side of Chicago and while in Illinois received the 1996 International Society of Fire Service Instructors "Innovator of the Year" award for his part in developing the "Saving Our Own" program. He served as the co-lead instructor for the H.O.T. Firefighter Survival program at FDIC for over 10 years and is an editorial advisory board member of Fire Engineering Magazine and also serves on the FDIC advisory board. Rick contributes monthly to Fire Engineering's Roundtable column, is the author of both the "Pride and Ownership-A Firefighter's Love of the Job" leadership series featured in Fire Engineering Magazine and the book published by PennWell Books, as well as the host for the radio show "Pride and Ownership" heard on Fire Engineering Radio.

Tradition, TRADITION!

Sunday, June 19, 2011

2:00 pm - Hampton Inn & Suites, Mesquite

Most fire service instructors teach the basics of firefighting--hose stretching techniques, ladder raises, and SCBA use, to name a few. Yet, there is one class that fails to make the syllabus of most rookie firefighting courses--the history and traditions of the fire service. It is the long and proud history of the fire service that instills pride in a new firefighter. Learn the important aspects of American fire service history and the traditions that should be instilled in a new recruit. This program discusses the need for preserving our fire service heritage and why every new firefighter should understand it.

Pride and Ownership: The Love for the Job

Monday, June 20, 2011

10:00 am - 6:00 pm - Hampton Inn & Suites

Ignite Your Love for the Job

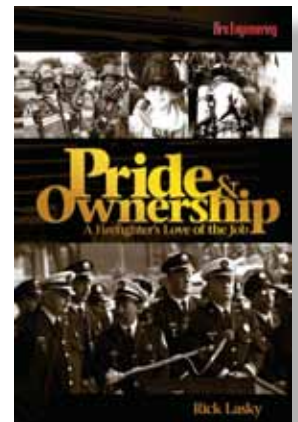
Pride and Ownership holds no punches. Chief Rick Lasky takes a hard look at the fire service and finds it short on the only element that makes it effective: passion. Chief Lasky gives an upfront and honest criticism about the need to reignite the love of the job on every level, from chiefs on down.

Do you have what it takes? Not everyone is cut out for the fire service. It takes only the best to serve the public when people need help most. Pride and Ownership calls for men and women with honor and integrity to measure up to the task.

There's nothing else in the world like being a firefighter. Every day Chief Lasky remembers why his job is the best in the world and he brings that passion to Pride and Ownership. Chief Lasky revisits the proud history and tradition of the fire service and reflects on the family values and brotherhood that have made firefighting a truly family-oriented vocation.

Program Features:

- Our Mission
- The Firefighter
- The Company Officer
- The Chief
- Our Two Families
- Sweating the Small Stuff
- Changing Shirts-The Promotion
- What September 11th Did To Us and For Us
- Ceremonies That Stoke the Flames of Tradition
- Marketing Your Fire Department
- Making It All Happen and Taking Care of Number 1
- Have You Forgotten?



Purchase your Pride & Ownership book from our SFFMA store and have it autographed by Chief Lasky at the Annual Conference in Mesquite.

Pre-registration is required for Pride and Ownership workshop on Monday, June 20, 2011. See registration on page 23.

Keynote Speaker Sponsor



California Casualty

Conference Information

Exhibits

Exhibitors will be showcasing products and services in the Exhibit Hall and Salon A of the Mesquite Convention Center. Only those vendors who are registered may display apparatus or other vehicles and equipment at the Conference.

Exhibit Hours

Saturday, June 18, 2011

9:00 am - 5:00 pm



Food & Beverage

Concessions will be available on Friday and Saturday. The Recognition of Exhibitors will take place at the Exhibit Hall on Saturday, June 18, 2011 from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Trophies will be presented to exhibitors at this time and door prizes will be given away.

Schedule

Visit www.sffma.org/conference for a full schedule and description of conference events.

Facilities

- All Exhibits, Business Sessions and Training Workshops will be held at the Mesquite Convention Center which is a part of the Hampton Inn & Suites.
- Memorial Service will be held at Mesquite High School.
- Driving Contest and Pumper Races will take place in the parking lot of the Hampton Inn & Suites.

Conference Registration

There are three methods to register for this year's conference:

1. online (Preferred Method) at www.sffma.org/conference
2. by mail - send your filled registration form along with payment to:
SFFMA 2011, 4450 Frontier Trail, Austin, TX 78745
3. by fax- with credit card payment. Fax number: 512-453-1876

NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER MAY 30, 2011

Name Badges

All attendees and conference visitors must wear an official conference name badge to all conference functions.

Complimentary visitors and guests can register for Saturday only at the on-site registration booth inside the Exhibit Hall.

Hotel information

Conference attendees who wish to make lodging arrangements may contact the following hotels. To receive the group rate, you must identify yourself as an SFFMA member.

NOTE: Reservation cut off dates are strictly adhered to by the hotels:

ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

HOST HOTEL

HAMPTON INN & SUITES
1700 Rodeo Drive
Mesquite, TX 75149
Phone: (972) 329-3100

SOLD OUT!

OVERFLOW HOTELS

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
21850 IH 635
Mesquite, TX 75149
Phone: (972) 288-9900

SOLD OUT!

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT
2300 Interstate 30
Mesquite, TX 75150
Phone: (972) 681-3300

SOLD OUT!

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

June 17 – 22, 2011

Mesquite, TX

Friday, June 17, 2011

6:00 am - 7:00 am Exhibits Committee Meeting
7:00 am - 5:00 pm Exhibitor Registration
7:00 am Exhibit Hall Move In
1:00 pm Executive Board Meeting
2:00 pm Certification Board Meeting
3:00 pm T*Flag Meeting
3:00 pm TFA Board and Committee Meeting

Saturday, June 18, 2011

7:00 am Past Presidents Breakfast
7:30 am - 9:00 am Constitution & Bylaws Committee
7:30 am - 9:00 am Finance Committee
8:00 am Poster Committee Meeting
8:15 am - 9:45 am Firefighter of the Year Interviews
8:30 am Sergeant at Arms meeting
9:00 am - 5:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open
9:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration inside the Exhibit Hall
10:00 am - Noon Memorial Service Rehearsal
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm TFA Workshops
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm SFFMA Recognition of Exhibitors
5:00 pm District Officers Meeting
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm EMS Committee
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Exhibit Hall Move Out
6:00 pm Open night

Sunday, June 19, 2011

7:30 am - 9:30 am Driving Contest
8:00 am Firefighter of the Year Breakfast
(Invitations Only)
10:00 am Memorial Service Lineup
10:30 am - Noon Memorial Service
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Luncheon
1:00 pm TIESB Board Meeting
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm First Business Session
3:00 pm TFA Scrapbook Judging
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Host City Reception

Monday, June 20, 2011

8:00 am - Noon Registration
7:30 am - 8:30 am Poster Contest Judging
7:30 am - 8:30 am TFA Business Meeting registration
8:00 am - 9:30 am Second Business Session
8:30 am TFA Business Meeting
10:00 am - 6:00 pm Training Workshops
1:00 pm Vernon "Blondy" Rucker Memorial
Golf Tournament
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hospitality Night

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

8:00 am - 3:00 pm Training Workshops
8:00 am Credentials Committee
8:00 am Pumper Race Meeting
Committee Members ONLY
11:00 am TFA Luncheon
1:30 pm Pumper Race Team Captain Meeting
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Pumper Races
6:30 pm - 10:00pm SFFMA Awards Banquet/Dinner
President's Reception

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

8:00 am - 10:30 am Third Business Session
9:00 am TFA Board Meeting
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm SFFMA Executive Board Meeting

Aloha

The annual conference and convention gives Texas fire-fighters the opportunity for a lot of fun along with hard work to improve the fire service. 1961 Past President C. H. Boring shares some of his past conference memories.

My first State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Convention was in 1936 at Port Arthur, 74 years ago. I remember visiting with Past President W.P. "Uncle Buck" Hallmark from Dublin, Texas who was President in 1923. He always sat on the front seat as his hearing was not too good, but always ready to talk to whoever wanted to talk to him. He was an inspiration to me and I learned things from him.

In 1948 G.F. Dohrn from Mission was fanatic making sure during his term on the board that every T was crossed and every I dotted, etc. Being a Judge he was insistent that EVERYTHING was Legal and done correctly.

During a period of years beginning in 1952 Garland Fulbright could get the convention held in San Antonio whenever he asked because of Pearl and Lone Star breweries along with other super entertainment he could round up made a most enjoyable visit to San Antonio. He had the "talk" that worked every time.

In 1955 President Paul Conley had Justin Wilson, the famous Cajun story teller who really "pepped up" the audience



with his Cajun voice and jokes, and most of us went home with one of his tapes. I still have mine in our car and play it on occasion with good memories of that convention in Dallas.

In 1959 President Mason Langford worked the fire out of all of us with the pension plans. Lots of meetings, even overnight sessions etc. to get this squared away. Lots of hard work day and night with this.

I am looking forward to get to speak and be with some of the Greatest Folks in Texas - The Texas Firemen !!!!!

Aloha,
C. H. Boring
SFFMA Past President 1961

We all look forward to seeing you in Mesquite this June for good times and hard work.

Conference Information

NEW THIS YEAR

Below please find a list of changes and new things that will be introduced at this year's conference in Mesquite.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration will NOT be available on Friday, June 17, 2011.

Registration will open on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 9:00 am and will be located inside the Exhibit Hall

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- The Saturday committee schedule has been changed. Visit www.sffma.org/conference for the full version of the conference schedule.
- Saturday night will be a free night. You are welcome to visit the Mesquite Rodeo.
- One day registration will be available for Monday or Tuesday training workshops.
- There will be no training during our Pumper Races on Tuesday afternoon.
- Tuesday evening Banquet now has a dress code. No shorts or beach flip flops, please.

CONFERENCE BADGES

Conference Badges will include a QR code with your personal information (name, phone number and email) to be used in the Exhibit Hall.



Name: John Smith
Phone: 512-454-3473
johnsmith2011@yahoo.com

What is a QR code?

Although initially used for tracking parts in vehicle manufacturing, QR codes are now used in a much broader context, including both commercial tracking applications and convenience-oriented applications aimed at mobile phone users (known as mobile tagging). QR codes can be used to display text to the user, to add a vCard contact to the user's device, to open a URL or to compose an email or text message.

How to generate a QR code?

Go to <http://zxing.appspot.com/generator/> and create your very own QR code. (you can choose your content as well as the size of your QR code).

How to read the QR code information?

You will need a smart phone. Go to the app store and search for Scan Life (if your phone can't find Scan Life, find another barcode reader that works for your phone). Once you download this free app, open the app and point your phone camera to it and let your phone decode the information.

WELCOME TO MESQUITE!

The City of Mesquite and Mesquite Convention & Visitors Bureau
INVITE YOU TO ATTEND



Host City Family Night

Sunday, June 19, 2011

City Lake Aquatic Center

200 Parkview

The SFFMA family can enjoy two pools – a 25 foot lap pool, and a zero depth entry pool with an aquatic play structure, plus a 25 foot spiral slide! Lifeguards will be on duty throughout the evening for this private event.

The Aquatic Center is located at City Lake Park, which also offers a one-half mile walking/jogging trail around a beautiful four-acre lake, which is stocked bi-weekly with channel catfish or rainbow trout, so bring your fishing license and tackle.

The Convention & Visitors Bureau will provide the food and non-alcoholic beverages, plus transportation will be offered to and from the Aquatic Center. Parking is available if you decide to drive your own vehicle.

Additional attractions for you to visit during your stay:

- Town East Mall, with over 150 shops and restaurants
- Rodeo City Music Hall, performances on Saturday night
- Celebration Station, a variety of games and rides, inside and outside
- Devils Bowl Raceway, stock car racing dirt track style, Friday and Saturday nights
- Florence Ranch Homestead, tours available Tuesday through Friday
- Mesquite Arts Center with art exhibits and a jazz concert on Tuesday evening

Welcome SFFMA, and please come back again soon!



135th Annual Training Conference and Convention
June 17-22, 2011
Mesquite, TX
REGISTRATION FORM

Office use ONLY

AVOID FILLING OUT REGISTRATION FORM BY REGISTERING ONLINE AT www.sffma.org

Member ID#:

Member Type: Member (Non-voting) Non-Member SFFMA Staff/Board Delegate

Name: _____
(as to appear on badge)

Mobile #: _____

Email: _____

FD/Organization: _____

FD/Org SFFMA ID#: _____
(optional)

FOR DELEGATES ONLY: Each member department is authorized to send up to five delegates, Registration must have an approved signature from the Fire Chief on file to be processed.

I authorize the above named individual to represent our member department as a delegate at this year's annual conference. I understand there can only be 5 delegates per department participating in the voting process.

DELEGATE #: 1 2 3 4 5

Fire Chief Signature:

FEES & DEADLINES

Registration Fees include:

- Access to exhibits, all functions
- Main Conference workshops
- ONE banquet ticket per registrant

One Day Registration: Monday
 Tuesday

MEMBERS
Before June 1st \$150
After June 1st \$250

NON-MEMBERS
Before June 1st \$200
After June 1st \$300

Before June 1st 80
After June 1st \$100

Before June 1st 100
After June 1st \$120

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER MAY 30TH

PLEASE INDICATE ACTIVITIES YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: Host City Reception (Sun) Pumper Races (Tue)
 Hospitality Night (Mon) SFFMA Banquet (Tue) (A) Subtotal:

TFA AND ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION-Allowed only with the purchase of the FULL conference registration above. Spouse/Guest Registration includes ONE banquet ticket per registration, access to main conference, exhibits and activities. **NOTE:** TFA and Additional Registrants will NOT be eligible to attend training sessions.

BEFORE JUNE 1ST \$70 ■ AFTER JUNE 1ST \$90

Additional registration types: TFA Spouse of SFFMA/TFA Member Guest of SFFMA/TFA Member

(1) Name:

(2) Name:

YOUTH REGISTRATION-Allowed only with the FULL conference registration above, includes access to SFFMA exhibits, activities, and ONE banquet ticket. Price of \$30 for ages 7-17, children 6 and under are FREE!

(1) Name: Age: (3) Name: Age:

(2) Name: Age: (4) Name: Age:

ADDITIONAL BANQUET TICKETS are available for those who will be attending the SFFMA Banquet ONLY.

X \$20.00 Each =

(B) Subtotal:

THIS TRAINING CONFERENCE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE TEXAS FOREST SERVICE FOR ELIGIBLE HB2604 GRANT FUNDING.



Method of Payment: MC VISA AMEX DISC

Cardholder Name: _____

Credit Card #: _____

CHECK #:
 PO

Subtotals (A) _____
 (B) _____

Expiration Date: _____
(m/yr)

Grand Total:

Completed registration forms can be mailed to:

SFFMA 2011
4450 FRONTIER TRAIL
AUSTIN, TX 78745

OR Faxed to (512) 453-1876

PLEASE SELECT YOUR CLASS CHOICES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS BELOW

- Do you require special assistance during conference? Please specify. _____

- Do you have any severe food allergies or dietary restrictions? (Sunday luncheon and Tuesday dinner only)
 - Vegetarian Vegan Gluten Free Other _____

TRAINING WORKSHOPS

(please check all workshops planning to attend)

	9:30AM	11:00AM	PM	1:15PM	2:45PM
Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> Firestop & Standards and Inspection <i>Troy Carter</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> PENDING		<input type="checkbox"/> New Car Technology! Does your department have what it takes? <i>Kirby Wilson Paul Feley</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Using Firehouse for SFFMA Reporting <i>Allison Dean Mike Rogers</i>
Monday	8:00 AM 2nd Business Session	10:00 AM	PM 12:30PM		3:00PM
		<input type="checkbox"/> Pride & Ownership <i>Rick Lasky</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Pride & Ownership <i>Rick Lasky</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Pride & Ownership <i>Rick Lasky</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Small Unit Firefighting Operations <i>Michael Richardson Chris Caster</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Operations Are YOU Prepared? <i>Ronnie Sexton</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> What ISO can do for you: Understanding the Tools & Resources of ISO <i>Robert "Butch" Cobb</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/> How to use Technology to Stretch Your Training Dollars <i>Bill Kimball Jane McCluskey</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Haz-Mat Release Issues <i>Bob Hodges</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Making Training Count, So Everyone Goes Home <i>Forest Reeder</i>
Tuesday	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	PM	1:00PM	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading Smoke <i>Roy Mercer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading Smoke <i>continued</i> <i>Roy Mercer</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Intervention Rescuing Trapped Fire Fighters <i>Robert "Butch" Cobb</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> TEXFIRS Program Management <i>Virginia Garza</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> SFFMA Certification Workshop <i>Kevin Creamer</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> SFFMA Certification Testing <i>Kevin Creamer</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Problem Students <i>Danny Hurt</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> GEN Busters: Terminating Tension on the Team (part 1 of 2) <i>Pete Tokar</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> GEN Busting the Millennials (part 2 of 2) <i>Pete Tokar</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> CISM Overview <i>Karen Yates Jason Dush</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> CPR: Where are the Survivors? <i>Kenny Navarro</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Fireground Medical Considerations <i>Forrest Wood</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergencies, Notifications and Relationships <i>Jeff Suggs</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) <i>Michael Richardson Steve Pollock</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Preparedness and Response <i>Bob Koenig</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Duties & Responsibilities of the Fire Safety Officer <i>John Hicks</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply: Limited Resources Unlimited Options <i>Jeffrey Gore</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Rural Water Supply Operations <i>Mark Wobus Henry Perry</i>	

THANK YOU!

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SATURDAY - June 18

9:30 am - 10:45 am

Firestop, Standards & Inspection
Troy Carter

Theory of Firestop, Testing Standards for all types of construction today and how to understand UL systems and where to find them. The Inspection of Firestop work and what to expect when doing an inspection today.

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Check Online Registration
for the latest updates.

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm

New Car Technology! Does your
department have what it takes?

Kirby Wilson, Paul Feley

New car technology Rescue tools and computer training programs per NFPA.

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Using Firehouse for SFFMA
Reporting

Allison Dean, Mike Rogers

This class will be most useful to members of the nearly 600 fire departments using FIREHOUSE Software and it will cover:

- The recent changes with the SFFMA Training categories and objectives and how they affect FIREHOUSE Software users.
- In the class the student will be taught how to update their FIREHOUSE data to conform with the new Training Category standards and how to run the SFFMA Progress Report.
- How to use the same training record to record the Additional ISO Training Categories so their department may better the ISO rating for their community.
- How to run multiple other reports related to training, ISO and generally documenting your firefighters involvement in the department.

MONDAY - June 20

10:00 am - 11:45 am

Pride & Ownership: The Love for the Job

Rick Lasky (8 hour training - must attend full day for CE credits)

Pride and Ownership holds no punches. Chief Rick Lasky takes a hard look at the fire service and finds it short on the only element that makes it effective: passion. Chief Lasky gives an upfront and honest criticism about the need to reignite the love of the job on every level, from chiefs on down. Do you have what it takes? Not everyone is cut out for the fire service. It takes only the best to serve the public when people need help most. Pride and Ownership calls for men and women with honor and integrity to measure up to the task. There's nothing else in the world like being a firefighter. Every day Chief Lasky remembers why his job is the best in the world and he brings that passion to Pride and Ownership. Chief Lasky revisits the proud history and tradition of the fire service and reflects on the family values and brotherhood that have made firefighting a truly family-oriented vocation.

Small Unit Firefighting Operations

Michael Richardson, Chris Carter

Many fire departments are operating at staffing levels below most recommended levels, and with the state of the current economy we will likely not see a lot of improvement in the near future. But operating with fewer numbers does not mean our firefighting forces cannot be aggressive, safe and successful. This class will explore tactics, strategies, and philosophies that can help your department to continue to provide safe and effective firefighting services to your community, even when your department must arrive with limited staffing at the fireground.

How to use Technology to Stretch Your Training Dollars

Bill Kimball, Jane McCluskey

Budgets are shrinking and departments need to turn to technology as a means to help deliver their training. Technology resources like Learning Management Systems and interactive courses, cut down on classroom time WITHOUT sacrificing the delivery of vital knowledge and information. See how technology resources can help instructors meet the challenge of delivering training around full time jobs and other life commitments. An overview of the different types of technology resources will be presented to determine which might fit your budget and meet your training needs. Today's fire service student learns differently than anyone else ever has. Instructors must be aware of the differences in these students as compared to experienced firefighters while identifying the many similarities they share. Finding a blend to engage both types of students in the learning process is a challenging task for the most experienced instructor. Learn how to find ways to integrate technological resources into traditional learning environments. An example of a Fire Fighter 1 and 2 course set up in JBCourse Manager (our learning management system built on Moodle) as well as our Fire Fighter Interactive and JBTest Prep Fire Fighter options will be presented.

1:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Pride & Ownership: The Love for the Job

Rick Lasky (8 hour training)

Continuing

Vehicle Operations - Are YOU Prepared?

Ronnie Sexton

Program will cover the areas that are contributing factors in fire department vehicle accidents. Topics of discussion - Driver Training, Vehicle Familiarization, Knowledge of Department Policies & Procedures, Knowledge of State Laws pertaining to emergency vehicle operations, and What are we doing wrong.

Haz-Mat Release Issues

Bob Hodges

This class will cover a number of response related issues/scenarios regarding releases of petroleum based products. All topics will be based on events that have occurred or can occur in areas around our state. I have invited Safety Rep's from Atmos Energy to speak on low pressure (distribution lines) that service our towns and cities. As we all know, this is where most accidents occur that involve pipelines. Videos will reinforce these safety related topics. Those of you that have seen past programs will find a noticeable upgrade from the basic 101 classes previously presented.

3:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Pride & Ownership: The Love for the Job

Rick Lasky (8 hour training)

Continuing until 6:00 pm.

What ISO can do for you: Understanding the Tools & Resources of ISO

Robert "Butch" Cobb

This guided program will foster insight into the tools and resources available through ISO. Director Cobb will provide an overview of the ISO resource, Fire Chiefs Online- a special secured website with information and features that can help improve your ISO Public Protection Classification (PPC™). On this site fire chiefs can access: an interactive map of your fire-protection area, valuable reports on commercial buildings in your jurisdiction, information on building construction, occupancies, and hazards, information on sprinkler systems, estimate the Needed Fire Flow for buildings Chief Cobb will also provide an update on the revised Fire Suppression Rating Schedule. In the battle against property loss, fire department officials around the country should feel confident that they can rely on ISO as an objective source of information and technical support.

Making Training Count, So Everyone Goes Home or Saving Lives With a Cardboard Box; The Box of Death

Forest Reeder

Today more than ever, finding ways to make training count takes creativity, enthusiasm and a desire to go the extra mile to ensure that everyone goes home. This presentation will demonstrate ways of meeting this challenge using small props, quick drills and tabletop tactical training sessions made inexpensively but with the same impact as a day at the training tower. Instructors, training officers and firefighters alike will find a take-away from this session that they can almost instantly use to make training count. You'll be challenged to use text messaging, email and YouTube videos as ways to get the training and survival message out.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

TUESDAY - June 21

8:00 am - 9:45 am

GENERAL - Reading Smoke
Roy Mercer (3 hour training)
This class was developed by Dave Dodson responsesafe.com. As a first-due officer, you must be able to predict fire behavior and hostile fire events. If you don't, firefighters will die or be critically injured. The key to predicting fire behavior is in your ability to read smoke as you arrive and begin firefighting operations. This class will change your tactical procedures as a company officer and as an incident commander forever. The class will cover what the smoke is telling us by color, rate of flow and density. Reading smoke is a definite benefit for firefighter safety for survival. We should remember, "Practice doesn't make perfect, PERFECT practice makes perfect!" (Chief Dave Dodson ...).

CERTIFICATION/ REPORTING - TEXTFIRS Program Management

Virginia Garza
TEXTFIRS/NFIRS program updates and data quality discussion. Using the NFIRS Web-Based Reporting Tool to create summary reports from incident data.

EDUCATION - Problem Students

Danny Hurr
Disruption in the classroom and training field can significantly reduce or limit the amount of time for students. It can also lead to unsafe and negative learning that could have serious implications when the students apply what they have learned in the field. You may remember the following problem students- the Monopolizer, the Historian, the Day-Dreamer, and the Expert. In this session we will discuss some of the new problem students we have today.

EMS - Critical Incident Stress Management for Emergency Workers - Overview

Karen Yates, Jason Dush
At completion of this educational offering the participant will be able to discuss personality traits of fire fighters and emergency workers. They will also be able to define a critical incident and give examples of several. We will particularly talk about Line of Duty Death of firefighters and/or EMS workers. The participant will be able to list sources of stress including psychological, psychosocial, bioecological, and personality traits. They will be able to discuss factors that contribute to a stress response and the various stages of stress. A discussion will take place involving a survey of nursing and EMS providers regarding critical incident stress. The participant will be able to discuss various interventions including defusings and debriefings.

LEADERSHIP - Emergencies, Notifications and Relationships

Jeff Suggs
This session will discuss what is an actual emergency that the public needs to know about and how does this information get disseminated. We will also discuss how relationships play an important role in an emergency to both our internal and external stakeholders.

SAFETY/ OPERATIONS - Duties & Responsibilities of the Fire Safety Officer

John Hicks
This session will address the essential duties and responsibilities of the Fire Safety Officer, or Safety Officer for their respective departments. Discussion will include NFPA requirements and guidelines; what the Texas Department of Insurance - Division of Worker's Compensation looks for in effective safety programs and what we as a Workers' Compensation carrier expect to find. Additionally, we will discuss training for the Fire Safety Officer, what resources are available for them, etc.

10:00 am - 11:45 am

GENERAL - Reading Smoke
Roy Mercer (3 hour training)
Continuing.

CERTIFICATION/ REPORTING - SFFMA Certification Workshop

Kevin Creamer
Workshop attendance is a requirement for all Certification Coordinators as continuing education in order to maintain the department's participation status within the Certification Program. Full Coordinators are required to attend a workshop once every two years, and provisionally certified Coordinators are required to attend annually.

EDUCATION - GEN Busters: Terminating Tension on the Team

Pete Tokar (3 hour training)
An unprecedented challenge in today's workforce threatens to create dramatic tension among coworkers, resulting in growing workplace frustration, high turnover of personnel, and declining productivity. For the first time in the history of the United States, four distinct generations are working together in the American workplace and each of these generations are bringing into the workplace unique generational characteristics that can drive the other generations crazy. However, by becoming a GEN Buster, you can become leader who terminates this tension, a leader who will forge these generations together into a cohesive team of unimaginable potential. Start your journey today!

EMS - CPR: Where are the Survivors?

Kenneth Navarro
To maximize the success of resuscitation attempts, the American heart Association emphasizes a series of steps, collectively known as the Chain of Survival. Field studies of human resuscitation highlight the many obstacles to achieving high-quality CPR that prehospital personnel face. The absence of high-quality CPR may explain the decades long lack of appreciable increases in survival. This presentation will examine the obstacles to high-quality CPR, its implications on prehospital resuscitation attempts, and strategies for EMS agencies to implement that could increase survival rates.

LEADERSHIP - Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS)

Steve Pollock
Overview of TIFMAS including Activation, deployment, grants, credentialing, and training. Discussion will include an overview of the history of the program, how it activates through TDEM, why it is needed and past activations, including lessons learned. We will cover the credentialing program for TIFMAS including what positions will require qualifications to deploy on intrastate missions, where and how to get training, and requirements for each position. The session will conclude with an overview of the TIFMAS program including grants for vehicles, training, and PPE.

SAFETY/ OPERATIONS - Water Supply: Limited Resources - Unlimited Options

Jeffrey Gore
As the population of Texas continues to increase, so does the construction of new subdivisions and commercial development. Fire Departments that once served a rural and suburban constituency are being challenged to keep pace with this growth. Structure fires can easily overwhelm the first-arriving companies and their ability to generate adequate water supplies. In this session we review current national standards, present some case studies and suggest some alternative strategies including: Community risk analysis, Pre-planning, Strategic options, Available resources, Training.

1:00 pm - 2:45 pm

GENERAL - Rapid Intervention - Rescuing Trapped Fire Fighters

Robert "Butch" Cob
This interactive program covers some of the tasks and techniques that are needed to rescue lost, disoriented or trapped firefighters. Training and preparation are the keys to a successful rescue mission. This session will look at several Firehouse Quick Drills that can be performed in the firehouse by chiefs, company officers and firefighters. These drills can be implemented with a minimum of two firefighters using standard firefighting tools and equipment from your turnout gear pockets. Some of the quick drills include: downed firefighter assessment, simple one and two FF drags and carries, 2-1 mechanical advantage from your pocket, search rope tactics, ladder rescues, and drills to test "How well do you know your equipment?" The first time you "practice" a firefighter rescue technique should not be at 3:00 am in a smoke filled burning building!

CERTIFICATION/ REPORTING - SFFMA Certification Testing

Kevin Creamer
Testing offered for certified firefighters to raise their certification to the Accredited level. Accredited Intermediate and Advanced Firefighters will grandfather to Firefighter I and Firefighter II respectively on January 1, 2012. Accredited certification is also required as a prerequisite for some specialized certifications.

EDUCATION - GEN Busting the Millennials

Pete Tokar
The Millennials ... Gen Y! They have started to invade today's workforce, but we haven't seen anything yet. The Millennials, 85+ million strong! Human Resource professionals are describing the Millennials as a "generation coming into the workplace with the expectation that they will always win and will always be rewarded; just for showing up!" An unprecedented mindset is quickly on its way into YOUR workplace. However, YOU don't have to be caught by surprise! YOU can become a vital force in maximizing their potential and minimizing their stereotyped traits. YOU can add great value to your workplace by becoming a GEN Buster of Millennials! Let's get started!

EMS - Fireground Medical Considerations

Forrest Wood
An overview of medical conditions which are frequently reported during or as a result of fire ground operations. We will present an overview of
+ Medical conditions which can manifest during fire ground operations
+ Trauma events common to fire ground operations
+ Rehab considerations and the need for firefighter monitoring, especially during extended fire ground operations

LEADERSHIP - Preparedness and Response

Bob Koenig
A Discussion on the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the National Response Framework, and the NIMS Training Plan intended to enhance understanding of the NRF, NIMS and how all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations and the private sector will work together in a unified approach to emergency management during all-hazards responses, ensure NIMS compliance and meet the requirements outlined in the NIMS training plan.

SAFETY/ OPERATIONS - Rural Water Supply Operations

Mark Wobus, Henry Perry
This session will focus on water shuttle operations with an emphasis on moving water safely and effectively, equipment used to enhance the department's ability to move water quicker and setting up the water supply fill locations and dump site locations. By the time we get the call to respond, we are already behind the curve, so we must work efficiently to move water in a safe manner to extinguish the fire.