

# STATE FIREMEN'S AND FIRE MARSHALS' ASSOCIATION

132<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER - J.B. SMITH

J.B. Smith is a Texas Sheriff, rancher, business man, community leader, humorist, and storyteller. Like a stand-up-comic, he shares his jailhouse humor in speaking on Laughter is Lawful. He has recently published his first True Crime book entitled The Christmas Day Murders. J. B. is one of the most popular and colorful politicians around the East Texas area. The Sheriff's philosophy is "Blessed are they who laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused."



## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### EXHIBITS

Exhibitors will be showcasing products and services in the Exhibit Halls of Ford Park. Only those vendors who are registered exhibitors may display apparatus or other vehicles and equipment at the Conference. All exhibit booths and apparatus will be inside the Exhibit Hall.

### HOURS

There will be ten (10) hours of exhibit time at the 2008 Convention.

Saturday, June 7th, 2008  
8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

Concessions will be available at Ford Park on Friday during move-in and all day Saturday. "The Recognition of Exhibitors Reception" will be held Saturday afternoon from 4:00—6:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided. Trophies will be presented to exhibitors at this time and door prizes will be given away.

### SCHEDULE

Please visit [www.sffma.org](http://www.sffma.org) for a full schedule and description of the conference.

### FACILITIES

All Exhibits, Business Sessions and Training Workshops will be held at the Ford Park Center. The Annual Pumper Races will take place in Front of the Fire Museum in downtown Beaumont and the Hospitality night will be at the MCM Elegante.

### NAME BADGES

All attendees and conference visitors must wear an official conference name badge to enter the Exhibit Hall. Complimentary visitors and guests can register for Saturday only at the on-site registration booth before entering the Exhibit Hall.

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

There are three methods to register:

1. **ONLINE** (Preferred Method) at [www.sffma.org](http://www.sffma.org)
2. **By Mail** – Send registration form along with payment to: SFFMA 2008, c/o Keena & Company, 9210 Stone Post Circle, Houston, TX 77064
3. **By Fax** - With credit card information. Fax number: 832-202-2883

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER MAY 15, 2008**

## HOTEL INFORMATION & MAP

Attendants 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.

### MCM ELEGANTÉ (HOST HOTEL)

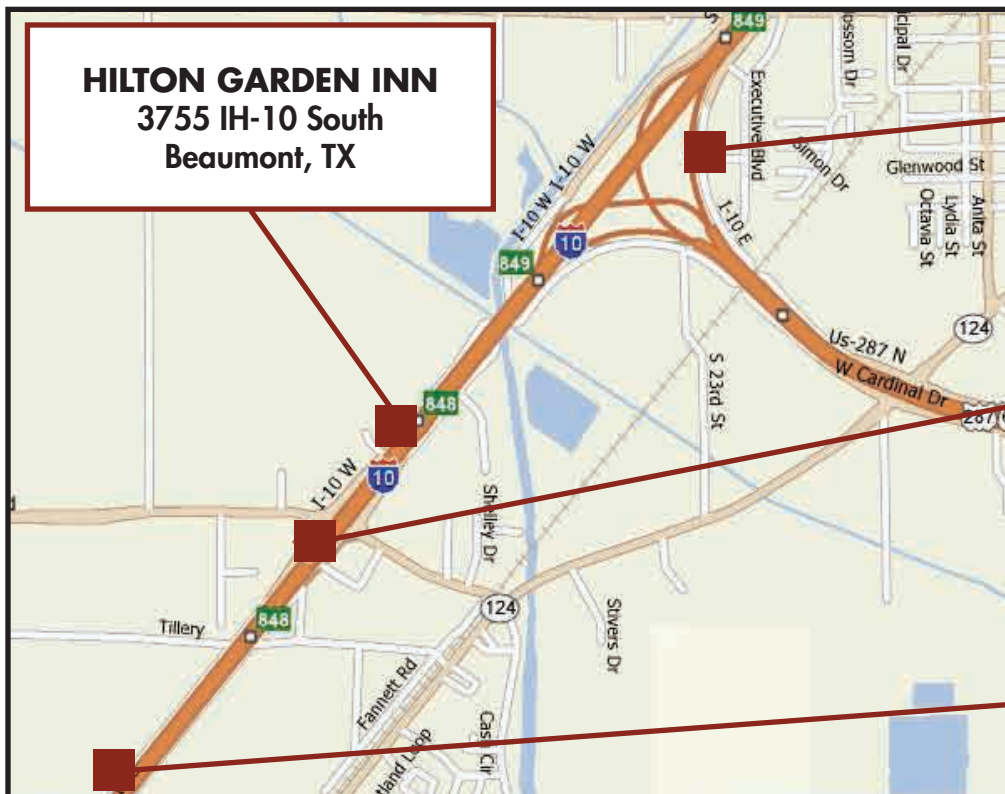
2355 IH-10 South  
Beaumont, TX  
Telephone: (409) 842-3600  
Standard Room Rate: \$80/night  
Cut-off Date: May 23, 2008

### HOLIDAY INN BEAUMONT PLAZA

3950 IH-10 South & Walden Road  
Beaumont, TX  
Telephone: (409) 842-5995  
Standard Room Rate: \$85/night  
Cut-off Date: May 22, 2008

### HILTON GARDEN INN

3755 IH-10  
Beaumont, TX  
Telephone: (409) 842-5646  
Standard Room Rate: \$109/night  
Cut-off Date: May 22, 2008



**MCM ELEGANTÉ**  
2355 IH-10 South  
Beaumont, TX

**HOLIDAY INN  
BEAUMONT PLAZA**  
3950 IH-10 South  
Beaumont, TX

**FORD PARK**  
5115 IH-10 South  
Beaumont, TX

# REGISTRATION



Avoid filling out and mailing this form by registering online at [www.sffma.org](http://www.sffma.org)

- Member** (Non-voting)       **Non-Member**       **Member Delegate** - Must be a current dues paying member  
 Each member department is authorized to send **up to five delegates**.  
**Delegates only** must have approved signature of Fire Chief.

**Member ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES A TUESDAY BANQUET TICKET. Early \$75 On-Site \$125**  
 (Extra tickets may be purchased for \$15 at registration in Beaumont no later than Sunday by noon.) **First Time Attendee?**  Yes  No

Member Name (Name as it is to appear on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one:  Chief/Head of Department     Officer     Firefighter     Fire Marshal     Vendor     Other

Fire Chief's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ **Subtotal: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Registration: Spouse/Youth/Guest** (allowed only the with full conference attendee registration above).  
**PLEASE NOTE: Additional registrants will NOT be eligible to attend training session(s).**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Youth 7-17</b> (6 and under FREE) <b>Early/On-Site \$20 per</b><br>Name: _____<br>Name: _____<br>Name: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Spouse of TFA Member</b> <b>Early \$55 per</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Spouse of SFFMA Member</b> <b>On-Site \$70 per</b><br>Name: _____<br>Fire Dept / Org: _____ |
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Guest of SFFMA Member: \_\_\_\_\_ **Early \$55 per On-Site \$70 per**  
**DOES NOT INCLUDE TRAINING CLASSES**  
 Fire Department/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one:  Chief/Head of Department     Officer     Firefighter     Fire Marshal     Vendor     Other

**Subtotal: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Each Preconference workshop will be \$40 per track for both days: Please check workshop(s) you are planning to attend**

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| <b>Thursday, June 5th</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Training Operations in Small Departments<br><input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Shaping the Future<br><input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am - 12:00 pm EMS - ACLS for EMTs<br><input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm EMS - Airway Skill Lab<br><input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Preventing Fire Risk Based on Socioeconomic Factors<br><input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am - 5:00 pm NIMS 300 Class | <b>Friday, June 6th</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Training Operations in Small Departments (cont.)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Shaping the Future (cont.)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am - 5:00 pm EMS - Spanish for EMS Personnel<br><input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Preventing Fire Risk Based on Socioeconomic Factors (cont.)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am - 5:00 pm NIMS 300 Class (cont.) |
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**Subtotal: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Training Sessions: Please check session(s) you are planning to attend**

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| <b>Monday, June 9th, 2008</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Certification Workshop<br><input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm NFPA 1851<br><input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Fire Station 101 Construction and Financing<br><input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm EMS - DSHS Rules/Guidelines<br><input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Why Don't We Follow the Rules<br><input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Instructional Techniques for Company Officers<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Certification Testing | <b>Tuesday, June 10th, 2008</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am - 11:00 am Recruitment/Retention<br><input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SFFMA Certification Workshop<br><input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Customize Your FD Certification Program<br><input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Instructional Techniques for Company Officers (cont.)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm NFPA 1851 (cont.)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Going Combination - Do's/Don'ts<br><input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm EMS - Your Stuck in What?<br><input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Grieving Behind the Badge |
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**Will you be attending:**  Casino Trip to Louisiana (Friday PM) (possible fee involved)     Host City Social (Saturday PM)  
 President's Reception (Sunday PM)     Motorcycle Ride (Monday 12PM) (possible fee involved)  
 Hospitality Night (Monday PM)     Pumper Races (Tuesday PM)  
 SFFMA Banquet (Tuesday PM)

Method of Payment:  Check     Master Card     Visa     American Express

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CV Code: \_\_\_\_\_ (last three digits on back of card) **Grand Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**This Training Conference has been approved by the Texas Forest Service for eligible HB2604 Grant Funding. Please see page 32 of this newsletter for the form or go online to <http://txforestservicetamu.edu/main/popup.aspx?id=1662> to fill out the form electronically.**



## PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

**Firefighter Training Track I:** Shaping the Future (NFA Course, 14hours) -This 2-day course is the first of two courses on midlevel management covering the skills and techniques midlevel managers will need to provide leadership and direction for their departments. The first module focuses on identifying opportunities and/or problems. Topics include environmental scanning, paradigm shifts, and methods for reframing problems accurately. This course is intended for individuals presently assigned to management positions who supervise first-line officers; and administrative officers responsible for significant staff functions within the organization and who report directly to top management.

**Firefighter Training Track II:** Training Operations in Small Departments (2007 NFA Course, 16hours) – This 2-day course is designed to provide students with some basic tools and skills to coordinate training in a small fire/EMS organization. Course content includes leadership issues in fire service training, identifying the legal issues, safety considerations, marketing training, etc.

**Fire Marshal Track:** Preventing Fire Risk Based on Socioeconomic Factors: Rural & Urban Settings (NEW NFA Course, 16hours) – This new 2-day course will develop ideas and plans to address the high fire incidence among populations based on socioeconomic factors. Rural and urban settings are taken as samples. This course is designed for students who work in the field of prevention.

**NIMS Required Training:** NIMS 300 – All Mid-level Management –Federal/State/Local/Tribal/Private Sector & Nongovernmental personnel to include should take ICS-300, including: Persons serving as command staff, section chiefs, strike team leaders, task force leaders, unit leaders, division/group supervisors, branch directors, and multi-agency coordination system/emergency operations center staff. ICS Staffing and organization to include: reporting and working relationships and information flow, Transfer of Command, Unified Command functions in a multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency incident, ICS forms, Resource Management, Interagency mission planning and procurement.

### EMS Training:

**Thursday – 8am – Noon – ACLS for EMTs:** This course is designed to present the student information and skills practices to allow the ECA or EMT to better understand the concept of Advanced Cardiac Life Support. This course consists of lecture, audio/visual aids, and “hands on” skills practice that teaches the student to be able to hook up a heart monitor, spike an IV bag, assist with intubation preparation and much more.

**Thursday – 1pm – 5pm – Skills Lab:** This course is designed to demonstrate and allow skill practice of dual lumen airways by Basic EMT’s in the prehospital environment. This knowledge will allow for better airway management and add more useable tools in treating both medical and trauma patients in need of airway management.

**Friday – 8am – 5pm – Spanish for EMS Personnel:** Your patient speaks fluent Spanish; you don’t. What do you do now? Designed for the non-native speaker, Spanish for EMS Personnel will enable you to obtain a patient history, complete the patient care report, improve your vocabulary and pronunciation, ask illness and trauma-specific questions, and best of all, how to encourage a short reply. Whether you are a beginner or habla a little, this course is for you!

## TRAINING SESSIONS DURING MAIN CONFERENCE

**NFPA 1851:** Are the new bunker gear standards affecting your department? This workshop will go over the new standards and the options for your department.

**Fire Station 101 Construction and Financing:** We all understand how difficult planning and funding a new fire station can be. This session will benefit any department that is considering new construction or major renovations of a fire station – from a basic three bay to a regional training center. Topics covered will include needs assessment, location, design, land acquisition, budgeting, financing and legal considerations. Experts from the design and legal professions, as well as financial experts from the Texas Fire Facilities Fund will be on hand to answer questions and share key concepts designed to assist your department in completing your project smoothly, on time, and on budget.

**Why Don’t We Follow the Rules:** Why do we continue to have fire fighter fatalities with all the improvements in PPE and strategies and tactics that have occurred over the years? This program will look in depth at sixteen different fire fighter fatalities that have occurred during the past few years. We will be looking at the accident investigation reports to see what went wrong along what were the recommendations to prevent these types of accidents from occurring again.

**Recruitment/Retention:** Recruitment and retention is a local problem; the leadership, needs, and challenges are all local. We will explain how to find volunteers within your community. How to keep your people motivated. Understand the impact of leadership within your department.

**Certification Workshop:** Workshop provides an overview of the SFFMA Certification Program with emphasis on recent changes, along with a Q&A session with Certification Board member(s) and Administrator. Required CE for Certification Coordinators, and highly recommended for Fire Chiefs.

**Grieving Behind the Badge:** Although life-threatening and highly stressful events such as firefighting, a child fatality, or the death of a fellow colleague have adverse reactions on firefighters, they receive little if any training or support to help them deal with emotional trauma. Grieving Behind the Badge will offer information and skills to help them cope with professional as well as personal tragedies.

**Volunteer Certification Program A to Z:** Looking for a Custom Designed Training Program to Meet Your Department Needs? Learn how to train your members while keeping their interest, without burning them out, and get your members certified all at the same time.

**Instructional Techniques for Company Officers:** This course is designed to meet the needs of the Company Officer in fulfilling his/her primary instructional needs. The student is introduced to instructional terms and methods proven effective in Fire Service Training. The course offers tips and techniques for planning and conducting successful training activities. The student plans a lesson from preparation through the testing step.

**“Going Combination – Do’s and Don’ts”:** There is no one way to create and operate your combination department. Chief Windisch will present various do’s and don’ts to help you design your system for your community.

**EMS – He is Stuck in What?** Agriculture related accidents and rescue situations that may arise.