# 2017 MSFCA State Chiefs Convention

**Raddison Colonial Hotel, Helena, Montana**

October 11-13, 2017

*Presented by Montana State Fire Chiefs Association*

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE (As of July 31, 2017)**

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| **Wednesday, October 11, 2017** | | |
| 10:00-5:00 pm | **Registration Desk Open** | |
| 10:00 - 1: 00 pm | **MSFCA Board Meeting** (working lunch) | |
| 1:00-2:00 pm | **Career Chiefs Meeting** | **Volunteer Chiefs Meeting** |
| | **CONFERENCE BEGINS** | |
| 2:30-3:00 | **Welcome and Opening Ceremony**<br>**Chief Mark Emert,** Helena Fire Department | |
| 3:00 - 5:00 | **Leadership in the Fire Science Movement**<br>**Eddie Buchanan,** Assistant Chief, Hanover Fire & EMS, Richmond, VA | |
| 5:00-7:00 | **Vendor Social Event** | |
| 7:30 pm | **Story Telling/Campfire Gathering** (BBQ included) | |
| **Thursday, October 12, 2017** | | |
| 7:00-8:00 am | **Breakfast** (Sponsored by TBD) | |
| 7:15 - 5:15 pm | **Registration Desk Open** | |
| 8:00-8:30 | **Welcome Back and MSFCA Business Session** | |
| 8:30-10:30 | **An Alternative for Preventing Wildland-Urban Fire Disasters**<br>**Jack Cohen PhD,** Research Physical Scientist, USFS Rocky Mountain Research Station (ret.) | |
| 10:30-11:00 | **Networking Break with Exhibitors** *(Sponsored by TBD)* | |
| 11:00-12:00 | **Leaving it Better of for the Next Generation**<br>**Eddie Buchanan**, Assistant Chief, Hanover Fire & EMS, Richmond, VA | |
| 12:00 - 2:00 | **Lunch (Sponsored by TBD) and Vendor New Product/New Technology Demos/Talks** | |
| | **Lunch (12:00-12:45)**<br>**Vendor Demos/Presentations (12:45-1:45)**<br>Six - 10 minute demos/presentation | |
| 1:45-2:15 | **Networking with Exhibitors & Transition to Session** | |
| 2:15-3:45 | **FirstNet Deployment in Montana – What this means for the Fire Service**<br>**Mike Worrell,** Senior Fire Services Advisor, First Responder Network Authority | |
| 3:45-4:15 | **Networking Break with Exhibitors** *(Sponsored by TBD)* | |
| 4:15 - 5:15 | **Firefighter Stress, PTSD and Suicide; Saving the Lives of Firefighters**<br>**Steve Heitman,** Fire Chief, Mercer Island Fire Department, Washington &<br>**Scott Geiselhart,** Firefighter, Frazee (MN) Volunteer Fire Department | |
| 6:00-6:30 | **Social Hour** | |
| 6:30 pm | **Evening Event/Banquet** | |
| **Friday, October 13, 2017** | | |
| 7:00-8:00 am | **Breakfast** *(Sponsored by TBD)* | |
| 8:00 | **Registration Desk Opens** | |
| 8:00-8:30 | **Welcome Back and MSFCA Business Session** | |
| 8:30-9:30 | **Moving Forward or Falling Back: Planning for your Agency's Future**<br>**Lane Wintermute,** Western Regional Director, Emergency Services Consulting International | |
| 9:30-9:45 | **Networking Break** | |
| 9:45-10:45 | **Succession Planning & Mentoring**<br>**Norvin Collins,** Fire Chief of Sauvie Island Fire District, Oregon | |
| 10:45-11:00 | **Networking Break** | |

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| 11:00-12:30 | **We've Been Working on the Railroad: Collaborative Safety Efforts between Montana Railroads and Emergency Responders**<br>**Anthony Bacino,** Chief – Safety & Security, Montana Rail Link |
| 12:30 | **Closing Remarks** |
| 12:45 | **CONFERENCE ADJOURNS** |