



# 2018

# MSFCA CHIEFS CONVENTION

OCTOBER 11-13 | MISSOULA, MONTANA

We are so pleased you will be joining us next week in Missoula for the [Montana State Chiefs Convention](#), Thursday October 11 - Saturday October 13, 2018.

### **Convention Location**

Holiday Inn Downtown Missoula  
200 South Pattee Street  
Missoula, MT 59802

[Directions](#)

### **Parking**

Parking is complimentary at the Holiday Inn Downtown. If you are bringing apparatus for the Trade Show, we have reserved space on the West side of the hotel.

### **Accommodations**

If you still need a hotel room, we have a few held at the Holiday Inn at the per diem rate. Please let us know by Monday if you need a room

### **Banquet**

Please remember that you are invited to attending the Awards Banquet and evening entertainment Friday night from 6:00 -11:00 pm. If you didn't RSVP for the Banquet on your registration, please know you are welcome to attend. If you'd like to invite a guest there will be an additional charge of \$45.00, we can help you with those arrangements once you have arrived in Missoula. Recommended Attire is formal Class A Uniform for the banquet. MSFCA is proud to incorporate a Fallen Firefighter Ceremony during the Banquet & Awards on Friday, October 12 to recognize and honor those who lost their lives this last year. The ceremony will honor the bravery and public service of firefighters who have passed since October 2017. MSFCA invites you to submit names of those to be recognized during the ceremony. Please provide names at the registration desk when you check in.

### **Optional Field Trips**

We hope you will have time to join us on one of the Optional Field Trips that will take place Saturday October 13th following the close of the Convention.

**Tour 1: Guided tour through the DNRC, Equipment Development and Communications Center (EDCC)** builds the fire trucks for the DNRC's direct protection and county coop fire programs across the State of Montana. They run the Federal Excess Property Program (FEPP) and the Department of Defense Fire Fighter Program (FFP) procuring and

distributing excess military equipment for emergency service operations in Montana. The EDCC also provides the communications infrastructure for DNRC's fire program across the entire State.

**Tour 2: Self-Guided Visit to Smokejumper Visitor Center** – The Smokejumper Visitor Center is located in Missoula, Montana, home to the largest smokejumper base in the country. The Smokejumper Visitor Center provides a unique and interactive opportunity to learn about this demanding and important occupation. The free tour of the facility includes a visit to the Smokejumper loft, the ready room, and the National Smokejumper memorial. There is also a gift shop and museum, which includes a fire lookout tower originally built in 1930. During the summer, Smokejumper aircraft are also present, and visitors may even see Smokejumpers dispatched to a fire.

**Tour 3: Self-Guided Visit to Museum of Mountain Flying** – The Museum of Mountain Flying was established in the summer of 1993 by Stan Cohen, Dick Komberec, and Steve Smith. It basically started because the old “boneyard” of Johnson Flying Service, three acres just east of the Missoula Airport was up for sale. The three decided to tie up this land and start some type of museum to honor and preserve the history of the premier mountain flying service in the Northern Rockies area from the late 1920s to the early 1970s stationed in Missoula, Montana.

### **Breakfast with a Vendor**

Saturday morning, we are reserving tables in the Brooks & Brown restaurant for our Vendors to host an intimate breakfast meeting with our Chiefs and Conference Attendees. If you are interested in this special opportunity, please visit with the vendors during one of the many networking breaks to reserve your space.

We will also be hosting two special times during the Convention when we can address any of your” **Burning Questions”**. Please bring your thoughts & ideas and be prepared to have some great conversations.

We also invite you to help with our Conference fundraising efforts by donating materials to the Conference Auction. Any kind of swag or merchandise is greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to hosting you in Missoula next week. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Safe Travels,  
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