

MONTANA FIRE SERVICE

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MISSOULA, MT | OCTOBER 14-16, 2021

Hosted by Montana State Fire Chiefs Association and Montana State Volunteer Firefighters Association



Wednesday, October 13, 2021

3:00-6:00

MSFCA Board Meetings

Thursday, October 14, 2021

8:00-5:30

Registration Desk Open

7:00-10:00

Vendor Set Up by 10:00 am

10:00-12:00

Trade Show Floor Open

8:30-10:00

Fire Marshals Forum (Salon G)

10:00-11:00

Wildland Committee Meeting (Salon G)

11:00-11:45

Section Meetings: Volunteer (Bitterroot River Room) & Combination/Career (Salon G)

11:45 - 12:30

Lunch (on your own)

12:30-1:15

Welcome and Opening Remarks (Salon A/B/C)
 Chief Rich Cowger, MSFCA Board Chair
 Captain Travis Walker, MSVFFA Board Chair
 Chief Brad Davis, Missoula Fire Department
 MT Governor Greg Gianforte

1:15- 2:45

Four Principles of Elite Performance (Salon A/B/C)
 Jason Redman, Retired Navy SEAL Lieutenant

2:45-3:00

Transition and Stretch Break

3:00-4:00

Forcible Entry Training (Outside)
 Instructor: Troy Petersen, Montana Fire Services Training School assisted by members of FSTS

Recruitment and Retention by Building a Volunteer Family (Salon ABC)
 Jason Caughey, Fire Chief, Laramie County Fire District #2, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Decision Support Tools to Understand, Explore, and Mitigate Wildfire Risks (Salon G)
 Kimiko Barrett, Ph.D., Research & Policy Analyst, Headwaters Economics

4:00-5:00

Traffic Incident Management (Outside)
 Instructor: Rick Paulsen and Jerry Prete, Montana Fire Services Training School assisted by members of FSTS

Understanding and Reaping the Benefits of a Diverse Workforce (Salon ABC)
 Brenda Rodgers, Battalion Chief - Operations, Richland WA Fire & EMS

Unexpected Challenges of Leadership (Salon G)
 Josh Waldo, Fire Chief, Bozeman Fire Department

5:00-7:00

Vendor Social Event

7:00 -

Afterhours Networking and Volunteer Meeting

Friday, October 15, 2021

7:00-5:00	Registration Desk Open		
8:00 - 8:15	Welcome Back and Updates (Salon A/B/C) WFOA Update - Chief Scott Miller, WFOA President IAFC Update - Chief John Butler, 2nd Vice President SourceWell Program Update - Crosby Grindle		
8:15 - 9:15	It's Your Training Program; What Every Chief Must Know (Salon A/B/C) Forest Reeder, retired Fire Chief, Tinley Park Fire Department		
9:15 -9:45	Networking with Vendors		
9:45-10:45	The History of Community Risk Reduction (it might not be what you think) (Salon G) Jim Crawford, retired, Chief Fire Marshal, Portland, OR and Vancouver, WA, founder and former manager of Vision 20/20	Structure Protection Tactics and Considerations for your Fire Department (Salon C) Panel Members: Rich Cowger, Fire Chief, Columbus Fire & Rescue; Lincoln Chute, Flathead County OES & County Fire Warden; Cory Calnan, State/County Cooperative Fire Protection Program Manager MT DNRC, Fire Protection Bureau; Heath Gerber, Training and Safety Specialist Fire Protection Bureau Montana DNRC; Dan Sheil, Battalion Chief, Big Sky Fire Department	The Myth of Culture Change in the Fire Service: Looking into the Soul of a Fire Department (Salon AB) John S. Butler, Fire Chief, Fairfax County (VA) Fire and Rescue Department
10:45-11:45	Elevating the Quality and Science of CRR: Model Performance and Vision 20/20 Initiatives (Salon G) Stephen Hrustich, Vision 20/20 Project Manager	How to Manage WUI Growth In Your District (Salon ABC) Dustin Tetrault, Deputy Fire Chief, Big Sky Fire (MT) Department and Kathy Clay, Battalion Chief Fire Marshal, Jackson Hole Fire/EMS	4 Gas Monitoring (Bitterroot Room) Instructor: Jon Campbell, Helena Fire and Montana Fire Services Training School assisted by members of FSTS
11:45- 12:30	Hosted Food Truck Lunch		
12:30-1:30	CRR Track: Fire Chiefs and Chief Officers putting CRR into Practice (Salon G) Chief Greg Rogers, Division Chief of Fire Prevention, Spokane Valley Fire Department, Washington	So, You Want to Get Paid? (Bitterroot River Room) Becky Shepard, Eastside Incident Business Specialist DNRC Forestry Division Office	Collective Bargaining Methodology: How do you crack that nut? – Choosing the model that is best for your Labor Relations team (Salon ABC) <i>*this session will be presented virtually, with in-person moderators</i> Jennifer Disotell, Executive Manager of the Northwest District of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and Roger Moore is a Commissioner with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
1:30-1:45	Transition and Stretch Break		
1:45-2:45	Applying Fire Dynamics Research in Suburban/Rural Departments (Salon ABC) Eddie Buchanan, Assistant Chief, Hanover Fire & EMS, Richmond, VA		
2:45-3:30	Lessons Learned from Challenging Events (Salon ABC)		
3:30-4:00	Networking Break with Vendors		

4:00-5:00	Save Time and Money with Cooperative Purchasing (Salon G) Crosby Grindle, President, Cooperative Services, LLC	The FF Cancer Preventive Checklist (Salon ABC) Jim Burneka Jr., FF/PM with the Dayton Ohio Fire Department and Founder of The Firefighter Cancer Consultants, LLC	
5:30 - 7:30	Awards Banquet		
8:00 - 10:00	Tony Jackson Concert - Bella Vista Pavilion Fort Missoula		
Saturday, October 16, 2020			
7:30-12:30	Registration Desk Open		
8:00-9:00	MSFCA and MSVFFA Membership Meetings, Legislative update, and other committee reports (Salon A/B/C)		
9:00-10:00	Using data to get what you need: Evidence from the Fire Service Organizational Culture of Safety (FOCUS) Assessment (Salon A/B/C) Dr. Jennifer A. Taylor, PhD, MPH, CPPS FIRST Center at the Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health		
10:00-10:30	Networking Break with Vendors		
10:30-11:30	The First Five Minutes; Assessing the Initial Attack (Salon G) Forest Reeder, retired Fire Chief, Tinley Park Fire Department	It's a stressful job and the injuries aren't just physical: Data on mental health and interventions to create change (Salon ABC) Dr. Jennifer A. Taylor, PhD, MPH, CPPS, FIRST Center at the Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health	Doll House Demo (Outside) Instructor: Rick Paulsen, Montana Fire Services Training School assisted by members of FSTS
11:30-12:30	Leading With Attitude! (Salon A/B/C) Eddie Buchanan, Assistant Chief, Hanover Fire & EMS, Richmond, VA		
12:30	Convention Adjourns		