

Conference Kick -Off - “Lessons Learned”

Facilitator: Tim Farmer

Tornado Heavily Damages Wadena

Presenters: Dean Uselman, Wadena Fire Chief; Bruce Uselman, Wadena Police Chief; Mike Carr, Wadena Sheriff

On June 17, 2010, the City of Wadena experienced a tornado touched down which caused numerous injuries and heavily damaged the town. Discussion will include initial response activities of local authorities, law enforcement, fire and EMS mutual aid, the unified command system utilized to manage this incident. Additionally, the use of the MSFCA FAST Program and the Incident Management Team (IMT) deployed to Wadena will be described.

Clearwater Firefighter Severely Injured on the Interstate

Presenter: Doug Nieters, Clearwater Fire Chief

On January 26, 2010, Clearwater Firefighter Cory Broich was struck by a vehicle after operating on a car fire on Interstate Highway 94. Chief Nieters will discuss the accident (including State Patrol in-car footage of the vehicle hitting the fire apparatus), and the impact of the accident on Cory, his family, the department and the City of Clearwater. Discussion will include what changes have been made to prevent any such accidents in the future, Chief Nieters will also discuss how this incident affected operations at another car fire on the interstate where a truck collided with backed-up traffic injuring many motorists and killing two on October 3rd.

Leaking Gas Leads to Edina House Explosion

Presenters: Marty Scheerer Edina Fire Chief; Darrell Todd, Edina Assistant Fire Chief

At 12:36 p.m. on February 23, 2010, the Edina Fire Department received a report of a ruptured natural gas line caused by directional-drilling equipment. The ruptured natural gas line was located in the street, and firefighters began monitoring the air and the underground storm sewer system in the area for gas. At 2:41 p.m., a house exploded due to a buildup of natural gas from the ruptured line and an unknown ignition source. The presenters will share important lessons were learned regarding the hazards of leaking gas.

Minneapolis Flashover Burns Two Firefighters

Presenter: Dave Dewall, Deputy Chief Minneapolis Fire Department; Dennis Mack, Minneapolis Fire Captain

On July 3, 2010, two Minneapolis firefighters were injured while battling a three-story house fire when flames flashed through an attic where they were operating. The firefighters, a 9-year and 19-year veteran, suffered second- and third-degree burns on their hands. Captain Dennis Mack, one of the injured firefighters, will give a first-hand account of what happened. Chief Dave Dewall will help explain what led to this incident, and what actions the Minneapolis Fire Department has taken actions since these injuries occurred to prevent a reoccurrence.

State Fire Marshal’s Workshop

Facilitator: Bob Dahm

“Stump the State Fire Marshal” – Jerry Rosendahl, SFM Office

This session will be an interactive discussion between the attendees and the State Fire Marshal. Ask your tough questions or tell him how you would run the State Fire Marshal Division differently to be

more effective. At the end of the session the attendees will have a better understanding of the goals of the SFMD and how important a role the local fire chiefs play in them.

“Shared Services Update” – Mark Shields, DPS Assistant Commissioner

The speaker will provide a progress report on the work of the Fire & Rescue Shared Service task force. The student will learn about the concepts of shared services, such as automatic mutual, specializes equipment and training, merging fire departments, establishing taxing districts, joint purchasing, joint training and response. At the end of the session the student will learn that some of these options will save money and some will improve efficiency.

“Fire Code Basics for Small Department” – Kevin McGinty, SFM Office

The participant will understand the basic outline of the fire code. The participant will understand common code problems and questions they may encounter. Participants will also identify what fire code provisions can be applied within limited time constraints to make the most impact on community fire safety.

“Emergency Vehicle Operation – Kent O’Grady, Major MSP

“16 Life Safety Initiatives” – Crawford Weistling and Greg Hayes

The speakers will provide information on the “Everyone Goes Home” program. Discussion will take place regarding the resources and training available at the state and local level to assist fire departments in addressing firefighter safety issues. The speaker will also introduce training that can be incorporated into their regular fire department training.

Professional Development Workshop

Facilitators: Jim Hansen & Doug Thies

Professor John Cragan, University of Saint Thomas

Professor John Cragan was with us in 2009. Professor Cragan will discuss communication theories to solve real world problems. He believes “there is nothing more practical than good communication theory”. This session will focus on theories of leadership and motivation as they apply to fire officers. The course will allow fire officers to fill out individual instruments. This session is derived from Professor Cragan’s 35-year association with the American Fire Service.

Chiefs Issues Workshop

Facilitator: Dale Specken

“Ethical Leadership” – Charles A. (Chad) Weinstein, Director, Hills Center for Ethical Leadership

This session offers a practical approach to implementing the concepts of ethical leadership in fire departments. The speaker will introduce the Hill Center’s framework for ethical leadership, which combines a commitment to service with the virtues of clarity, creativity, competence, and courage. Participants will then be invited to apply these concepts to their own situations, using storytelling and other techniques to bring these ideas to life in real and practical ways for their teams.

“Social Emotional Intelligence” – Bridget Gothberg, BG Consulting, St. Louis Park, MN

This session will discuss what it takes to be successful in the workplace. One of the most powerful things we need is Social and Emotional Intelligence. What exactly is Social and Emotional Intelligence? How does it work? The interactive workshop will help you learn the impact of social and emotional intelligence in your work life, show you the different areas covered by emotional and social intelligence, give you time to reflect on your own skills and help you design your own growth plan.

Safety

Facilitators: Rob Pearson & Lee Gatlin

NFPA 1584 Rehabilitation and Medical Monitoring - Dr. Bryan E. Bledsoe, Masimo Corporation

Firefighting has the greatest short-term physical demand of any profession. An effective rehab operation allows firefighters to work harder and longer and boosts the number of firefighters available on scene. The new NFPA 1584 Rehab Standards takes a fresh look at rehab, requiring SOG's, education, fire officer participation with EMS, supplies, medical monitoring and specific documentation. This workshop is offered nationally to help participants understand the nine key components of NFPA 1584 compliant rehab along with reality-based options for integrating rehab into your response area. The program offers free educational resources and materials.

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“Emergency Planning for Schools” – Glen Bergstrand, SFM Office

This presentation will discuss fire code requirements and new best practices into all-hazard type emergency plans for schools and other occupancies. The training, designed for ALL emergency response agencies, covers some of the new increasing hazards found in schools and how to incorporate these hazards with current fire code requirements into existing or new emergency plans.

Hot Topics Workshop

Facilitators: Ulie Seal & Don Beckering

Leading with Attitude - Chief Eddie Buchanan, Division Chief of Operations, Hanover, Virginia

Go to just about any fire station and you'll likely hear someone talking about how it used to be. They talk about the values and work ethic they had when they came to the job, back when the mission was clear and the company officer was king. This program will explore how we, as individuals, can help

ensure our departments are on track and ways we can truly make a difference in our organization, regardless of rank.

The Leading with Attitude program is a nameless and rankless “gut check” into how we contribute to the fire service. The program offers tangible ways we can improve our job for today and for future generations. The course calls “us” out to be part of the problem, or part of the solution!

Emergency Management **Facilitators: David Brosnahan & John Olson**

Disaster Strikes: The roles, responsibilities, and expectation of the Fire Officer in Emergency Management and large-scale incidents. Speakers: Rocco Forte, Emergency Manager, City of Minneapolis Emergency Preparedness; Dave Lombard, Fire Chief, City of Rushford

This course brings some exciting speakers from different areas across the state of Minnesota. The speakers will present their different experiences with emergency and large scale events, what their role was as a command officer, and lessons learned from the event to help you, the fire officer, to be better prepared for and to respond to an emergency in your own Hometown.

Terrorism, what does that mean for those in the Minnesota Fire Service – Sean Boylan, Special Agent FBI

This program will provide fire service attendees an understanding of what terrorism is all about, what are the key indicators of radicalism, and what security issues do we have to be aware of in the communities we serve and support. In addition this session will provide attendees with what you need to look for, what questions do you need to ask, what to do if it happens, what are the “signs of change” and lastly, understanding how terrorists communicate in today’s world.

New Fire Officers Workshop **Filicator: Nyle Zikmund**

This class is for “new” fire officers in the fire service.

This workshop will include a panel of experienced chief officers who will share ideas with new chief officers that include direction, information and suggestions to make their abilities more effective as a new chief officer. Some of the Fire Organizations that will be reviewed are the MSFCA, MSFDA, MARAC, IAAI, FMAM, OSHA, SFMO, HSEM and other state and federal agencies.

Along with the overview will be a summary of legal, fiscal and liability issues that today’s chief officers face, as well as model standards and policies that cover such issues as training, human resources, budgets, leadership, fire cause determination and arson responsibilities.

Symposium: **Facilitator: Joel Hewitt & Rich Gasaway**

Chief Alan Brunacini and Bobby Halton have agreed to come back to our outstanding conference to continue the discussion from last year when Chris Vallareal talked about the tragic fire in Charleston, South Carolina that took the lives of nine firefighters. Chief Brunacini will discuss what we have

learned over the years as leader to “Prevent Harm & Being Safe” which will include the thoughts and the drive behind the “Blue Card Program” and the “Hawaiian Shirt” Leadership Academy currently being presented through Columbia Southern University.

Bruno & Bobby “Unplugged” has been a continuous hit on the road at FDIC and should be a sellout at the MSFCA Symposium. Bruno and Bobby will talk, debate, and argue the “Good, the Bad and the Ugly” of the Fire Service.