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## FRI 2010 – FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL

### Experience FRI in Chicago

The Chicago area is buzzing with excitement over FRI 2010. This year's program has great new additions for leaders of all levels. Never before has FRI been so accessible to thousands of fire departments. Chicago offers the drive-in option from many major cities, and with unbeatable hotel rates and many affordable food options, the complete FRI package is more affordable than ever. Plus, get a free, two-day expo pass (\$50 value) just by registering now at [www.iafc.org/expopass](http://www.iafc.org/expopass).

Please review the Great Lakes Division Hotel for the conference on page 3 of this E-Trumpet. The GLD has a block of 150 rooms at the Swissotel in Chicago. Register early for the conference at [www.iafc.org](http://www.iafc.org).

A vertical poster for FRI 2010. At the top, it says "Global Academy For Leadership" and "FRI 2010 Fire-Rescue International" with a stylized logo. Below that, it lists the location: "McCormick Place August 24 - 28 Chicago, Illinois". The main title "Leadership Defined" is in a large, stylized font. The central image shows two firefighters in silhouette, one holding a hose. At the bottom, it says "Register Now!" and "Produced by the IAFC" with the IAFC logo.





## **GLD Vice President – Jim Peterson**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Vice President. My name is Jim Peterson and I began my fire service career as an on-call fire fighter with the Thomas Township Fire Department in 1981. Thomas is a bedroom community about ten miles west of the city of Saginaw with two fulltime and thirty-five paid on call fire fighters covering a population of 13,000 people. I progressed through the ranks and was named Assistant Chief in 1988 and appointed Chief in 1991. In 2005, I was selected as the Fire Chief in Saginaw Township, a combination department with six full time and ninety-two paid on call fire fighters covering 27 square miles with a population of 41,000. Saginaw Township is located just west of Saginaw between the city and Thomas Township.

What is interesting about my move to Saginaw Township is that is where I grew up, attended high school, and purchased my first home, so it was like coming home. My wife Kim and I have three daughters that live in the Saginaw area.

I have been a member of the IAFC since 1994 and have served in many capacities around the state. I was President of the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs from 2002 to 2004 and Past President of the Southeastern Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs and the Saginaw County Fire Chiefs Association. Currently I serve as Vice Chair of the Saginaw County 911 Operations Committee, a board member of the Northern Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, and represent the MAFC at the committee level. I received my degree in Fire Science from Delta College and received my Chief Fire Officer Designation in 2003.

## **GLD CLOTHING STORE**

Check out the GLD store for great shirts and wind shirts. Visit the GLD web site at [www.GLD-IAFC.org](http://www.GLD-IAFC.org) and click on the GLD store link to view the selection.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **CFSI ANNUAL DINNER**

PLACE – WASHINGTON DC

DATES – APRIL 27-29, 2010

HOTEL – HILTON WASHINGTON

### **FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL**

PLACE – CHICAGO, IL

DATES – AUGUST 24-28, 2010

Great Lakes Hotel – Swissotel

The logo for Swissôtel Hotels & Resorts, featuring the brand name in a white serif font on a black rectangular background.

## **Welcome to the Swissôtel Experience**

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- ▲ Located just steps from The Magnificent Mile in downtown Chicago, Illinois
- ▲ A short walk to the city's financial, business, and entertainment districts
- ▲ Minutes from The Art Institute of Chicago, The Field Museum, and Shedd Aquarium
- ▲ Within 20 miles of Chicago's major airports - O'Hare International and Midway

## **Distinctive Services And Features At Our Hotel in Downtown Chicago, Illinois**

From the spaciousness of our deluxe guest rooms to the distinctive Edelweiss Penthouse, a sense of refinement and elegance pervades every detail - truly setting us apart among luxury hotels in downtown Chicago, Illinois. Enjoy striking lake and skyline views from your oversized guest room. Or indulge your taste buds at one of two onsite restaurants. Experience the world-renowned distinction of our downtown Chicago Illinois hotel, with exclusive features that include:

- ▲ 661 luxurious, oversized guest rooms and suites
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- ▲ 65,000 square feet of state-of-the-art event space
- ▲ "Swiss Meeting Advantage" and "Book It. Bank It." programs
- ▲ Resourceful and friendly concierge
- ▲ 24-hour valet parking (fee applies)
- ▲ Two onsite restaurants and lounge
- ▲ Unique, 7,500-square-foot 42nd-floor Penthouse Health Club and Pool with panoramic views\*
- ▲ 24-hour room service and express checkout
- ▲ VIK ("Very Important Kid") Check-In
- ▲ Swissôtel Kids Room
- ▲ Award-winning customer service
- ▲ Very competitive rates
- ▲ Smoke-free environment

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