



Minnesota State Fire Department Association 145th Annual Conference and Fire School

Breezy Point, MN August 27-29, 2020

Registration Form



Please complete this form and mail with payment to:

MSFDA
28711 Holly Drive NW
Isanti, MN 55040
Make checks payable to MSFDA.

Registration fee: \$200 per firefighter (price includes spouse/guest)

*****Fee is eligible for MBFTE reimbursement*****

Registration Deadline: August 10, 2020

Take advantage of this year's promotion – Register 3 from your department and get the 4th one free!

Registration Information

Fire Department Name: _____
Contact Person: _____ Title: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____
Email: _____

Attendee Information – SELECT CLASS #'S FROM "CLASS DESCRIPTIONS" SECTION ON BACK

Attendee #1 Name: _____ Attending Guest Name: _____
Voting Delegate: Yes No (circle one) Guest Attending Luncheon/Painting: Yes No (circle one)
Friday AM Selection _____ Friday PM Selection _____ Saturday AM Selection _____ Banquet # _____ Concert # _____

Attendee #2 Name: _____ Attending Guest Name: _____
Voting Delegate: Yes No (circle one) Guest Attending Luncheon/Painting: Yes No (circle one)
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Attendee #3 Name: _____ Attending Guest Name: _____
Voting Delegate: Yes No (circle one) Guest Attending Luncheon/Painting: Yes No (circle one)
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Attendee #4 Name: _____ Attending Guest Name: _____
Voting Delegate: Yes No (circle one) Guest Attending Luncheon/Painting: Yes No (circle one)
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Friday, August 28 - Morning Class Descriptions 8 am – 12 pm

Classes #1-6 (pick 1) - Class #1, #2 and #3 are 8 hour classes – all day Friday

1 - Special Operations Emergencies – The First Hour (Tom McDonough and John Kreuser) – 8 hour: Whether it is hazardous materials, technical rescue or explosives there are State Emergency Response Teams that are here to help you manage these incidents. This class will prepare you to interact with the State Emergency Response Teams from pre-incident training and familiarization to demobilization. Class will explain the State Emergency Response Team, their capabilities, and will include interactive demonstrations by State Emergency Response Teams. This class will teach the fire officer the steps that can be taken that will help insure a positive outcome to some unique and complicated incidents.

2 - Incident Management for Missing Person Search Events (Rick Slatten) – 8 hour: This class will help you effectively and confidently plan, manage, and execute a missing person search. Topics discussed include: Dispatch and response; pre-staging and staging tasks, reflex and area-phase sorties, search strategies and tactics, and suspension to passive operations. Also included is an introduction to Search Theory, and an overview of specific tactics when faced with a missing and possibly abducted child. This class is suitable for Fire-Rescue, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue (SAR) technicians, managers, field-team leaders, planners, and command & general staff.

3 - Mental Health First Aid for Fire & EMS (Chris Shaw) – 8 hour: Mental Health First Aid for Fire/EMS teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. This 8-hour training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care. It focuses on the unique experiences and needs of firefighters and EMS personnel and is a valuable resource that can make a difference in their lives, their coworkers' and families' lives and the communities they serve. ***30 maximum attendees**

4 – Investment Wisdom for Relief Association Trustees (Parr McKnight) - 4 hour: With over 25 years of experience working with fire relief association pension plans the Parr McKnight Wealth Management group will provide an introduction to investments, an update on the investment markets, an understanding of the importance and what it means to be in charge of other people's retirement dollars. The class will also cover how to develop an effective investment policy statement, insights into behavioral finance and proven strategies for working with your city to consistently increase your benefit level.

5 - Incident Command: Street Smart ICS for Everyday Use (State Fire Marshal's Office - Fire Service Specialists) – 4 hour: Are you tired of drawn out ICS training that leaves you wondering “do I have enough people to staff all of the ICS positions for an everyday incident”? Or, “will my people remember how to implement a complex plan”? Well, this class is for you. This program is a four hour study aimed specifically at everyday incidents, and implementation without complex systems. The class highlights National Fire Academy methodologies, and is one of the few that are fully NIMS compliant. We will remain focused to keep it simple, conduct an ICS review, present an understanding of the basic terminology, and examine a couple incidents when ICS could have been used better as a tool. We will also provide multiple scenarios throughout the training allowing students to utilize the new skill set, demonstrate abilities, and building muscle memory. – ***25 maximum attendees**

6 – Office of the State Auditor Relief Association Training (Rose Hennessy-Allen) – 4 hour: The Office of the State Auditor's training will cover many important topics to help relief association trustees be successful in administering their pension plans. The topics will include how to avoid common compliance issues that could result in a delay of your fire state aid and learn about new laws that affect your relief association that were passed in the 2019 Legislative Session. There will also be an opportunity for a Q and A with our Pension Division staff, who will be ready to answer your questions including how to complete reporting forms, benefit level changes, and your bylaws.

Friday, August 28 - Afternoon Class Descriptions 1 pm – 5 pm

Classes #7-12 (pick 1)

7 – Relief Association - New Trustees & Officers (Ron Johnson) - 4 hour: This course is for those that are new to the Board of Directors or may be interested in running for the Board in the future, as well as RA members who are interested in understanding how it all works. You'll learn what you need to know to be an effective board member or officer and the “why” behind the “what”. You'll also leave with a list of resources you need to run the Relief Association and stay compliant with State Statutes, legislative changes and Gambling Control rules (if you run Charitable Gambling). Managing the pension is your primary responsibility so come prepared to take advantage of this resource on pension expertise who is active at the State Capitol, who also brings 21+ years as a firefighter and Treasurer of the Relief Association to help you better understand the latest trends in paid-on-call fire departments and how you can best serve your members. ***Bring your Association Bylaws, IPS, Relief Association SOPs and Articles of Incorporation if available.**

8 - Effective Communication 101 (Bruce Gordon and Jen Longaecker) – 4 hour: This course is designed to address public speaking, dissemination of public information, communication during crisis situations, how to work with the news media, and effectively communicating your message to the right people at the right time. This course will also discuss best practices as related to social media. The intent is to provide each attendee with the basic skills needed to be successful in their position as it relates to communicating with the public.

9 - Auto Extrication - (Hills Auto Extrication – Chris Hill) – 4 hour: The course will entail hands on extrication training where you will learn scene safety, stabilization, power shutdown, airbag safety, extrication techniques for side resting and roof resting vehicles. Class is designed for all skill levels from basic to advanced extrication. ***Full PPE and safety glasses are required. *12 maximum attendees**

10 - Minnesota Fire Incident Reporting - ImageTrend Elite (Scott Radke) - 4 hour: For Fire Department ImageTrend Administrators. This course will look into the ImageTrend Elite fire incident reporting system. This training will provide fire department personnel with the ability to enter incident reports and generate department reports using ImageTrend's ReportWriter. Students will work on-line using Elite software. Class will be broken down into 3 sections: 1) System Setup 2) Incident Entry 3) Report Writer. This is a hands-on class and if you would like to work on your own agencies data – please bring your ImageTrend logon and password for access otherwise you will be working on a training site. ***Bring your own computer**

11 – SCBA Confidence Course (Customized Fire Rescue - Scott Carriveau) – 4 hour: Firefighters will participate in hands on drills to increase confidence while wearing SCBA and full PPE. Drills will include basic SCBA survival skills designed to develop muscle memory which will then be applied within SCBA Confidence Prop. Students will work as a 2 or 3 person crew navigating through different challenges in lowlight or dark situations. Participants can expect to crawl in low profile situations, utilize sense of touch to navigate through different shapes, traverse multiple levels, and pass through stud spaces all in low light or dark situations. Students will be monitored using camera system for coaching and success. ***Bring Full PPE & SCBA with at least 2 air bottles**

12 - Leadership Challenges in Today's Volunteer Emergency Services Organizations (NVFC) – 4 hour: Today's volunteer emergency services leaders are challenged with a variety of very complex issues, including funding, recruitment, community/political support, and strategic planning. Come interact with other leaders from around the nation for an open discussion of the challenges affecting the future of your organization. Leave with new ideas and best practice solutions on how to resolve your challenges and move your organization forward towards a better tomorrow.

Classes #13-18 (pick 1)

13 – Relief Association – Keeping Your Bylaws and IPS Current (Ron Johnson) - 4 hour: This course is for all Relief Association Officers, Trustees and Members interested in updating their bylaws, wanting to understand, create or update an Investment Policy Statements (IPS), looking for ways you can improve relief association operations and help ensure your Bylaws are consistent with recent legislative changes. You'll Learn Plan types - Defined Benefit, Define Contribution and Statewide plan options; the role the Board of Directors plays in managing a 501(c) non-profit organization, including open meeting laws and staying compliant while running other business initiatives such as charitable gambling, and conducting other fund raising events; best practices for administration and financial management of the relief; ways to help ensure compliance with necessary investment procedures, State Statutes and legislative changes affecting your members. Managing the pension is your primary responsibility so come prepared to take advantage of this resource on pension expertise who is active at the State Capitol, who also brings 21+ years as a firefighter and Treasurer of the Relief Association to help you better understand the latest trends in paid-on-call fire departments and how you can best serve your members. ***Bring your Association Bylaws, IPS, Relief Association SOPs and Articles of Incorporation if available.**

14 – Minimizing Exposure to Products of Combustion (MnFIRE Initiative – Mike Dobesh) – 4 hour: This 4 hour awareness level training will review the chemical components of smoke and the impact that products of combustion and chemical flame retardants have on firefighter health and wellness. You will learn the most common ways you are exposed to these noxious hazards. Real life examples from firefighters on how their health has been impacted by products of combustion. This program also reviews what leading agencies are doing to better understand the problem and what we can do immediately to minimize exposures to products of combustion. We will review current research, best practices, sample SOG's, and a variety of supplies and equipment you available to improve health & wellness. You will come away from this training with an enhanced understanding of how to minimize exposures to products of combustion simple, easy to implement and in-expensive solutions to improve firefighter safety.

15 - Drone Team Creation and Use in the Fire Service (Maverick Drone Systems – Adam Shaw/Maxwell Hughes) – 4 hour: Through product demonstrations and video, Adam and Max will explore the current and future applications of UAS technology within the Fire Service. They will discuss opportunities for drone usage during hazardous materials response, storm damage assessment, search and rescue, fire ground analysis, water rescue, and more. Depending on weather conditions day of, there will also be flight demonstrations to give participants an idea of how this technology can be used. Finally, there will be a step by step walkthrough of the creation and management process of a UAS Fire Team.

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18 – Intro to Water Rescue – (RescuePax - Dan Bernardy) - 4 hour: Classroom and hands on training for warm and cold open-water emergencies. Basic hydrology, PPE, equipment needs, scene management strategies and tactics for rescues and recoveries. ***Bring Ice/Water Rescue PPE your FD utilizes, including shore tender PFD's, Rescuer PFD's, Ice Rescue suits, Dry suits, etc. Rescue equipment (rope, rescue slings, watercraft) will be provided.**