



Tri-State Mutual Aid Leadership Conference

February 27th Friday 6-10 pm

February 28th, Saturday 8:30-4:30 pm

Friday 6:00 pm Welcome

6:15 FF Tim Brown NYFD-Trapped in Trade Towers Collapse,

"How do you get up the next day after experiencing the worst day of your life, knowing you just lost over 100 close friends"

8:00-8:15 Break

8:15 Retired Fire Chief, Joe Knitter, South Milwaukee Fire Department

"The Commanding the Culture"

Leadership Influence from the Firehouse to the Fireground

Saturday 8:30 am Welcome

8:45 Dr. Derrick Edwards, Tennessee Tech University

"Surviving the Fire Service"

9:45-10:00 Break

10:00 MPIO Amy Maxwell, Hamilton Co. OEM

"What Happens When IT Hits the Fan" Crisis Communication

11:00 Chief Danny Jones, Chattanooga PD

"Carrying the Load"

12:00 pm LUNCH, visit W/Vendors

1:00 Chattanooga FD-Hamilton Co. OEM

Electric Vehicle Fires



2:00 - 2:15 Break

2:15 Vanderbilt - Chief Rick Boatwright

Adult, Pediatric and FF Burns

3:15 State's Cancer and PTSD Legislation and Law

4:15 Wrap up and closing conference



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Saturday 28th Specific Classes

Saturday 8:30 am Welcome

8:45 - 4:45 pm Staging Area Manager Class: Provide Emergency Responders with an overview of key duties and responsibilities of the Staging Area Manager.

- Review ICS Principles
- Roles and Responsibilities of the STAM
- Defining and establishing a staging area
- Managing the staging area
- Staging area activities
- Organized Demobilization

12:00 Lunch / Breaks as Instructor Permits

10:00 am - 3:00 pm Rope Rescue Equipment; Beyond Name & Function

Presented by The Rope Practitioner, LLC. Brandon Powers

- Move beyond “what it’s called” to understand how and why equipment works. Learn a simple framework for evaluating rope rescue equipment at a deeper level
- Decode ratings, compatibility, and certification without getting lost in standards language.
- Improve inspection, selection, and safe application of equipment
- Designed for developing rope rescue technicians; experience encouraged, not required.

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