



Minnesota State Fire Department Association 147th Annual Conference and Fire School

Mankato, MN September 20-21, 2024

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 fees: Early Bird - \$250 per firefighter (\$275 if after August 1, 2024)

Guests - \$30

*****Firefighter Registration Fee is eligible for MBFTE reimbursement*****

Registration Deadline: August 15, 2024

Registration Information

Fire Department Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Attendee #1 Name: _____ Attendee #1 Email: _____

Attending Guest Name: _____ Attending Guest Activities: Yes No

Friday AM Selection _____ Friday PM Selection _____ Saturday AM Selection _____ Banquet # _____

Attendee #2 Name: _____ Attendee #2 Email: _____

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Attendee #3 Name: _____ Attendee #3 Email: _____

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Attendee #4 Name: _____ Attendee #4 Email: _____

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Friday, September 20, 2024 - Morning Class Descriptions 8 am – 12 pm

Classes #1-6 (pick 1)

1. First Arriving Engine Company (Task Force 1): It's in your first due. You're first arriving. It's game on. As the boss, you expect a stellar performance from your crew. Firefighters stretch, get the kinks out and get water on the fire quickly. A fast knockdown if the engine operator does his magic. That's what it should look like. However, for some it is wishful thinking. Executing the fundamentals and having a good boss will make the difference. Want to excel as the first arriving engine? Expect nothing less. This program will help you get to the next level.

2. Barn Fires: What's Inside? (Task Force 1): Barns have been used to house farm animals and hay. However, today that is not the case. They may be used as venues for weddings, converted into residential dwellings or used as a base of operations for clandestine drug manufacturing. Because of their size, contents, and location, when they burn, they do it with reckless abandon. Gain an understanding of building construction, fire flow estimations, strategy and tactics, to help improve overall fireground operations at a barn fire.

3. Customer Service in Today's Fire & EMS Delivery (Task Force 1): Fire and EMS delivery is a business. Your customer is the person who calls 911. They are experiencing an emergency and need your help. How you treat them and deliver services becomes part of your organization's reputation. Often an organization's culture has hardened its members. It makes them callous to everyone often taking it out on the customer. Learn how to deliver world class customer service from your fire and EMS organization.

4. Investment Wisdom for Relief Association Trustees (Parr McKnight): The Parr McKnight Wealth Management Group has over 30 years of experience serving the unique needs of over 100 fire relief associations in MN. New and experienced trustees can gain valuable knowledge and insight from their perspective and approach. The majority of the class will cover topics including investment basics, understanding your fiduciary responsibilities, how to develop and implement your investment policy statement, investing psychology, and a first-hand analysis of your benefit level and strategies for working with your city to consistently and responsibly raise it over time. Parr McKnight will wrap up the class by discussing personal retirement planning topics including how to prepare for retirement, funding retirement, and pension basics.

5. We're the State, and We're Here to Help (Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division): From our dedicated State Emergency Response Teams to our thorough investigations and extensive MFIRS data, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety State Fire Marshal (SFM) division is committed to supporting the fire service and communities in Minnesota. Want to learn about the capabilities and see the varieties of tools and instrumentation a State Hazmat Team carries? Want to hear more about how our investigators determine a fire's cause and origin? How can your department leverage data to make your community safer? If you have wondered how we can support your department, this is the session for you.

6. Understanding the ISO Process (Verisk): You have had your ISO evaluation completed and have the results or you are about to prepare for your first time. Now what? Not only will this course give an overview of the grading schedule, we will also talk about Auto Aid vs Mutual Aid adding Hauled Water to your evaluation, access to MITIGATE and more. You will gain understanding of ways to improve the PPC score for your community, prepare for an evaluation and learn more about the ISO process.

***This class is recommended for Fire Officers.**

Friday, September 20, 2024 - Afternoon Class Descriptions 1 pm – 5 pm

Classes #7-12 (pick 1)

7. Flashovers, Backdrafts and Other Bad Stuff (Task Force 1): The fireground is dangerous. From the start of the fire to extinguishment, we will review what causes fire to grow, spread and eventually be extinguished. Flashovers, backdrafts, smoke explosions are just some bad things you may encounter. Learn what you are up against and how to improve overall fireground safety.

8. Rural Fireground Operations (Task Force 1): Rural is the environment for a large chunk of the country with no hydrants on street corners, narrow two or single lane roads. If they are paved if you're lucky. Water supply challenges, longer responses and access issues can be expected. With all that said, don't throw in the towel. Lose the rural, defeatist attitude. With good leadership, clear response guidelines and well-trained officers and firefighters, successful and effective rural operations are possible.

9. Light Staffed Engine and Truck Companies (Task Force 1): Staffed with two or three 3 personnel can be discouraging and challenging but that is real-world for many! However, by focusing on incident priorities, making some subtle operational changes with each company, results can be astounding!

10. Fire Investigation for Firefighters – (Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division): This class will give you a basic overview of how a fire investigator works toward establishing the origin and cause of a fire. The class will include basic principles of investigations along with ways firefighters can help the fire chief or investigator preserve a scene as best as possible. This class will include real-life examples and stories that will expand your knowledge of the science behind investigations.

11. Office of the State Auditor Relief Association Training (OSA): The Office of the State Auditor's training will cover 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 recent legislative sessions. 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 municipal contributions are determined, how to change benefit levels, and questions about your bylaws.

12. LivingWorks safeTALK (MnFIRE): The statistics are well-known: Police, paramedics and firefighters are at a higher risk of dying by suicide than the average citizen. LivingWorks suicide prevention training adds a layer of support, within workplace and social networks, which can help first responders with practice and appropriate action plans to help keep their peers and the community safer from suicide. LivingWorks safeTALK is a four-hour training that equips firefighters to be more alert to someone thinking of suicide and better able to connect them with further help.

Classes #13-18 (pick 1)

13. Managing Risks (Task Force 1): This presentation will share insights on how to manage risks in your organization. It will urge the participants to do an introspection of their own organization. From emergency operations to station management, the challenge is to “what if” this happens in your organization encouraging a hard look at eliminating or minimizing risk. Sound operating guidelines, good business practices, fireground operations and training are a large part of risk management.

14. Incident Commander (Task Force 1): The incident commander is the ultimate decision-making authority on the fireground. While he may be a Fire Chief, at other times he may be a company officer or even a firefighter. This individual is responsible for making strategic decisions and ensuring adequate resources are available to support tactical actions. In this presentation we will talk about span of control, strategy, tactics, fireground accountability, safety, and sound command practices.

15. Fixing Fireground Dysfunction (Task Force 1): Many fireground operations are chaotic, dysfunctional, and dangerous. Often an attempt to fix the problem is throwing a lot of resources at it hoping it will get better. Why the dysfunction? It can be lack of training. For others it is lack of standardization. Perhaps it's a lack of leadership and direction. In this presentation, we will share sound strategies and best practices to help fix your dysfunctional fireground.

16. Traffic Incident Management (Chief Judy Thill): Many firefighters feel more unsafe working along a roadway than they do going into a burning building! All public safety personnel, not just firefighters, as well as their vehicles, continue to get struck at scenes at an alarming rate. In addition to being hit at the scene, first responders have also been killed traveling to emergency calls. Learn what to look out for when responding to and working at scenes, along with how to best communicate, coordinate and cooperate with other responders. The goal is to make sure everyone, including the traveling public, has the opportunity to go home when the call is done. ***LEO can earn 3 POST credits for this class.**

17. Modern-Day Recruiter Class (Capstone): Recruiting new candidates for your department requires a plan and new techniques to attract them to your purpose. Retaining your current firefighters requires a plan too. This class will assist you in better understanding new practices for attracting, hiring, onboarding, training, and retaining firefighters. You will learn about finding your target market, using social media, interviewing, establishing Explorer programs, and more.

18. Relief Trustee Basics (Ed Hoffman - MSFDA/Doug Anderson – PERA): This class is for the new Relief Trustee or an existing Trustee that wants to learn more about Relief Associations. The topics covered will include: what is a relief association, the responsibilities of the association and its trustees, the different types of relief associations in MN, an overview of the laws that apply to relief's, investment options and bylaws. A representative from PERA will be available to discuss the Statewide Volunteer Firefighters (SVF) Plan. ***Bring your Association Bylaws and Records**

Minnesota Fire Service Certification Board Offerings



The Minnesota Fire Service Certification Board will be holding the following sessions during the MSFDA Conference:

19. NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector I Written and Skills Test – Saturday, September 21 – 8 am – noon: The written exam is made up of 100 multiple-choice questions. A score of 70% must be achieved in order to receive certification. The skills exam consists of the candidate demonstrating proficiency in at least 8 (eight) categories selected at random from the requirements in the NFPA 1031 standard. **The cost is \$126.00, which is in addition to the conference cost. Candidates are responsible for course completion and review prior to the conference. Please contact MFSCB directly at (866) 566-0911 if you would like to be included on the exam roster.**

Fire Inspector I Certification Exam

100 Question written exam and 8 skills.

Candidates will need MN 2020 Fire Code Book and IDs.

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20. Written Retests - Saturday, September 21 – 8 am – noon: Written retests for all levels will be available at the conference. **Please contact MFSCB at (866) 566-0911 if you would like to be added to the roster.**

For more information on specific examinations go to www.mfscb.org and “Certifications Offered.”