

# **NYSPFFA Eugene Faughnan/Jack McGuinness Health & Safety Conference October 24-26<sup>th</sup> 2023 Tentative Agenda**

## **Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Registration**

**11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Lunch**

**12:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Topic “Stricker Street Fire - Lessons learned”**

A presentation on the 2022 Stricker Street fire which tragically took the lives of Lieutenant Paul Butrim, Acting Lieutenant Kelsey Sadler, EMT/FF Kenneth Lacayo, and seriously injured EMT/FF John McMaster. The fire, which occurred in one of Baltimore’s many vacant dwellings, has become a catalyst for change within the Baltimore Fire Department. Discussion will include a short introduction of the BCFD, specifics of the incident, and lessons learned.

Battalion Chief Jacob VanGelder and Captain Brian Minutoli are both active members of the Baltimore Fire Department.

Battalion Chief Jacob VanGelder has served with the Baltimore City Fire Department since 1998. He holds an Associate’s Degree in Fire Science from Waldorf University and currently works in the 3rd Battalion.

Captain Brian Minutoli has served with the Baltimore City Fire Department since 2004. He is currently assigned to Engine Company 8. He graduated from Loyola University Maryland with a BA in Business and also holds an Associate’s Degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University.

Both B.C. VanGelder and Ct. Minutoli were members of the Stricker Street Board of Inquiry which wrote the internal report for the Department

**2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Break**

**2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Topic “Buffalo Fire Departments Cancer Prevention journey over the last 6 years”**

This session will discuss the collaboration between the Buffalo Fire Department, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Institute and Buffalo Professional Firefighters Local 282 in the diagnosis, treatment and mitigation of cancer in the Buffalo Fire Department. We will focus on our screening process and how it has evolved over the years to include low-dose CT scans for the members of the Buffalo Fire Department through Roswell Park's mobile CT unit, EDDY. (Early Detection Driven to You). We will be discussing how this service came to be offered and what some of the preliminary results have been. Lastly, we will be discussing next steps to further enhance our efforts to prevent occupational cancer in the Buffalo Fire Department.

Chris Whelan: A 23-year veteran of the Buffalo Fire Department, Mary Reid, PhD who is the Chief of Cancer Screening and Survivorship at Roswell Park and Ashley Snowden who is the Director of Physician and Corporate Relations at Roswell Park

**Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. – Registration**

**7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast**

**8:00 a.m. – 10 a.m. Topic - Active Shooter, Assailant, Terrorism Threat Assessment**

This session will discuss the similarities and differences in response to active shooter/assailant incidents. This will also include intel, prevention, and response activities to terrorist threats and incidents.

Greg Kelly is 25-year Boston Fire Local 718 member, assigned to Tower Ladder 10, one of the 7 Technical Rescue companies; a retired Command Sergeant Major in the US Army Special Forces, who has instructed on various fires, international counter terrorism teams, law enforcement and corporations on critical incident response.

**10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Topic "Hazards of alternative fuels and new technology vehicles, including EV and Micro mobility devices."**

Knowledge of these systems and how to mitigate emergencies involving them is crucial to assuring not only our safety as firefighters, but the public's safety as well.

Steve Cole: Lieutenant, Rescue - City of Binghamton Fire Bureau

**12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. – Lunch**

**12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Topic “How did this forever chemical get into our gear?”**

This class will look at the history of our gear, how to turn the Joint Statement in Action and what are the next steps to best protect our members. Focus will be placed on implementing the Joint Statement to everyday situations and answering our members questions on the subject reevaluating the risk posed by our PPE in its present form.

David Hoyle is a trial lawyer with Motley Rice LLC, one of the nation’s largest plaintiff’s litigations.

**2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Break**

**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Topic “Elevator Rescues”** In many departments training on a response to individuals trapped in elevators is a challenging incident. Many of our departments receive very little or no training in developing response procedures and tools required. What are the safety considerations, tools and resources needed. Elevator rescues involve the engagement of non-fire service responders including elevator repair or building engineers. How does the fire service engage these disciplines to bring an incident to a successful conclusion.

Lt. Michael Zofchak FDNY L-24 is a 28-year veteran of the FDNY, Lt. Zofchak spent 18 years in the South Bronx in Engine 71/ Ladder 55. Shortly after being promoted to Lieutenant in 2014 he was assigned to Ladder 24 in Mid-town Manhattan. Lt. Zofchak is also a certified instructor at the Fire Academy and has taught numerous Proby” classed throughout the years.

**Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. – Registration**

**7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast**

**8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Topic “Fireground Strategies: High Rise Operations”**

This course covers the characteristics, firefighting concerns, and life safety concerns inherent in this type of occupancy. Operational guidelines and safety-oriented policies will be discussed as well as a review of several case studies of high-rise fires and the lessons learned. Stack effect, stratification, equipment requirements, staffing requirements, alternate strategies and tactics, and protection-in-place vs. evacuation will be covered. A comprehensive look at command and control as well as control point establishment is included.

Anthony Avillo retired as deputy chief of North Hudson (NJ) Regional Fire & Rescue after 30 years in the fire service. He is the author of Fireground Strategies, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (2015) and coauthor of Full Contact Leadership (2017). Avillo is the Region 3 Director of the ISFSI. He is a member of the Fire Engineering Editorial Advisory Board and was the recipient of the 2012 IFSFI

George D. Post Instructor of the Year Award. He has a B.S. degree in fire science and an M.S. degree in national security studies.

**10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Behavioral Health in the Fire Service – Suicide Prevention/Peer Support.** Lieutenant Drew Kane, FDNY – Program Director of FDNY- CSU (ATP)

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