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Paul Rogers, Battery Systems- is a retired lieutenant from FDNY after serving the City of New York for 32 years. Upon retirement, Rogers started PGR Group LLC, which is a consultant company that works with Lithium Ion battery safety. Mr. Rogers has been deeply intricate with standards and code that is directly involved with Energy Storage Safety. While with the FDNY, Lt Rogers worked the Fire Prevention as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) on Energy Storage Systems. Lt Rogers was FDNY representative for the Office of Technical Certifications and Review for Energy Storage Systems installations (ESS) within the New York City Department of Buildings and wrote ESS operational guidelines for the FDNY.

Dave Guercio, Lessons Learned MAYDAYS/LODD- began his career in 2007 and is currently the Captain of Truck Co. 3 in Baltimore City, Maryland. He has been assigned to both Engine and Truck companies on both sides of the City as a fireman, pump operator, lieutenant and captain. Additionally, he is an instructor with the University of Maryland Fire Rescue Institute as well as the Baltimore City Fire Academy. Dave is the father of two young boys and has a very active personal life.

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Patrick Hines, The State of Tech Rescue- has been in Emergency Services since 1990, retired Deputy Chief from Albany Fire Dept, Rescue Team Manager / Team Leader NY-TF2 Urban Search & Rescue Task Force, Lead Instructor for NYS collapse and trench programs, and currently DSFA overseeing Special Operation for NYS

Micheal Cacciola, Health & Wellness for FF's- is a member of the New York City Fire Department (FDNY), where he serves as an active member of Ladder Company 22 on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. He is a member of Uniformed Fire Fighters Association of New York, IAFF Local 94. Mike graduated from Lehman College in the Bronx with a bachelor's Degree in Health Education. He was born and raised in New York, and has been with the department since 2013. In addition to his front-line role, Mike is also one of the department's Peer Fitness Trainers, a member of the FDNY CPAT unit (which oversees CPAT training for FDNY fire fighter candidates), and a member of the FDNY ceremonial unit. He is also an instructor with IAFF Wellness Fitness initiative and the Fit2Thrive program. He first became involved with the IAFF in 2015 when he became a certified PFT.

Thomas Jordan, On Duty Injuries- counsel for firefighter and police unions in New York State. Trial counsel for many police and firefighter claims under Sections 207-a and 207-c and Sections 205-a and 205-e of the General Municipal Law and the Retirement and Social Security Law. Keynote speaker in many seminars regarding firefighters' on-the-job injuries, retirement matters and collective bargaining issues.

Jeffrey Stull, Turnout Gear PFAS/ New Technology- has been involved with personal protective equipment (PPE) since 1983, starting his career in the U.S. Coast Guard, where he managed several PPE projects related to hazardous materials and maritime fire protection. He received the Coast Guard Commendation Medal during his service. Jeff was president and program manager at TRI/Environmental, setting up a PPE laboratory for NFPA certification testing. In 1993, he and his wife, Grace, formed International Personnel Protection, Inc., providing expertise in designing, evaluating, and using protective clothing and equipment. He has led numerous studies and projects, including the "How Clean is Clean" project, which has been sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security since 2015.

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Maia Brown, Reproductive Health in the Fire Service- FF/Paramedic in Bellevue, Washington and active member in her union, Local 1604. Since experiencing her own infertility as a firefighter, Maia has established a non-profit to support firefighters with reproductive health concerns by way of grants for fertility treatment, consulting, policy development and education. Her hope is to help others feel supported, raise awareness on the effects of firefighting on reproductive health and most importantly, keep firefighters and their families safe.

Thomas Andryshak, Fire Based EMS- Playing the Away Game (CME Credits issued)- Firefighter/Paramedic for the Arlington Fire District, Local 2393 in Poughkeepsie, NY has a strong background in pre-hospital medicine as well as Special operations. Tommy is a NYS Fire instructor and CIC and has a passion for education and mentorship. He is a committee participant for Technical Rescue at Arlington hopes to integrate safe and efficient medical care to all of the disciplines.