

2017 FIRE SERVICE CONFERENCE



2017 Georgia Fire Service Conference

August 22 – 26, 2017

The Classic Center – Athens, Georgia Conference Agenda

(Updated May 26, 2017)

NOTE: *The conference agenda will continue to be update, so please check the www.gsffa.org and www.gafc.org for the latest versions.*

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Pre-Conference Classes

See times and locations below

PRE-CONFERENCE CLASSES

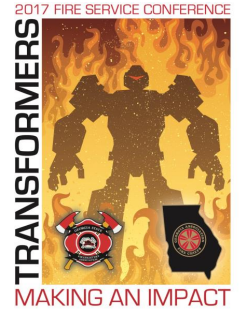
All events take place off-site. Please try to arrive at least 15 minutes early at the class location in order to check in with the instructor.

Limited space is available! You must pre-register for these classes and pay the \$35 fee in order to attend.

Time	Class	Location
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Class Size: 20	Essentials of Chaplaincy – Part 1 Instructors: Ronnie Cowart, GSFA Chaplain Ricky Thrasher, Georgia Baptist Convention	Living Hope Church 2150 Lexington Road Athens, GA. 30605
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Class Size: 30	Chief Fire Officer Orientation Day 4 Instructors: David Wall Mike Morash Offered by the Georgia Fire Academy as part of the Fire Officer Series, this program is designed to assist newly appointed fire chiefs in development of skills and abilities needed to lead their organizations. While the target audience is fire chiefs who have just recently attained that position, any current fire chiefs should find this course beneficial and are encouraged to attend. The “Day 4” delivery addresses the ISO Rating Schedule and Risk Management and Liability for the chief officer.	Lyndon House 211 Hoyt Street Athens, GA 30601

<p>1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Class Size: 25</p>	<p>National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training Program</p> <p>Instructors: Danny Thompson, Parsons Field Project Manager Hawk Hagebak, Parsons Field Project Manager</p> <p>The National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training was created by responders for responders. This course provides first responders a shared understanding of the requirements for safe, quick clearance of traffic incident scenes; prompt, reliable and open communication; and motorist and responder safeguards. First responders learn how to operate more efficiently and collectively. Topics covered include TIM fundamentals, safe vehicle positioning, traffic management, special circumstances and more. All EMTs and paramedics are required to have this class prior to recertification.</p>	<p><i>LOCATION TBD, please check closer to the conference for this location.</i></p>
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Wednesday, August 23, 2017



- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Pre-Conference Classes**
See times and locations below

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** **Unification Partners Meeting**
Hilton Garden Inn

- 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.** **Mutual Aid Task Force Meeting**
Hilton Garden Inn

- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Georgia Mutual Aid Group (GMAG) Meeting**
Hilton Garden Inn

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Time	Class	Location
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Class Size: 20	Training for Fire Attack – the ABC’s of Aggressive Live Fire Training Instructor: Philip Adams, Sandy Springs Fire Department Is your department training to put out fires? Or are you training to hurt firefighters? This fireground demands intelligent, purposeful action on the part of well-trained and aggressive firefighters and officers. This 4-hour class combines classroom, open air, and live fire drills in a fast-paced look at how science and street smart techniques make us more efficient and effective firefighters. How we conduct our live fire training has a significant impact on our success on the fire ground. This class is for all levels of firefighters but focuses on the training of officers and company officers who are tasked with developing and implementing effective live fire drills.	Athens-Clarke County Fire Training Center 155 Paradise Boulevard Athens, GA 30607

<p>8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Class Size: 150</p>	<p>GISAC Threat Assessment</p>	<p><i>LOCATION TBD, please check closer to the conference for this location.</i></p>
<p>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Class Size: 20</p>	<p>Essentials of Chaplaincy – Part 2 Instructors: Ronnie Cowart, GSFA Chaplain Ricky Thrasher, Georgia Baptist Convention</p>	<p>Living Hope Church 2150 Lexington Road Athens, Ga. 30605</p>
<p>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Class Size: 20</p>	<p>Point of No Return Instructor: Robert Culbertson, Hall County Fire Services Training and Professional Development Chief</p> <p>Learn how to assess your point of no return, using the example of a 2006 Hall County fire and the incident response. Participants will become more familiar with S.C.B.A gear, the rules of air management, air conservation, emergency procedures and much more. This course is a mix of classroom and hand-on training.</p>	<p>City of Jefferson Fire Department 64 Fowler Drive Jefferson, GA 30549</p>
<p>8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Chief Fire Officer Orientation Day 3 Instructors: Jeff Dean Mike Byrd Henry Argo</p> <p>Offered by the Georgia Fire Academy as part of the Fire Officer Series, this program is designed to assist newly appointed fire chiefs in development of skills and abilities needed to lead their organizations. While the target audience is fire chiefs who have just recently attained that position, any current fire chief should find this course beneficial and are encouraged to attend. The "Day 3" delivery addresses ethics, various traits that are desirable for chief officers in relation to training staff personnel and retention, and professional development for Chief Officers.</p>	<p>Lyndon House 211 Hoyt Street Athens, GA 30601</p>

- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **GSFA Business Session**
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **GAFC Business Session**
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Conference General Session: Benefits of Using Highway Safety Tactical Trucks**
Instructor: Jackie Gibbs, Marietta Fire Department Chief
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Fire Service Exhibit Hall Opens / Opening Reception**

Take this opportunity to interact with vendors and other organizations that work with Georgia's service. Get a first-hand look at new equipment and learn about how these companies and providing innovative solutions that could help your community. Training credit will be given for visiting with vendors.

Dinner on Your Own



**Thursday Evening Entertainment:
Son of a Sailor at The Graduate Hotel**

Gather for a fun, casual evening featuring Son of a Sailor, a popular Jimmy Buffet tribute band! The Graduate Hotel is offering this private event for Georgia Fire Service conference participants. There will be no cover charge, complimentary food and a reduced rate on drinks. The Graduate Hotel is located at 295 East Dougherty Street.

Friday, August 25, 2017

All events take place at the Classic Center unless otherwise specifically noted.

- 7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Memorial Service**
- 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Open**
Spend some additional time meeting the companies and organization that support Georgia's fire service. Training credit will be given for visiting with vendors.
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Lunch in the Exhibit Hall**
- 12:45 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Door Prize Drawings & MDA Presentations**

Firefighter Spouse Tour

Friday, August 25

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Whether you're a first-timer to Athens or already familiar with the "Classic City," you won't want to miss this fun opportunity to see some of the most recognized places on the University of Georgia campus and get to know the spouses of other firefighters. As part of this day you will have the opportunity to:

- Tour the University of Georgia Athletic Facilities
- Explore the State Botanical Garden
- Enjoy lunch and a taste of art at one of Athens' historic homes
- Experience the downtown shopping district

The cost of this tour is \$15 and pre-registration is required through the online conference registration. Children are welcome to come along at no charge, but please notify Beth Brown at bbrown@gsffa.org or 770-262-5092 if you are planning to bring children.

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	GSFA Business Session
1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break: Ice Cream Social
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	GAFC Business Session
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Dual Tracks

TRACK 1: Customer Service

Instructor: Robert Baxley, Zaxby's Chief Operating Officer

In 2016, Zaxby's was ranked by the Nation's Restaurant News annual Top 100 Report as No. 10 in growth in U.S. sales. This Athens-based company supports more than 700 company-owned and franchised locations and has a keen focus on customer service. Gain a leadership perspective from Zaxby's operations into the importance of meeting the needs of customers, both internal and external.

TRACK 2:

Fire Prevention Task Force Report

Instructor: Robert Singletary, Former Warner Robins Fire Chief and Task Force Chairman

Georgia fire-related deaths soared to 154 in 2016, one of the highest years recently on record. Learn more about the work of the Fire Prevention Task Force and some of the recommendations that are under discussion for how you can help to reduce and prevent these tragedies in your community.

**Friday Evening Entertainment:
Annual Firefighters Competition & Meal
5 p.m.**

Get ready to have some fun as fire departments compete through a series of challenges to claim the top title! Join us in the outdoor pavilion behind the Classic Center to enjoy some good-spirited competition. Dinner will be provided in the Exhibit Hall area immediately following the competition

Saturday, August 26, 2016

All events take place at the Classic Center unless otherwise noted.

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Morning Devotion Service**
- 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Dual Tracks**



TRACK 1:

Pipeline Emergencies: Command Officers Strategies (PECOS) – Part 1

Instructor: Lt. David Bullard, Columbia County Fire Rescue & GSFA First Vice President

This class is a part of the Georgia Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative. This four-hour class designed for Chief Officers and those in command positions. It is a strategy-oriented, promoting awareness and increasing knowledge about pipeline locations, risks and liabilities.

TRACK 2:

How Not to Kill a Firefighter

Instructor: Philip Adams, Sandy Springs Fire Department

The best safety equipment is a well-trained firefighter. Is the training your firefighters receive sufficient for them to survive a fireground emergency? This presentation looks at hostile fireground events through the lens of a company officer who is responsible for the proper training of firefighters. It takes the company officer through a discussion of three vitally important questions: What are the factors that contribute to a MAYDAY event? How do firefighter basic skills training directly affect the survivability of a hostile fireground event? How does the company officer get the crew to embrace repetitive skills training when we all know that the recliner is calling our name? This class is suitable for firefighters at every level from the soon-to-be promoted all the way up through the big chief.

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Coffee Break**

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Dual Tracks**

TRACK 1:

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Pipeline Emergencies: Command Officers Strategies (PECOS) – Part 2

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TRACK 2:

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Leadership, Performance Management and Supervision

Instructor: Bob Ingram, Chief Deputy, White County Sheriff's Office

This course deals with the realities of managing and leading people. Leadership involves personal responsibility for outcomes. Your influence as a leader is critical to the accomplishments of your team. Selecting the right people for the job, aligning talents with position and assignment, motivating staff and finally dealing with problems to include problem employees are a leader's job. It will also cover situational leadership, good coaching and the personal responsibility of managers.

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

MutualAid Net - Enhancing Georgia's Mutual Aid Response Capabilities

Instructors: Cobb County Department of Public Safety Captain Dennis Thayer and Social Circle Fire Chief Ken Zaydel

Presented by the Mutual Aid Task Force, this session will provide an update on Mutual Aid Net, the program that the Georgia Fire Service will use for Mutual Aid resources and notifications. This session will cover how to log into the system and update department information and resources.

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Session: Reaching Millennials

Instructor: David Kimbrell

1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fire Service Conference Closing General Session

HB 146 – Firefighter Cancer Insurance: What You Need to Know

John Hanson, WillisTowersWatson

Ashley Abercrombie, ACCG Deputy Director of Insurance Programs

Cal Wray, GMA Director of Insurance Programs

HB 146, the firefighter cancer insurance legislation, was passed by the Georgia General Assembly and signed by Governor Nathan Deal for implementation on January 1, 2018. Find out what your department needs to do to make sure your firefighters are covered and get your questions about this important legislation answered.

Keynote Speaker:

Atlanta Fire Chief Joel Baker

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Afternoon Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

GSFA / GAFC Joint Closing Session

- Recognize GSFA / GAFC District Representatives
- Legislative Update from Michael Shelnett
- Joint Ventures Financial Account Overview

5:30 p.m.

Reception & Awards Ceremony

Joint the leadership of the Georgia State Firefighters Association, the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs and the Georgia Arson Control Board to recognize and honor the individuals selected to receive annual statewide fire service awards and to present fire chief certifications. All attendees are invited, no separate registration is required. Dressy attire or dress uniforms recommended.

Dinner on Your Own