

2017 FIRE SERVICE CONFERENCE

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# 2017 Georgia Fire Service Conference

## August 22 – 26, 2017

## The Classic Center – Athens, Georgia Conference Agenda

(Updated August 10, 2017)

### 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	<b>Essentials of Chaplaincy – Part 1</b> Instructors: Ronnie Cowart, GSFA Chaplain	<b>Living Hope Church</b> 2150 Lexington Road Athens, GA. 30605
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Class Size: 30	<b>Chief Fire Officer Orientation Day 4</b> Instructors: Jeff Dean 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 the 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.	<b>Lyndon House</b> 211 Hoyt Street Athens, GA 30601

<p><b>1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b></p> <p>Class Size: 25</p>	<p><b>National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training Program</b></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><b>Athens-Clarke County Fire Station 7</b> 2350 Barnett Shoals Road Athens, GA 30605</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*
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**      **Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Changes**  
*Hilton Garden Inn, Cypress Room*
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**      **Unification Partners Meeting**  
*Hilton Garden Inn, Cypress Room*
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**      **Mutual Aid Task Force Meeting**  
*Hilton Garden Inn, Cypress Room*
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**      **Georgia Mutual Aid Group (GMAG) Meeting**  
*Hilton Garden Inn, Cypress Room*



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<b>8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>  Class Size: 20	<b>Training for Fire Attack – the ABC’s of Aggressive Live Fire Training</b> 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.	<b>Athens-Clarke County Fire Training Center</b> 155 Paradise Boulevard Athens, GA 30607
<b>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b>  Class Size: 20	<b>Essentials of Chaplaincy – Part 2</b> Instructors: Ronnie Cowart, GSFA Chaplain Ricky Thrasher, Georgia Baptist Convention	<b>Living Hope Church</b> 2150 Lexington Road Athens, Ga. 30605

<p><b>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</b></p> <p>Class Size: 20</p>	<p><b>Point of No Return</b></p> <p>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><b>City of Jefferson Fire Department</b></p> <p>64 Fowler Drive Jefferson, GA 30549</p>
<p><b>8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Chief Fire Officer Orientation Day 3</b></p> <p>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><b>Lyndon House</b></p> <p>211 Hoyt Street Athens, GA 30601</p>

## **Thursday, August 24, 2017**

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<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Conference Registration Open</b> <i>Grand Hall Pre-Function South</i>
<b>7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Only – Breakfast On Your Own</b> <i>Grand Hall Pre-Function South</i>
<b>8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Official Opening of the 2017 Fire Services Conference</b> <i>Grand Hall 7</i>
	<b>Opening Remarks: GSFA President Joey Hartley &amp; GAFC President Dwayne Jamison</b>
	<b>Welcome: Athens-Clarke County Fire Chief Jeff Scarbrough</b>
	<b>Welcome: Athens-Clarke County Mayor Nancy Denson</b>
	<b>Special Guest: Secretary of State Brian Kemp</b>
	<b>Keynote Speaker: Coweta County Fire Department Chief Pat Wilson</b>
<b>9:45 a.m. – 10 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Conference General Session:</b> <b>Macon County Fire Incident: Lessons Learned from a “Routine” Call</b> Instructor: Chief David Wall, Georgia Fire Academy Division Director and Captain Brent Burke, Georgia Fire Academy Instructor III <i>Grand Hall 7</i>
	<i>On March 17, 2016, the Macon County Fire Department incurred multiple firefighter injuries during what many in today’s fire service have called a “routine” structure fire. By showing courage through transparency, the leadership of Macon County Fire requested the Georgia Fire Academy to conduct interviews of personnel to determine what procedures or operational changes, if any, needed to occur to prevent similar events or incidents in the future. This presentation will discuss what occurred on the scene and the lessons learned through this incident.</i>
<b>11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Conference General Session: Community Partnerships</b> Instructor: Steve Harris, University of Georgia Director of Community Preparedness <i>Grand Hall 7</i>
	<i>This session will discuss the reasons and benefits of partnering with your local and/or regional technical college, college or university. Not only is it important for you to understand the often complex environment that you may encounter on a response, but many colleges and universities have resources that can benefit your organization. This session will discuss many examples and case studies of a successful partnership.</i> <i>Grand Hall Pre-Function South</i>



**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Lunch Session: Georgia Fire Service Pulse Check**

*Grand Hall Pre-Function South / Grand Hall 7*

*Representatives from state agencies and other allied groups will provide updates on specific projects and discuss how they can assist those in the fire service in serving our communities.*

**1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

**Remarks from State Officials / State Agencies**

*Grand Hall 7*

*State officials and fire service leadership will provide a snapshot of the important issues of importance to Georgia's firefighters.*

**2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**GSFA Business Session**

*Grand Hall 7*

**3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

**GAFC Business Session**

*Grand Hall 7*

**4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Conference General Session: Benefits of Using Highway Safety Tactical Trucks**

Instructor: Chris Whitmire, Marietta Fire Department Assistant Chief

*Grand Hall 7*

*In June 2016, the Marietta Fire Department placed a Traffic Accident Control (TAC) unit in service. The unit is dedicated to protecting fire, police and other responders on the scene of interstate traffic accidents. The concept for this unit arose from three separate incidents in which Marietta Fire units were stuck by vehicles while working on the scene of interstate traffic accidents within a 6-month period. Get a first hand look at the TAC unit and learn about the vehicle and its equipment, operator training, operating procedures and interagency coordination. You can see the vehicle first-hand behind the Classic Center during today's Fire Service Exhibit Hall.*

**4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Fire Service Exhibit Hall Opens / Opening Reception**

*Grand Hall 8*

*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, light refreshments 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.*

<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast</b> <i>Grand Hall Pre-Function South</i>
<b>8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Memorial Service</b> <i>Grand Hall 7</i>
<b>9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b> <i>Grand Hall 8</i>  <i>Spend some additional time meeting the companies and organizations that support Georgia's fire service. Training credit will be given for visiting with vendors. Collect four tickets from vendors and turn them in at the registration desk to receive your credit.</i>
<b>9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b> <i>Grand Hall 8</i>
<b>11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch in the Exhibit Hall</b> <i>Grand Hall 8</i>
<b>12:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Exhibit Hall Door Prize Drawings &amp; MDA Presentations</b> <i>Grand Hall 8</i>
<b>1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.</b>	<b>GSFA Business Session</b> <i>Grand Hall 7</i>
<b>1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Afternoon Break: Ice Cream Social</b> <i>Grand Hall Pre-Function South</i>
<b>2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>GAFC Business Session</b> <i>Grand Hall 7</i>

## **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](mailto:bbrown@gsffa.org) or 770-262-5092 if you are planning to bring children.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Dual Tracks

**TRACK 1: Customer Service**

Instructor: Robert Baxley, Zaxby's Chief Operating Officer

*Grand Hall 7*

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

*Grand Hall 3 & 4*

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 Foundry Pavilion located 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**  
Grand Hall Pre-Function South
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**                      **Morning Devotion Service**  
Grand Hall 7
- 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  
Grand Hall 3 & 4

*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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**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

*Grand Hall 7*

*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

*Grand Hall 7*

*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, INSERT TITLE

*Grand Hall 7*

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

**Fire Service Conference Closing General Session**

*Grand Hall 7*

**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**

*Grand Hall Pre-Function South*

**3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**GSFA / GAFC Joint Closing Session**

*Grand Hall 7*

**5:30 p.m.**

**Reception & Awards Ceremony**

*Atrium*

*Join 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**