

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM



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NOTE: ALL TIMES LISTED ARE CENTRAL STANDARD TIME (CST)

### Tuesday, December 8, 2020

*Opening Keynote*

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Welcome to Firehouse Expo Direct & Keynote Presentation The Space Between

Join Jeff Banman as he shares what you can discover for what resides in the intervals of life, the moments of quiet and the space between the chaos in the role of a firefighter. Thirty years of work culminates in this singular insight that will enable you to bring the calm to the chaos when discernment and action is needed most. This is the space that brings about the power, wisdom, courage, confidence and all things necessary to be a great firefighter who takes extraordinary actions producing extraordinary results.

Speaker:

Jeff Banman - U.S. Army Ranger, CIA Counterterrorism Operator



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*General Sessions*

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Five Keys  
to  
Successful  
Engine  
Company  
Operations  
at  
Apartment  
Fires

Fires in apartment buildings present unique challenges that require specific tactics to ensure rapid water application to the seat of the fire. Engine companies must be proficient at promptly selecting, stretching, and advancing the initial attack line. Although these priorities are the same at every fire, apartment fires add potential complexities of long stretches to upper floors and lengthy advances down smoke-filled hallways. In addition, engine company personnel may encounter numerous variables, including imminent rescues, clogged hallways and stairwells, and building systems. This presentation will provide you with the essentials when it comes to developing engine company preplans and tactics that work in these challenging buildings.

Speaker:

Jonathan Hall - St. Paul, MN, Fire Department

**12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**

Lessons  
Learned  
from  
COVID-19 &  
the  
Pandemic  
Response

Columbus Division of Fire was presented with one of the most challenging responses in the department's history this year when the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Maintaining operational efficiency was vital to addressing COVID-19 as it swept across the nation. The main keys to success were implementing an incident command structure, establishing an incident action plan and communications with our members and key stakeholders in our response, along with contact tracing in collaboration with the local health department. This presentation will cover how those were successfully carried out, plus other lessons learned to highlight the COVID-19 response for the Columbus Division of Fire.

Speaker:

David Baugh - Columbus, OH, Division of Fire

**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

The Fast  
Five: RIT  
Essentials

Though undoubtedly well-intentioned, having a "RIT Picnic" in the front yard is counterproductive to downed firefighter rescue operations. This fast-paced class will review five topics that attendees can evaluate for use at their department to help modernize RIT operations. Tool selection, deployment models, and other topics will be used to illustrate that a change in mentality is

long overdue. By empowering interior crews to assist the mayday firefighter and using RIT to supplement the units in close proximity to the downed member, you will significantly increase the chances for a successful rescue.

Speaker:

Jake Hoffman - Toledo, OH, Fire/Rescue Department

**3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Top 5  
Commandm  
of a Great  
Fire Officer  
in 2021 and  
Beyond!

There has never been a more challenging time to be a fire officer. The fire officer of today not only needs to be in touch with today's reality, but more importantly, the future of the fire service. Topics to be discussed in this session include, but are not limited to, leadership, teamwork, training, mentoring and customer service. Before you start pointing fingers at the lack of leadership, make sure you're doing the best you can for those you are fortunate enough to lead and serve! Leadership starts at the firehouse.

Speaker:

Steve Prziborowski - Santa Clara County, CA, FD

**4:30 PM - 5:15 PM**

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Virtual Roundtable: The Need to Lead: Fire Service Leadership Development	<p>With the fire service seeing many retirements on both the career and volunteer sides, the next generation of leaders face challenges unlike ever before. This panel discussion will look at how fire departments can create programs that train and educate the next generation of leaders and prepare them for the myriad of situations they can face in the station and on the streets. Without fundamentally engaging all levels in truly deconstructing the need for fire service leadership, it will not grow.</p> <p>Marc Davidson - Fairfax County, VA, Fire Rescue Department Benjamin Martin - Embrace the Resistance Leadership Solutions Steve Prziborowski - Santa Clara County, CA, FD Jesse Quinalty - Red Helmet Fire Training</p>
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**Wednesday, December 9, 2020***General Sessions***10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Virtual Roundtable: Finding the Time for Training	<p>Join four fire officers as they discuss what they do to ensure their companies are getting quality training during busy regular shifts. The group will share tips on how their crews create engaging hands-on drills, plus tailboard and kitchen table discussions to keep crews sharp. Training is not just a checkbox and the panelists will offer insight to keep training balanced with the other duties that today's firefighters are tasked with.</p> <p>Thomas Anderson - Charlotte, NC, Fire Department Chad Christiansen - Los Angeles County Fire Department Robert C. Owens Sr. - Henrico County, VA, Division of Fire Ryan Pennington - Charleston, WV, Fire Department</p>
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**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Developing Today's Truck Company Culture	<p>A well-established truck company culture creates the foundation for effective truck company operations on the fireground. Both are mentally and physically demanding and require members to be technically proficient for success at fire scenes. This presentation will give you a thorough knowledge of truck company operations and the necessary tools and equipment to accomplish coordinated fireground operations to effectively carry out life-saving tasks.</p> <p>Speaker: Sean Eagen - City of Buffalo, NY, Fire Department</p>
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**12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**

Straightforw Solutions for Problematic Extrications	<p>Emergency responses to extrications can become more problematic when the vehicles come to rest in unorthodox positions. Vehicles on their sides, roofs, and under other vehicles or objects add additional risks and challenges to both rescuers and victims. This course will provide down-to-earth solutions for dealing with these events. Topics to be covered include: identifying vehicle power systems, determining patient removal techniques, identifying logistical needs, deploying effective stabilization techniques and disentanglement techniques.</p> <p>Speaker: Mike Daley - Monroe Twp., NJ, Fire District #3</p>
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**2:00 PM - 2:10 PM**


Columbus Division of Fire Welcomes Firehouse Expo 2021	Speaker:
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**2:10 PM - 3:10 PM**

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Command Success:	This fast-paced 60 minute program will cover fireground size-up and what to look for based on the resources assigned to the alarm.
Commanding from the Sidelines	Understanding time delayed tactics, Isakson will show how you can make the most of the first arriving companies before all hands arrive. It is critical to be realistic with what your assigned resources can and cannot do based on each company's actual capabilities based on apparatus, training, and experience - a three person ladder with a step up officer, new driver, and rookie assigned cannot do what a four person, seasoned crew can do. It is important that the fireground commander use the size-up and understanding of time delayed tactics to properly assign crews to get the most out of your bench to mitigate the incident.
	Speaker: Curt Isakson - Escambia County, FL, Fire Rescue

*Closing Keynote***3:10 PM - 3:40 PM**

2020: Wow. Just Wow.	Let us recap a year that none of us will forget and try to end it on a positive, fun note!
	Speaker: Jason Patton - Fire Department Chronicles
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