



2022 State Fire Marshal's Fire Officer Symposium Presentation Overviews

Consumer Grade Fireworks in Ohio – Kevin Reardon, State Fire Marshal

Recently Ohio's legislation passed a law legalizing the discharging of consumer grade fireworks in Ohio. This presentation will discuss the legalization of consumer grade fireworks occurring in July 2022, and what Ohio's fire service role is throughout the transition to legalized fireworks in the state.

Division of EMS Updates/Discipline Process for Certified Firefighters – Robert Wagoner, Director, Division. of EMS

During this presentation, members of the Ohio Department of Public Safety will provide an update on the Division of EMS rules for the fire service. In addition to the update, a discussion over the discipline process for Ohio certified firefighters will be reviewed.

Local Assistance State Team (LAST) Overview – Jack Guyton, LAST Coordinator, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

The Local Assistance State Team (LAST) Program is a collaborative effort between the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. This presentation will discuss how LAST can best assist families and departments who had lost a firefighter in the line of duty.

NFIRS in 5 Easy Steps – Anita Metheny, Asst. Bureau Chief, Fire Prevention

Have you ever wondered what the correct codes to use on a fire report were? This class will clear up all the confusing fields in NFIRS and provide you easy definitions and clarification of what to put in the box.

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Ohio Emergency Response System – Bill Houk, Ohio Response System State Coordinator

Review of the Ohio Emergency Response System and what it can do for your department along with providing and receiving mutual aid. The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) will also be discussed and how it is used to assist during a governor-declared emergency between state lines.

Public Employment Risk Reduction Program (PERRP): Standards Applicable to the Fire Service – Jeff Little, Regional Business Consultant & Kim Mitchem, Senior Compliance Safety and Health Officer, Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation

The presenters will review “what’s next after an injury” and include detailed steps in the workers’ compensation process of filing a claim. The event will also feature the Ohio BWC’s Public Employer Risk Reduction Program (PERRP) and a review of applicable standards for firefighters.

Reaching the Tik Tok Generation: Recruitment, Training, and Retention of Generation Z – Brock Yingling, Apollo Career Center High School Fire/EMS Technology Instructor

Generation Z is an often maligned and misunderstood generation, often referred to as “entitled”, “aimless” and “unmotivated”. However, like it or not, this generation is the future. This generation has qualities that can make them uniquely positioned for a successful career in the fire service, but the “way we’ve always done things” is not effective at engaging this generations. This presentation will focus on effective strategies to bridge the gap with this generation to ignite their passion for public service.

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State, Federal, and SFM Grant Programs – Jack Smith, Ohio Fire Academy Superintendent

This presentation will outline the details of the various training and equipment grants as well as the revolving loan program provided by the Marshal's office. Additionally, the discussion will include the funds from the US Fire Administration and US Forestry that the Fire Academy receives to help defer training costs of many programs as well.

Trending Issues in Investigations – Josh Hobbs, Chief, Fire Explosion Investigation Bureau

This presentation will provide an overview of the State Fire Marshal's Fire Explosion Investigation Bureau, including its' current capabilities and mission. Discussion of emerging investigatory findings in fires across Ohio will be presented, with insight into when fire officers could request an investigation and when they are required to by mandate.

Wildfire Management Programs and Assistance Opportunities for Ohio Fire Departments – Aaron Kloss, Program Administrator, Ohio Division of Forestry

The Ohio Division of Forestry plays a very active role in wildfire response, training, FD assistance, and prescribed fire in Ohio. This presentation will provide an overview of ODNR Division of Forestry fire management programs and responsibilities and will provide details on specific support programs that are offered to FDs within the ODNR Division of Forestry wildfire protection area.

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