Dear Fire Service Professional:

Join us for our annual Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association Conference which will be held at the DECC in Duluth October 18-20, 2012. Last year, we had a great attendance in St. Cloud and Duluth will be bigger and better than ever. The 2012 conference will feature a “Lessons Learned” workshop on Thursday, Oct. 18, in the morning which will outline recent high profile fire service related events. There are five educational tracts to choose from that afternoon. On Friday two of the five educational tracts will be partially repeated and we will have our famous symposium on Saturday morning with Lionel and Joanna Crowther from the Winnipeg Fire Department. Read the description of a firsthand account of a flashover that trapped six crew members on the second floor of a residential home. You will not want to miss this gripping presentation.

Attached is a schedule of events outlining the speakers and topics, as well as the timetable and locations for the conference program. Registration check-in is at the DECC. Please read the schedule with care as we will continue our major changes.

Thursday evening highlights a terrific President’s reception, which enables all the conference attendees a great time for networking and interacting. It also gives you an opportunity to meet and greet our vendors in a relaxed informal manner.

The vendor exhibits will open at Noon on Thursday and will run through Friday afternoon at 3:30 PM. There are built in exhibitor breaks to allow ample time to visit with the exhibitors and learn about the products and services they are offering.

Friday we will have an Exhibitors Lunch and a “Partner’s Brunch”. Saturday’s event will be the Symposium. The fabulous Awards Banquet will be a great night. Yes you read that correctly, the Awards Dinner will be on Friday where your Board hopes for a larger turnout of attendees.

You must make your own lodging arrangements with the hotel of your choice, Hotel options are attached. Don’t delay in securing lodging. You must mention you are with the MN State Fire Chiefs Association to get the discounted room rates. I have more rooms reserved in Duluth than ever before.

What a grand way to network with your friends and colleagues in the fire service and government while learning about new products and new challenges. This conference will give you the information you need to do your job better. See you there – You do not want to miss it!

Yours for fire & life safety,

Tom Brace
Tom Brace, Executive Director
MSFCA to hold annual conference in Duluth October 18-20, 2012

Registration information, schedule announced

by Dale Specken, Chair - MSFCA Education Committee

CLASS REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
The 2012 Fall Conference will be held October 18-20 in Duluth Minnesota. Please take the time to read the entire MSFCA Conference schedule.

THURSDAY SCHEDULE:

8:00 – 8:15 AM Conference Welcome
8:15 – 9:30 AM Conference Kick-Off/Lessons Learned
9:30 – 10:00 AM Break
10:00 – 11:45 AM Lessons Learned
11:45 – 1:00 PM Lunch on your own
11:45 – 1:00 PM Great Lakes Lunch for IAFC Members Only
1:00 – 5:00 PM Educational Programs
6:00 – 8:00 PM President’s Reception

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS / LESSONS LEARNED

Thursday, October 18, 2012
8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

CONFERENCE KICK-OFF / “LESSONS LEARNED”: TIM FARMER & SCOTT CARRIVEAU

We will be offering a “lessons learned” workshop on Thursday morning as part of the conference kick-off. The workshop will be a symposium setting typically addressing special incidents that have happened over the past year in Minnesota and the lessons learned from these events from the responders of these incidents. You may attend any portion of this program.

These presentations will begin at 8:00 AM on Thursday with a break in the middle of the presentations.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, October 18, 2012
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

STATE FIRE MARSHAL’S WORKSHOP: KEVIN MCGINTY

Bruce Roed, Fire Service Specialist, State Fire Marshal Division
Kathi Osmonson, Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Specialist, State Fire Marshal Division

Each program will give a 30 minute review of the State program. Participants will learn about what services are available, how the services can help them in their role as a community fire service leader and how to access the services.

Jerry Rosendahl, State Fire Marshal and Becki White, Public Educator - State Fire Marshal Division

State Fire Marshal Jerry Rosendahl will conduct his annual session starting with a brief update of the previous year’s activities followed by an opportunity for YOU to ask any question you would like. This time is for you and has generated some interesting discussions in past years. Bring your questions and try to “Stump the Fire Marshal”

Becki White will be presenting Fire and Life Safety in Your Community: Fire Prevention is a large part of the role we play in our communities. Find out what resources are available to supplement or expand your fire safety programs. Learn about new programs and technology that are being used to fight fires before they start.

NEW CHIEF’S WORKSHOP: NYLE ZIKMUND

(THIS CLASS IS FOR “NEW” FIRE OFFICERS IN THE FIRE SERVICE)

This workshop will include a panel of experienced Chief Officers who will share ideas with new Chief Officers that will include direction, information and suggestions to make their abilities more effective. Some of the Fire Organizations that will be reviewed are the MSFCA, MSFDA, MARAC, IAAI, FMAM, OSHA, and SFMO, HSEM and other state and federal agencies.

Along with the overview will be a summary of legal, fiscal and liability issues that today’s chief officers faces, as well as model standards and policies that cover such issues as training, human resources, budgets, leadership, fire cause determination and arson responsibilities.

EMS PROGRAM MANAGEMENT: FRANK LANGER

Mike Dobesh, Jonathan Bundt, Jeremy Berndt will present Responding to Hostile Events:

This session will explore:
Field validated guidance on How to Respond to Hostile Events (including sample SOGs)
• The importance of strong working relationships and how to build those relationships through training and exercises.
• Information on participating in the 3Echo Curriculum
• Information for Fire/EMS on patient management
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: JIM HANSEN
Ken Betterton, MPA, presents: “Embracing Change - With Eyes Open”
This workshop is designed specifically for those chiefs involved in leadership and supervision.

Why do people focus on fear, frustration and anxiety of change? Learn obstacles, identify negatives of status quo as they apply to change and discard them! Functioning within status quo has never led individuals, groups or organizations into the future. Note: Like minds equate to slow death and stifle creativity.

Educating your staff and creating a motivated and passionate approach to leading them into the future means success. Your employees can recognize through your leadership the value of change: Focus on what is important, build strengths, become educated, explore new methods, new problem solving skills, build self confidence and all flexibility!

CHIEFS ISSUES WORKSHOP: MIKE CRAIG
This workshop will identify destructive behaviors that firefighters present with and will list three ways to correct the behavior. We will list two psychological factors that negatively affect a firefighter and give an example of each term. Will identify three of the leading causes of firefighter fatalities as listed from a given LODD incident report and list specific measures to reduce these risks in their own department. Will list three positive behaviors that should be exhibited by a company officer and match those behaviors with negative behaviors that can be corrected by the positive behavior. Identify specific actions a company officer must take to motivate, lead, counsel and mentor his crew positively. The student will list five communication obstacles that are performed by officers at all levels that negatively affect their crews and staff and will identify and list three methods that firefighters can use to enrich their career and personal lives.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BREAKS - IN VENDOR AREA
2:30 – 3:00 PM Professional Development, EMS
Program Management and New Chiefs
3:00 – 3:30 PM Chiefs Issues & The State Fire Marshal

FRIDAY SCHEDULE:
Friday, October 19, 2012
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Educational Programs
5:30 PM Memorial Service
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Partners Brunch
6:00 PM Social Hour
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch in Vendor Area
7:00 - 9:00 PM Awards Banquet
1:00 PM MSFCA Annual Business Meeting

SAFETY: ROB PEARSON & LEE GATLIN
P.J. Norwood is a Deputy Chief/Training Officer for the East Haven CT Fire Department a, will present: Tactical Perspectives of Ventilation
This program will focus on real life ventilation in private dwellings. Most departments today do not staff their truck companies or even have a dedicated truck company with a four or five member crew. This presentation will discuss real life tactical considerations for those members in order to complete their job safely and effectively when it’s their turn on the roof. I will present tactical considerations and helpful “tricks” to perform ventilation on today’s private dwelling fires. Today’s ventilation has many new concerns that we must be prepared for. We must learn how to perform this critical skill in a safe and efficient manner. This program will utilize NIOSH reports to enforce the danger associated with performing vertical ventilation and how to avoid those pitfalls that have affected other departments. The program will provide the attendees with real life embedded videos from the PennWell and Fire Engineering’s Tactical Perspectives of Ventilation DVD in which I coauthored. The embedded video will demonstrate what happens when ventilation is completed incorrectly, as well as when completed the proper way.

CHIEFS ISSUES: MIKE CRAIG
Chief Hoevelmann will discuss, “The Genesis of a Successful Training Program”
Chief Jason Hoevelmann will identify steps for creating or improving a fire service training program that will lead to a mission driven and proficient fire department. We will delve into the very core mission of both the training division and the department as a whole to determine need and to create a system that ensures that both systems are synonymous with each other. This class will include tools, resources and methods to ensure that our firefighters and officers are meeting and exceeding the minimum standards and best practices in our profession by charting and documentation. We will discuss implementing the most basic firefighting classes all the way through to addressing specialized needs that each department faces.
HOT TOPICS WORKSHOP: ULIE SEAL, DOUG THIES AND CONNIE FORSTER

Bob James with UL will present “How to Influence people to create a safer environment”

This program will help chief’s understand ways to work with your community to bring your message and information to them in a way to influence their safety. Brainstorm ways to use your community leaders to spread your message. What role do different safety groups play in providing and assist you in achieving your goal?

Bloomington Fire Chief Ulie Seal will discuss Advanced Learning in Integrated Visual Environment (ALIVE)

Bloomington, Eagan, and Eden Prairie Fire Departments were selected to participate with Chicago Fire Department (CFD) and the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) in a study funded by Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program (AFG) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The purpose of this study is to assess the best ways to help firefighters gain the knowledge and skills necessary to fight fires successfully and safely. In brief, you will be presented with information in three parts concerning cutting edge technique and issues for firefighting through the course of the training session. The session will overview the research project, preliminary findings, and an overview of the virtual learning tool being developed.

The three topics utilized for the research are: Wind Driven High-Rise Fires, Structural Stability of Lightweight Construction, Fatigue and Sleep Management.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL’S WORKSHOP: KEVIN MCGINTY

Forrest Williams, SFM Office will present: Solid Fuel-Burning Appliances Identifying Hazards

This course will provide an overview of the installation requirements for solid fuel-burning appliances as contained within Minn. State Fire Code, Mechanical Code, and Building Code. Requirements for free-standing solid-fuel appliances such as wood stoves and corn or pellet burners will be covered in detail, along with general requirements for site-built, masonry fireplaces. Course attendees will be able to identify common hazards associated with the improper installation of solid fuel appliances, and take the necessary steps for correction. Additionally, attendees will also be able to locate and research installation requirements within code, and from the manufacturer’s documentation.

James Iammatteo and Crawford Weistling will present, Firefighter Arson!

The subject no one wants to talk about. The class will discuss Firefighter ethics and how it pertains to firefighter arson. Students will learn how to identify and investigate firefighter arson. Strategies will also be presented on how to address and prevent firefighter arson. Statistics and general examples of firefighter involved arson will also be presented.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: JOHN OLSON

Kevin Reed, HSEM State Emergency Response Team Coordinator, and Sgt. John Adamek, Commander, City of St. Paul Police Department

This course will discuss the current state of IED’s in Minnesota and evolving trends worldwide. Lesson learn and response considerations for the first arriving in crew. We will focus on first responder’s safety for the first arriving units. How do you reach additional assets and what to expect when they arrive to assist the local commander in a possible IED event. The attendee will review recent case studies that have occurred in Minnesota and be provided information as to what to look for at an emergency call.

FRIDAY MORNING BREAKS - IN VENDOR AREA

9:30 – 10:00 AM   Hot Topics, State Fire Marshal, and Emergency Management
10:00 – 10:30 AM   Safety and Chiefs Issues

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012
SYMPOSIUM 8:00 AM TO 12:30 PM:
RICH GASAWAY & DAVID BROSNAHAN

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Break

Lionel & Joanna Crowther from the Winnipeg Fire Department will give a firsthand account of a flashover that trapped 6 crew members on the 2nd floor of a residential home; Lionel Crowther sustained 3rd degree burns to 30% of his body while another crew member sustained 3rd degree burns to 60%, sadly the fire claimed the lives of two veteran captains. The presentation will cover an operational breakdown of the incident, its aftermath and Lionel’s recovery and return to work process. Throughout the presentation Lionel & Joanna will focus on fire fighting training (getting “back to basics”), firefighter survivor training methods, effects of a fire fighters burn injury on his family and the need for a balanced mind to return to the fire. Lionel & Joanna speak about the many triumphs and obstacles they encountered along the way, again personally to the family (Firefighter to Burn Survivor to Firefighter Burn Survivor) and our department. This includes the return to work process, both the physical and mental aspects that neither we at home and as a department were prepared for. Through an amazing partnership at home and within our department, Lionel was successful in a return to work program that was initiated as a result of this incident. He is proud to say he is once again a full-duty firefighter.
Fire Department Name ________________________________________________________________

Address ________________________  City ____________________  State ________  Zip__________

Attendee Last Name:  _____________________________  First _______________________________

Rank ________________________  Partner Name  _________________________________________

Home Address ________________________  SSN# ___________  ______  _________   (For Ed. Credits)

City ________________________________ State ___________    ZIP __________________________

Phone # Day (_________)___________________   Phone # Eve (_________)__________________

Registration Fee:  $210.00 – early bird  ($235.00 if postmarked after Sept. 28, 2012)

You must be a current member of MSFCA

Thursday – “Lessons Learned” (8:00 AM)                                         YES                                     NO

Great Lakes Luncheon and Meeting (IAFC Members only)              YES (add $18.00)                NO

Friday partner attending Brunch  _______)                YES (add $15.00)                NO

Friday Awards Dinner     (how many _______)      YES                                    NO

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. The registration fee is $210.00 per registrant, which includes the $5.00
memorial fund and $20.00 educational fund surcharges which are required for all registrants. ADD $18.00 if you plan
to attend the Great Lakes Luncheon Meeting. Add $15.00 for Partner’s brunch.

“Lessons Learned” WORKSHOP CHOICES:

Thurs. AM       Thurs. PM, Fri. AM

Registration: - Early Bird $ 210.00

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Thurs. New Officers __

Thurs. EMS Prog. Mgmt. __

Thurs. Prof. Development __

Thurs. & Fri. Chief’s Issues __

Thurs. & Fri. State Fire Marshal __

Fri. Safety __

Fri. Emergency Mgmt. __

Fri. Hot Topics __

Check Total $____________

The Saturday morning Symposium features Lionel and Joanna Crowther from the Winnipeg Fire Department;
and a tragic flashover that trapped 6 crew members.

Make your check payable to: MINNESOTA STATE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION. Please mail the check
and registration form to: Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association

1433 Idaho Avenue West

St. Paul, MN 55108

Please make a copy of this form for additional attendees from your department. Contact Executive Director
Tom Brace with questions at 1-800-743-0911 or e-mail at: trbrace @comcast.net
Downtown

HOLIDAY INN HOTEL AND SUITES – www.hiduluth.com
The Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites is located in downtown Duluth, directly connected to the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center via an enclosed, climate controlled skywalk. The Holiday Inn features 345 guest rooms including 56 Two-Room Suites, three Jacuzzi Suites and 6 Kid Suites along with 12,000 square feet of meeting space. In room amenities include: hair dryers, coffee makers, complimentary wireless internet, irons, full size ironing boards and refrigerators. There are two indoor pool atriums with a sauna, whirlpool, children’s wading pool and fitness center. Business center is available 24 hours a day and complimentary Internet is provided in all guest rooms, meeting facilities and hotel restaurants. The hotel manages three onsite restaurants including one lounge/bar. There are additional restaurants and shops within the Holiday Center Complex. Parking is complimentary for hotel guests. Rate does not include 13% lodging Tax.

Room Block: Wed/150, Thur/250, Fri/150, Sat/10
Room Rate/s: $129.00
Phone: 218-722-1202

Priority club meeting reward points
Complimentary shuttle service

RADISSON HOTEL DULUTH-HARBORVIEW – www.radisson.com/duluthmn
The Radisson Hotel Duluth-Harborview is located in downtown Duluth and connected by climate-controlled skywalk to the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center. Amenities include Sleep Number® Beds, hair dryers, coffee makers, complimentary high speed wireless Internet, full-size ironing boards and irons in every room. Refrigerators and microwaves are offered upon availability. Guests will enjoy the fitness center, pool, whirlpool, sauna and meeting space. The Radisson features a Bowery Bros cocktail lounge with patio and is home to Duluth’s unique revolving rooftop restaurant, the JJ Astor. Parking is complimentary for hotel guests. Rate does not include 13% lodging tax.

Room Block: Wed/150, Thur/150, Fri/100, Sat/10
Room Rate/s: $109.00
Phone: 218-727-8981

Complimentary shuttle service
THE INN ON LAKE SUPERIOR – www.theinnonlakesuperior.com
Located in the heart of Canal Park, just 2 blocks from the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. We host 175 luxurious rooms and suites, most with private Lakeview balconies. Indoor/outdoor rooftop pool, spa, sauna, evening campfire with s'mores, and complimentary hot breakfast bar including make your own Belgium waffles, FREE high-speed Internet access, conference facilities, pet friendly and 100% non-smoking. The Inn on Lake Superior is proud to be one of Minnesota’s “Greenest” hotels. Parking is complimentary and shuttle service is available upon request.

Sold out as of January 1, 2012. Check for individual cancellations.
Phone: 218-726-1111

HAMPTON INN - www.dulmn_Hampton@hilton.com
The Hampton Inn is located in the historical Canal Park just three blocks from downtown Duluth and three blocks from the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. Amenities include a sunroom, pool, whirlpool, exercise room, high speed wireless Internet, guest laundry and meeting facilities. All rooms feature a refrigerator, coffee maker, hair dryer and complimentary HBO. All guests are welcome to enjoy complimentary hot breakfast. Parking is complimentary for all hotel guests. Rate does not include 13% lodging tax.

Room Block: Wed/60, Thur/60, Fri/60, Sat/10
Room Rate/s: $144.00 City view, $164.00 Lakeview
Phone: 218-720-3000

THE SUITES AT WATERFRONT PLAZA – www.thesuitesduluth.com
The Suites Hotel at Waterfront Plaza is located three blocks from downtown and two blocks from the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center. These oversized suites feature fully equipped kitchens with full-size refrigerators, microwaves, range top stoves, dishwashers and coffee makers. Amenities include a pool, whirlpool, sauna, kiddy pool, fitness center, business center, meeting facilities to accommodate up to 90 people, complimentary hot breakfast buffet and a complimentary social hour Monday-Thursday. High speed wireless Internet access is available in all guest rooms and common areas. Parking is complimentary for all hotel guests. Rate does not include 13% lodging tax.

Room Block: Wed/50, Thur/50, Fri/50, Sat/10
Room Rate/s: $119.00 - $229.00 Variety of Suites
Phone: 218-727-4663
This is an additional property that we added due to an interest in a Canal Park location by some of our members. The location of this property is the cityside of the Hampton Inn. Prices vary based on the night of residence with Wednesday, Thursday and Friday all having different rates.

**Room Rate/s:** $117-$180 depending on night and location  
**Phone:** 1-800-777-8560