

NVFC TRAINING SUMMIT

June 21-22, 2024

10th Anniversary

Buffalo, NY

- Health
- Safety
- Leadership



- Recruitment
- Retention

Fire | EMS | Rescue

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

4:00-6:00pm

Welcome Reception sponsored by Tesla

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

8:00-9:00am

Registration with light refreshments

9:00-10:30

Welcome and Opening Session

Welcomes from Ed Tase, FASNY President, and Daniel Neaverth, Erie County Emergency Services Commissioner
It's Game Time! Leading and Engaging Volunteers and Employees with Jan Spence

10:30-10:45

Break

H&S

R&R

Leadership

10:45-12:15

Behind the "8 Ball:" The First 15 Minutes
Timothy Cowan

R&R Strategies that Work: A Case Study of a Four-Year Journey to R&R Success
Warren Jones and Kent Swarts

Leveling Up: The Emotionally Intelligent Instructor/Leader
Douglas Cline

12:15-1:15

Networking Lunch sponsored by Amazon Business

1:15-2:45

From the Lab to the Kitchen Table: Breaking Down Cancer Data to Digestible Pieces for Volunteer Firefighters
Maria Koepfel

Model Mentorship Programs to Connect Generations and Improve Volunteer Retention
Tiger Schmittendorf

Balancing Flames and HR Frames: A Comprehensive Approach to Risk Management in the Fire Service
Brian Foley

2:45-3:00

Break

3:00-4:30

Solar Safety: Suppressing Fires Involving Solar Power Energy Systems
William (Bill) Hopson

Volunteering for the 21st Century: Recruitment and Retention Resource Roundtable
John Buckman III and Dr. Candice McDonald

It Starts at the Top: The Importance of Leadership Supporting Health and Wellness
Jill Holland and David Denniston

4:30-6:00

Networking Expo

Exhibitors to be announced!

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

8:00-8:50am

General Session & Breakfast

Small Town, BIG Problem: An Overview of the 2023 East Palestine Derailment with Chief Keith Drabick

H&S

R&R

Leadership

9:00-10:30

Igniting Engagement: Interactive Educational Program Ideas
Brene Duggins

Culture in the Firehouse: Are We Fostering a Welcoming Environment in Small Town America?
Doug deBest

Staffing for Tomorrow: Developing a Foundation of Succession Planning
John Buckman III and Brian McQueen

10:30-10:45

Break

10:45-12:15

Brush, Vegetation, Field: Preparing for Wildfire No Matter the Terrain
Bill Arsenault

DEI for Today: Reimagining DEI in Your Agency
Alisa Arnoff

The Value of Vulnerability: What is a NIOSH LODD Investigation, and How Does it Impact the Fire Service?
Patrick Montague

12:15-1:15

Networking Lunch

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Implementing an Operational Training Program for Small Town Fire Departments
Joseph Maruca

Fire Up Your Recruitment Game: Harnessing Digital Tools for Recruitment Success
Katie Bulla

Simple Data for Complex Problems
John Oates

2:45-3:30

Debrief and Closing Session