

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

Ice Cream Social | Registration sponsored by Tesla

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

8:00-9:00am

Registration with light refreshments

9:00-10:30

Welcome and Opening Session

Welcomes from Chief Tonya Hoover, Deputy U.S. Fire Administrator; Ed Tase, FASNY President; and Daniel Neaverth, Erie County Emergency Services Commissioner

Keynote: 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 <i>Timothy Cowan</i>	R&R Strategies that Work: A Case Study of a Four-Year Journey to R&R Success <i>Warren Jones and Kent Swarts</i>	Leveling Up: The Emotionally Intelligent Instructor/Leader <i>Douglas Cline</i>
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 <i>Maria Koepfel</i>	Model Mentorship Programs to Connect Generations and Improve Volunteer Retention <i>Tiger Schmittendorf</i>	Balancing Flames and HR Frames: A Comprehensive Approach to Risk Management in the Fire Service <i>Brian Foley</i>
2:45-3:00	Break		
3:00-4:30	Solar Safety: Suppressing Fires Involving Solar Power Energy Systems <i>William (Bill) Hopson</i>	Volunteering for the 21st Century: Recruitment and Retention Resource Roundtable <i>John Buckman III and Dr. Candice McDonald</i>	It Starts at the Top: The Importance of Leadership Supporting Health and Wellness <i>Jill Holland and David Denniston</i>
4:30-6:00	Networking Expo <i>Exhibitors: AES Corporation, Amazon Business, BK Technologies, CellBlock, Clarion, Columbia Southern University, DripDrop, FASNY, Firefighter Cancer Registry, Frontier Energy, GBC Fundraising, Lincoln Financial Group, Lucid Diagnostics, MissonCIT, LLC, NAFTD, NERIS, NFPA, Sustainable Workplace Alliance, Tesla, United Diagnostics, Visit Buffalo Niagara, Wendell's Mint</i>		

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 <i>Brene Duggins</i>	Culture in the Firehouse: Are We Fostering a Welcoming Environment in Small Town America? <i>Doug deBest</i>	Staffing for Tomorrow: Developing a Foundation of Succession Planning <i>John Buckman III and Brian McQueen</i>
10:30-10:45	Break		
10:45-12:15	Brush, Vegetation, Field: Preparing for Wildfire No Matter the Terrain <i>Bill Arsenault</i>	DEI for Today: Reimagining DEI in Your Agency <i>Alisa Arnoff</i>	The Value of Vulnerability: What is a NIOSH LODD Investigation, and How Does it Impact the Fire Service? <i>Patrick Montague</i>
12:15-1:15	Networking Lunch sponsored by Sustainable Workplace Alliance		
1:15-2:45	Implementing an Operational Training Program for Small Town Fire Departments <i>Joseph Maruca</i>	Fire Up Your Recruitment Game: Harnessing Digital Tools for Recruitment Success <i>Katie Bulla</i>	Simple Data for Complex Problems <i>John Oates</i>
2:45-3:30	Debrief and Closing Session		