



2015

Georgia Fire Service Conference  
Jekyll Island Convention Center | September 2015

*Bridging Traditions With Innovation*



## Conference Agenda

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 <sup>th</sup>	
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Pre-Conference Class Registration (at each location)
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Classes in Session
	<b>Pre-Conference Class</b> Chaplain Class Location: Villas by the Sea (1175 Beachview Dr N, Jekyll Island, GA)
	<b>Pre-Conference Class</b> Self Defense for the Firefighter EMT Instructor: Gary Stanley (Dalton Fire Dept.) Location: Villas by the Sea (1175 Beachview Dr N, Jekyll Island, GA)
	<b>Pre-Conference HOT Class</b> Water Rescue <b>Instructors:</b> Jennifer Bullard, Melanie Gray & Cheryl Anderson <b>Location:</b> Summer Waves Water Park (210 S Riverview Dr, Jekyll Island, GA)
11:00 a.m. – Noon	<b>GMAG Meeting</b> Location: Westin (110 Ocean Way, Jekyll Island, GA)
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Unification Partners Meeting</b> Location: Westin (110 Ocean Way, Jekyll Island, GA)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>**

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7:00 a.m.	<b>Conference Registration Open</b>
7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Coffee Only – Breakfast On Your Own
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	<b>Official Opening of Conference</b> Welcome by local officials. Keynote Address “Bridging the Gap” by: Chris Wessells (Assistant Fire Chief, Atlanta Fire Rescue Dept.) As the Fire Service evolves and progresses, too often the new spin or gleaming new idea unintentionally sheds a negative light on traditions, or as we transition from Company Officer to Chief Officer an unnecessary divide occurs that may inhibit positive communication and interaction. The more we study, learn, and progress, the more that we realize we are often just modifying ideas and unification should be the result without an Us vs. Them attitude.
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	<b>GSFA Business Session</b> (State of the Association Report)
11:15 a.m. – Noon	<b>GAFC Business Session</b>
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Georgia Fire Service Pulse Check</b> (lunch served) <i>sponsored by Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation</i> The agencies that support the Fire Service will provide presenters which will rotate from table to table giving you a “rapid fire update” on their agency/organization.
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	<b>Remarks from State Officials/State Agencies</b> Jim Butterworth, Director GEMA/HS Tony Hightower, Deputy Director – GPSTC Gary Kelley, Inspector General - Georgia Dept. of Agriculture
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Modern Day VES</b> Instructor: Kevin Lewis (Cobb County Fire & Emergency Services) Vent Enter Search is widely considered to be an “Advanced Search” tactic for many departments across the land. With so many things that need to be completed on the fire ground at once, and the challenge of limited staffing, VES often takes a back seat to other tasks and even on the drill field. In this class the student will gain the knowledge, confidence, and skills to effect the rescue of trapped civilians when the bell rings.
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	<b>Exhibit Hall Open / Opening Reception</b> <i>sponsored by Williams Fire Apparatus</i>
6:30 p.m. (Optional Evening Event)	Island Networking Dinner at Tortuga Jack's  Tortuga Jack’s, a local restaurant, is providing an opportunity for all to fellowship together tonight on the island. The restaurant is offering a \$25 per person buffet dinner that includes non-alcoholic beverages, DJ and raffle prizes. *Proceeds to benefit the Terry Farrell Firefighter Fund*.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

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7:00 a.m.	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Memorial Service</b>
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b> <i>*training credit will be given for visiting vendors</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b> (set up in exhibit hall) <i>sponsored by Bennett Fire Products Co., Inc.</i>
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>GA Firefighter Standards and Training Council Q&amp;A Session</b>
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b> (set up in exhibit hall) Past Presidents of GSFA and GAFC are invited to join
12:45 p.m.	<b>Exhibit Hall Door Prize Drawing</b> <i>(must be present to win)</i>
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	<b>GSFA Business Session</b> (Committee Reports)
1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Afternoon Break: Ice Cream Social</b> <i>sponsored by Municipal Equipment Co.</i>
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>GAFC Business Session</b> (Election of Officers)
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Consistent Leadership</b> Instructor: Marques Bush (Battalion Chief, St. Andrews Fire Dept., Charleston, SC) No matter the fire ground or firehouse, it is incumbent on formal and informal leaders to be consistent in their decision making. This interactive session will provide attendees with tips for a successful navigation in their careers. In leadership there is no such thing as fair only consistency.
5:00 p.m.	<b>Firefighters Competition &amp; Meal</b> Summer Waves Water Park (210 S Riverview Dr, Jekyll Island, GA) <i>*Water Park opens at 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for guests to enjoy*</i>

<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup></b> (all events take place at the Jekyll Island Convention Center - 75 Beachview Dr N, Jekyll Island, GA - unless specifically noted)	
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Devotion Service</b>
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Fire Ground Competence</b> Instructor: Marques Bush (Battalion Chief, St. Andrews Fire Dept., Charleston, SC) This program is all about the basics of the fire ground. Look at any LODD or injury – it can be linked back to a breakdown of the basics. No matter the fire ground there has to be a good initial and continual size-up, communications and tactical objectives. This session will provide attendees with the who, why, how, and what. Come find out if you are fire ground competent.
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>
9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	<b>Success, Challenges &amp; Lessons Learned from ISO Surveys</b> Come learn from an interactive panel discussion on success, failures and risk assessments as it pertains to ISO. Panel Participants: Moderated by: Scott Carter (Chief, Cartersville Fire Dept.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dwyane Garriss (State Fire Marshall)</li> <li>• Wade Simmons (Chief, City of Pooler Fire Dept.)</li> <li>• Gary Weaver (Police Chief / Fire Chief, City of Sylvania)</li> </ul>
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Fireworks Legislation Session</b> (lunch served) What are some problematic aspects of the current fireworks legislation and how will your community implement the next phase of the law - permitting temporary stands. Presenters: Dwayne Garriss & Chris Stephens (State Fire Marshall's Office)
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	<b>Situational Awareness; Before and During the Incident</b> Instructor: Todd Edwards (Atlanta Fire Rescue) It's designed to strengthen both the officers and the firefighter's awareness of just how this one skill can make or break any incident. During the class we use case studies to show how our lack of S/A can have devastating outcomes. Instructor uses both the Steve Solomon case and a near miss that he was the IC of to drive these points home.
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Afternoon Break</b>
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>GSFA/GAFC Joint Closing Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize GSFA / GAFC District Representatives</li> <li>• Legislative Update from Michael Shelnett</li> <li>• Joint Ventures Financial Account Review</li> <li>• 2016 / 2017 Conference Discussion</li> </ul>
5:00 p.m. Reception 5:30 p.m. Awards Presentation	<b>Closing Reception and Awards Ceremony</b> Fire Chief of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, Rookie Firefighter of the Year, Educator of the Year, Valor and Legislator of the Year. <i>(suggested attire: dressy attire – dress uniform, coat/tie)</i> *ALL Conference Attendees Invited – No Separate Registration Required*
(Optional Evening Event) Not a conference related event.	<b>Shrimp &amp; Grits: The Wild Georgia Shrimp Festival</b> <a href="http://www.jekyllisland.com/project/shrimp-grits-the-wild-georgia-shrimp-festival/">http://www.jekyllisland.com/project/shrimp-grits-the-wild-georgia-shrimp-festival/</a>