



August 9-13, 2016
Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center
Conference Agenda

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016	
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Pre-Conference Class Essentials of Chaplaincy Instructor: Ronnie Cowart (GSFA Chaplain) and Ricky Thrasher (GA Baptist Convention) Location: Church of the Holy Comforter 473 Furys Ferry Rd, Martinez, GA 30907
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2016	
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
	Pre-Conference Class Essentials of Chaplaincy Instructor: Ronnie Cowart (GSFA Chaplain) and Ricky Thrasher (GA Baptist Convention) Location: Church of the Holy Comforter 473 Furys Ferry Rd, Martinez, GA 30907
	Pre-Conference Class Chief Fire Officer Orientation Day 1 Instructor: Jeff Dean (Deputy Chief and Special Programs Section Manager, Georgia Fire Academy) Location: Columbia County Fire Rescue HQ - Station #1 3910 Desoto Drive, Martinez, GA
→ Approved for POST Credit →	Pre-Conference Class Rescue Task Force Active Shooter Instructor: John Ryan (Chief of Training & Special Operations, Fort Gordon Fire & Emergency Services) Location: Training Room Old No. 7 Fire Station 2163 Central Avenue, Augusta, GA
	Pre-Conference Class Fire Attack 2017 Instructor: Curt Isakson (Battalion Chief, Escambia County Fire Rescue) Location: Augusta Technical College Jack B. Patrick IT Center Auditorium, Bldg 1300 3200 Augusta Tech Dr., Augusta, GA
11:00 a.m. – Noon	GMAG Meeting <i>Augusta Marriott – Oglethorpe A Ballroom</i>
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Unification Partners Meeting <i>Augusta Marriott - Oglethorpe A Ballroom</i>

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016 (all events take place at the Augusta Marriott & Convention Center in Oglethorpe E Ballroom unless specifically noted)	
7:00 a.m.	Conference Registration Open
7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Coffee Only – Breakfast On Your Own
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Official Opening of Conference Welcome by local officials. Keynote Address “Mastering Your Craft” by: Curt Isakson <i>Curt Isakson is a 25 year veteran of the fire service and is currently a Battalion Chief for Escambia County Fire Rescue. He has worked in volunteer, career, and combination departments. Curt owns and operates www.countyfiretactics.com that covers a very diverse range of fire service topics.</i>
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon	Gallons Per Second Instructor: Curt Isakson (Battalion Chief, Escambia County Fire Rescue) <i>The focus is on exceeding fire flow needs and still managing water during the crucial initial hoseline advancement in an interior offensive attack. Learn why it is necessary to think in terms of gallons per second at this time. Strategies are presented for managing the booster tank supply until sustainable water supply has been established. All aspects of first-due fire tactics at your most common structural fires and how to quickly and effectively suppress them will be presented.</i>
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Georgia Fire Service Pulse Check (lunch served) Sponsored by Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation <i>During this session state agencies and other allied groups will provide updates and discuss how they can assist those in the fire service in serving our communities.</i>
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Remarks from State Officials/State Agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dwayne Garriss (State Fire Marshal) • Major General Tom Moore (Deputy Director, GA Emergency Management Agency) • Chris Wigginton (Director, GA Public Safety Training Center) • Senator Tyler Harper (GSFA / GAFC Legislator of the Year Recipient) • Representative Micah Gravley (GSFA / GAFC Legislator of the Year Recipient)
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	GSFA Business Session
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	GAFC Business Session
3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Home Fire Campaign – Strategies & Best Practices Instructor: Stella Kim (Preparedness & Partnership Manager, American Red Cross of GA) <i>The Red Cross is often the primary agency to be called to the scene by firefighters to assist families affected by home fires with immediate needs, such as food and shelter. What fire safety professionals may not know, are the resources the Red Cross can also offer as a partner in fire prevention!</i>
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open / Opening Reception Olmstead Hall
6:30 p.m. (Optional Evening Event)	Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation’s Downtown Augusta Benefit Event

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2016 (all events take place at the Augusta Marriott & Convention Center unless specifically noted)	
7:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Memorial Service <i>Oglethorpe E Ballroom</i>
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Open <i>Olmstead Hall</i> <i>*training credit will be given for visiting vendors</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Coffee Break (set up in exhibit hall – Olmstead Hall) <i>Sponsored by Bennett Fire Products Co., Inc.</i>
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	LUNCH (set up in exhibit hall – Olmstead Hall)
12:45 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Door Prize Drawing & MDA Presentations (must be present to win)
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	GSFA Business Session <i>Olmstead Hall</i> (Election of Officers / Committee Reports)
2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Afternoon Break: Ice Cream Social <i>Sponsored by Municipal Equipment</i>
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	GAFC Business Session <i>Olmstead Hall</i>
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. DUAL TRACKS	<p><u>Track 1:</u> Fired Up About Car Seat Misuse Instructor: Traci Napier Reece (Child Occupant Safety Program Manager, Georgia Department of Public Health) <i>Oglethorpe A Ballroom</i></p> <p><i>This session will equip first responders with an elevated level of child passenger safety education as many people still visit fire stations for assistance with car seat installation.</i></p> <p><u>Track 2:</u> ISO PPC Class Instructors: David Holcomb & Jared Harris (Insurance Services Offices' Community Hazard Mitigation Division) <i>Oglethorpe E Ballroom</i></p> <p><i>This session will provide a current overview of the Public Protection Classification program.</i></p>
5:00 p.m.	Firefighters Competition & Meal Augusta Common - 836 Reynolds Street (Downtown Augusta) Entertainment by: Karen Gordon and Garden City Jazz

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016 (all events take place at the Augusta Marriott & Convention Center unless specifically noted)	
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Morning Devotion Service <i>Oglethorpe E Ballroom</i>
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. DUAL TRACKS	<p><u>Track 1:</u> SHRP2 TIM Training (Highway Safety) (Part1) Instructor: Rory Howe (Incident Management Specialist, Delcan Corporation) <i>Oglethorpe E Ballroom</i></p> <p><i>The National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training was created by responders for responders. This course provides first responders a shared understanding of the requirements for safe, quick clearance of traffic incident scenes; prompt, reliable and open communication; and motorist and responder safeguards. First responders learn how to operate more efficiently and collectively.</i></p> <p><u>Track 2:</u> Stress, PTSD and Suicide in the Fire Service Instructor: Keith Pertschi (Lieutenant, Forsyth County Fire Department) <i>Oglethorpe A Ballroom</i></p> <p><i>We will explore our combat environment, drawing parallels between fire/ems and our military, and compare and contrast the results of similar traumas experienced by both. We will highlight the physical, physiologic, and mental damage that may occur during and after call response, and the potential for short term and long term damage in the form of depression, PTSD, and suicide. This presentation stresses in the most positive fashion, the need to break down the barriers to care, and remove the “I’m fine” stigma that exists in every firehouse across the nation. Sometimes, we are not fine and we need help. It is up to our us to recognize these issues, and intervene as if our lives depend on it. Because it does.</i></p>
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. DUAL TRACKS	<p><u>Track 1:</u> 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 a.m. SHRP2 TIM Training (Highway Safety) (Part 2) Instructor: Rory Howe (Incident Management Specialist, Delcan Corporation) <i>Oglethorpe E Ballroom</i></p> <p><u>Track 2:</u> (two back to back sessions) 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. The Devil is in the Details; Going from Good to Great Instructor: M.E. La Pan (Captain, Augusta Fire Department) <i>Oglethorpe A Ballroom</i></p> <p><i>This presentation is geared towards teaching company and battalion officers to use every opportunity to go from good, to great. We will discuss the importance of having plans in place for every scenario you can imagine. The main focus is on giving officers the motivation needed to go back to their company and “Turn it up” by passing that motivation on to their crew. This presentation is high energy and will undoubtedly have participants going back to their respective departments with plans and ideas on how to go from good, to great.</i></p>

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016 <i>(continues)</i>	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Basic Photography for Emergency Service Instructors Instructor: Greg Hartshorne (Captain, Augusta Fire Department) <i>Oglethorpe A Ballroom</i> <i>Learn the skills need to take great pictures and how to incorporate photos in different aspects of the job. Use them to use them to modify and improve prepared presentations, generating member interest in activities, documenting department or agency history, media relationships, and improving public perception through positive images. Useful for emergency service educators and company officers with a responsibility for delivering training. Additionally, it will benefit public information officers and others that require quality images for presentations and publications.</i>
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Safety and Risk Assessment David Trotter (Public Safety Risk Consultant, LGRMS) <i>(lunch will be served)</i> <i>Oglethorpe E Ballroom</i> <i>This lunch presentation will focus on fire fighter deaths and injuries. And discuss causes and prevention ideas.</i>
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Barn Boss Leadership Instructor: Brian Ward (Founder, FireService SLT) <i>Oglethorpe E Ballroom</i> <i>By design, there are no PowerPoint distractions or the crutch of reading slides. The attendee's attention is to be captured through the lost art of communicating. The SLT (Safety, Leadership and Training) Mental Model was designed by Brian Ward after serving in multiple leadership capacities in the public safety and private sector. This mental model will allow the audience an avenue to develop their own authentic style of leadership without being trapped inside the textbook paradigm of what leaders are supposed to look like. This presentation is a compilation of application, science, tradition, history, fire and psychology blended to fit inside the firehouse for every firefighter. This presentation will cross all generations, ranks and years of service.</i>
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Afternoon Break
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	GSFA/GAFC Joint Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize GSFA / GAFC District Representatives • Legislative Update from Michael Shelnutt • Joint Ventures Financial Account Review <i>Oglethorpe E Ballroom</i>
5:30 p.m. Reception 6:00 p.m. Awards Presentation	Closing Reception and Awards Ceremony Fire Chief of the Year, Fire Chief Certification, Firefighter of the Year, Company Officer of the Year, Training Officer of the Year, Rookie Firefighter of the Year, Educator of the Year, Valor and Legislator of the Year. <i>Registration Area / Oglethorpe E Ballroom</i> <i>(suggested attire: dressy attire – dress uniform, coat/tie)</i> <i>*ALL Conference Attendees Invited –</i> <i>No Separate Registration Required*</i>
<i>Evening</i>	<i>Dinner On Your Own</i>