



# IAFC

**International Association  
of Fire Chiefs**



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**2015 Education & Learning Opportunities**

**AUGUST 26-29, 2015**  
**ATLANTA, GA**

The IAFC's Fire-Rescue International (FRI) is the cornerstone of our educational offerings. It is here that leaders from around the world come together to advance the fire service through higher education, innovative thinking and collaborative learning.

FRI provides a forum for new ideas and valuable interactions between chiefs, officers and industry representatives. If you are challenging your leadership team to stay on top of current trends, know the data and research that's out there and find ways to be more effective and efficient, then FRI is the place for you to be.

## The Officer Development Program at FRI

### Company Officer Leadership Symposium

Company Officers are consistently challenged in their role as a leader in the department. This program provides specialized training at three levels to cover the broad spectrum of roles and responsibilities company officers are tasked to accomplish. This course meets the Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) of NFPA 1021 and provides day-to-day leadership tools while preparing leaders for future advancement.

### Chief Officer Leadership Symposium

The Chief Officer program is divided into two levels, offering targeted education for those new to the role as well as those more senior officers. The courses cover everything from ethics and safety to operations and innovations.

### Executive Chief Officer Leadership Symposium

In the final symposia of the Officer Development Program, experienced chief officers get an inside look at what it really takes to succeed as chief of the department. This two level program provides the tools, resources and connections that will benefit participants throughout their career.

## FRI Core Education Program

The FRI core education program focuses on the most pressing issues and important topics facing chiefs and fire and emergency service leaders. These sessions are broken into tracks including: community risk reduction, all-hazards, leadership, management, operations, EMS and more.

# MAXIMIZE

Your Education

## SPECIALIZED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The IAFC's specialty conferences equip participants with detailed information regarding specific areas of the fire service. These niche events present the latest findings and are taught by subject matter experts.

### **Wildland** 2015 **Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)** **URBAN Interface** March 24-26, 2015 • Reno, NV

The WUI conference offers hands-on training, field trips and classroom sessions providing the perfect mix of interactive education. Sessions cover critical information on Fire Adapted Communities (FAC), suppression strategies, and high-hazard operations. This is the conference addressing the toughest challenges facing the wildland firefighting community. [www.iafc.org/WUI](http://www.iafc.org/WUI)

### **Fire-Rescue Med** 2015 **Fire-Rescue Med (FRM)** March 23-25, 2015 • Henderson, NV

FRM offers fire-based EMS leaders specialized training for their unique challenges. In 2015, FRM moves back to Nevada with a new location and new program format. From the latest resources on ebola and community paramedicine to public and private integration challenges and billing for services—FRM has it all. [www.iafc.org/FRM](http://www.iafc.org/FRM)

### **INTERNATIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** 2015 Response Teams Conference **International Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conference** May 28-31, 2015 • Baltimore, MD

Each year over 1,000 hazmat technicians, leaders and teams come to Baltimore for high-quality, hands-on training and classroom education. The Hazmat conference provides practical and valuable information to ensure effective operational response in today's challenging environments. [www.iafc.org/Hazmat](http://www.iafc.org/Hazmat)





# CUSTOMIZE Your Learning

## ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS

These unique courses bring the training to you!

### Volunteer & Combination Officers Section (VCOS) courses:

- Leading the Transition from Volunteer to Combination (LTC)
- You and ISO
- Beyond Hoses and Helmets
- FROG: Fire Rescue Organizational Guidance for Volunteer Leaders

Find out more at [www.vcos.org/education](http://www.vcos.org/education).

### Company Officer Leadership Symposium (COLS) - Regional

This training opportunity, funded by a grant to the IAFC Foundation from the Motorola Solutions Foundation, brings COLS level I to various locations around the country to provide enhanced training for company officers.

### Fire Service Executive Development Institute (FSEDI)

The program, developed by the IAFC and funded by a grant from Motorola Solutions Foundation, provides new and aspiring chiefs with tools they need to have a successful and productive tenure. This program is limited to 20 applicants. Those accepted are awarded a scholarship to cover the cost of airfare, housing and meals. For details visit [www.iafc.org/FSEDI](http://www.iafc.org/FSEDI).

For additional information on any of these offerings email [conferences@iafc.org](mailto:conferences@iafc.org).

## CHIEF'S Edge



### Chief's Edge

August 24-25, 2015 • Atlanta, GA

Experience an executive leadership program that will teach you lessons not taught in any school. This program is designed to provide high-level professional development. Learn from experienced chiefs and leaders in a small group format. This cohort style course makes this program exceptionally valuable and sets it apart from other leadership conferences. [www.iafc.org/chiefsedge](http://www.iafc.org/chiefsedge)



### VCOS Symposium in the Sun

November 12-15, 2015 • Clearwater Beach, FL

The VCOS Symposium addresses the unique needs of volunteer and combination departments including transitioning from a volunteer to a combination department, recruitment and retention, leadership and management, staffing and more. [www.iafc.org/VCOSsymposium](http://www.iafc.org/VCOSsymposium)

*For more detailed information on these programs and to register, visit [www.iafc.org/education](http://www.iafc.org/education).*

*SPECIAL SAVINGS: IAFC Members receive discount pricing on all IAFC events.*

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**NEW**  
in 2015!

## IAFC Academy

The IAFC Academy is an online learning management system offering a variety of training options for first responders and the public safety community. Find out more at [www.iafcacademy.org](http://www.iafcacademy.org).

## eLearning

The IAFC's online learning opportunities provide easy and affordable education. Don't be constrained by travel budgets and time out the office. Gain individualized learning that is interactive and provides access to an online network of peers. A complete list of webinar and podcast topics can be found at [www.iafc.org/elearning](http://www.iafc.org/elearning).



## YOUR EDUCATION, YOUR WAY.

*How do you learn best?* Everyone has different learning styles, that's why the IAFC offers a variety of different education formats. Choose from:

- **Conferences** that are a mix of large general sessions and small classroom breakouts with face-to-face networking and connection building.
- **eLearning** allows attendees to benefit from education presented online and the ability to engage with others from the convenience of their home, office or even on the go.
- **IAFC On Demand** provides online access to 90 minute FRI sessions with slides and audio. You can watch and learn at whatever time is most convenient for you.
- **Small group events** focus on the benefits of cohort style learning, group discussions and idea sharing.

# BEYOND the Classroom

## conneXions

The IAFC's conneXions program is the only program of its kind in the fire service. This unique event brings together purchasing decision makers with businesses for networking and education.

### conneXions provides the opportunity to:

- Network with chiefs from other leading fire departments.
- Discuss critical issues facing your department and the fire service.
- Participate in two educational sessions on topics like leadership, change management, or ones specific to the fire industry with invited speakers.
- Meet with IAFC members and Board representatives to share your feedback and learn more about the benefits of IAFC resources.
- Spend quality time meeting with invited vendors in a relaxed semi private setting meant to facilitate conversation and relationship building.

This 2 ½ day event is limited to 10 similarly-sized fire departments and 10 businesses. Each department may send two individuals and the program is fully paid for by the IAFC, so there is no cost to you or your department. For more information and to read what other chiefs say about the program, go to [www.iafc.org/conneXions](http://www.iafc.org/conneXions).



flex is the IAFC's hosted buyer program and another great opportunity for relationship building between fire and EMS leaders with business representatives. This program allows qualified buyers to participate in FRI at no cost while also attending pre-scheduled appointments with participating vendors. Email [conferences@iafc.org](mailto:conferences@iafc.org) for details.

Focus groups also provide an opportunity for chiefs and companies to interact and share information. Focus groups are hosted by companies at IAFC events and provide an opportunity to be an influential voice in the marketplace by sharing perspectives and opinions on products and advertising with participating companies.





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