

ASSOCIATION UPDATE



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Gathering Again in June: In-Person and Online

As the Spring season is underway, so are the plans for the IAFFPD Conference. As mentioned in other messages, the Association has embraced the recent challenges as new opportunities. The planning for this year's conference is a great example.

With the work of a digital meeting strategist, the investment of a virtual event platform, and the use of technology, the conference will appear different than previous conferences. But, it will offer an educational program you should not miss. Look ahead in this magazine for a list of session topics and other important information about the conference. Registration is available online now at IAFFPD.org. If you need assistance with this process, please contact our office.

Because there will be gathering restrictions that limit the number of people who can attend in person, the entire conference will be viewable

online, including a vendor showcase. While this is a new endeavor for the IAFFPD Conference, the planners, and the membership, the online option is strongly encouraged for anyone who wants to participate that cannot do so in person during these uncertain times. Our focus continues to be on the health and safety of our members.

As you may have read in other announcements, the program has fewer sessions, eliminated the guest activities and social events. The planning committee kept education as the top priority that still offers trustees exclusive training and addresses many of the emerging issues for the administration of your fire district.

Along with many of the changes, the conference does not include the awards luncheon we have done in recent years. Instead, we will recognize award recipients throughout the conference,

including the opening session and during the tradeshow on Friday. We will also publish all honorees in the next issue (Summer) of *The Fire Call*.

While the I-Hotel has an incredible conference center, the hotel has limited sleeping rooms. However, there are blocks of rooms available at (3) Hilton hotels located a short distance from the conference center. Please be sure to book before May 24 to get the discounted room rate.

As new developments occur in the weeks ahead, your best avenue for staying informed is to check the website (IAFFPD.org) or your email. If our messages are not arriving in your inbox, check your spam or junk folders. Your email address is the key to all communications and your event registration process.

We appreciate your understanding while we work through the details that will present be a great conference! ■

The next presentation of ETT will be held during the IAFFPD Conference June 24 & 26

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