

2026 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



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January 5-9, 2026 | Orlando, FL

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026: OFFSITE					
Start	End	Format	Session Name	Instructor/Facilitator	Location
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	HANDS-ON	Modern Live Fire Training and Fuel Packages	Aaron Rhodes, Orlando Fire Department	Valencia
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	HANDS-ON	High-Rise Standpipes Operations	Ricky Stephens, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue	OCFR
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	HANDS-ON	1st and 10 Engine	Steve Nagedly, Orlando Fire Department	OCFR
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	HANDS-ON	Thermal Imaging: "The Operational Environment" - Segment One: "The Intricacies"	Christopher Corso, Fire Dynamics Training Programs	OCFR
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	HANDS-ON	RIT and Outside Truck Ops	Robert Ramirez, Jupiter Fire Rescue	OCFR
8:00 PM	12:00 PM	HANDS-ON	Extrication	Chris Beeler, Osceola County Fire Rescue	OCFR
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	HANDS-ON	Urban Rigging and Rescue	Ryan Allen, Elevated Safety	OCFR
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	HANDS-ON	Can Confidence	Jimmy Berry, Vent Enter Search	Valencia
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	HANDS-ON	Grip It-N-Rip-It: Nozzlemanship for the Elite Operator	Randy Dozier, Panama City Beach Fire Rescue	OCFR
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026: ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER - SOUTH CONCOURSE, B HALL					
Start	End	Format	Session Name	Instructor/Facilitator	Location
8:00 AM	5:00 PM		Registration Open		South Foyer
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	SPECIALTY	PIO: FEMA L0105 Public Information Officer (PIO) Basics	Chair Mike Jachles	S329
10:00 AM	12:00 PM	WORKSHOP	FASAR Section Workshop	Chair Allen Willis	S330-AB
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	WORKSHOP	Fire Prevention Section Workshop	Chair Shawn Hanson	S331-CD
1:30 PM	3:30 PM	WORKSHOP	FASAR Section Workshop (Continued)	Chair Allen Willis	S330-AB
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	MEETING	FFCA Board of Directors Meeting	President Trip Barrs	S222
3:30 PM	5:00 PM	WORKSHOP	FL-IST Ops Discussion		S330-AB
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026: OFFSITE					
Start	End	Format	Session Name	Instructor/Facilitator	Location
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	HANDS-ON	High-Rise Standpipes Operations	Ricky Stephens, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue	OCFR
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	HANDS-ON	1st and 10 Engine	Steve Nagedly, Orlando Fire Department	OCFR
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	HANDS-ON	Thermal Imaging: "The Operational Environment" - Segment One: "The Intricacies"	Christopher Corso, Fire Dynamics Training Programs	OCFR
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	HANDS-ON	RIT and Outside Truck Ops	Robert Ramirez, Jupiter Fire Rescue	OCFR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026: OFFSITE (CONTINUED)

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8:00 AM	12:00 PM	HANDS-ON	Extrication	Chris Beeler, Osceola County Fire Rescue	OCFR
1:00 PM	4:00 PM	HANDS-ON	Urban Rigging and Rescue	Ryan Allen, Elevated Safety	OCFR
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	HANDS-ON	Can Confidence	Jimmy Berry, Vent Enter Search	Valencia
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	HANDS-ON	Grip It-N-Rip-It: Nozzlemanship for the Elite Operator	Randy Dozier, Panama City Beach Fire Rescue	OCFR
8:30 AM	5:30 PM	HANDS-ON	FREE: Resuscitate Florida: High-Performance CPR		S331-AB
8:30 AM	5:30 PM	HANDS-ON	FREE: Emergency Airway Management: A Skills Approach	Shaun Fix, Boca Raton Fire Rescue (Ret.)/Emergency Medical Consultants	S331-CD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026: ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER - SOUTH CONCOURSE, B HALL

Start	End	Format	Session Name	Instructor/Facilitator	Location
7:30 AM	5:00 PM		Registration Open		South Foyer
7:30 AM	5:00 PM		ALS Sequester Room		S230-AB
8:00 AM	10:00 AM	WORKSHOP	FFCA Communications Committee Workshop	Chair Kevin Rulapaugh	S330-AB
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Specialty	ESLI: Marketing Fire & EMS		S230-D
8:30 AM	5:30 PM	HANDS-ON	Free: Resuscitate Florida: High-Performance CPR		S331-AB
8:30 AM	5:30 PM	HANDS-ON	Free: Emergency Airway Management: A Skills Approach		S331-CD
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Specialty	PIO: FAPIO Advanced PIO Skills Workshop (Day 1/2)	Chair Mike Jachles	S230-G
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Specialty	PIO: FEMA L0105 Public Information Officer (PIO) Basics (Day 2/3)	Chair Mike Jachles	S230-H
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	WORKSHOP	Safety and Health Section Workshop	Chair John Whalen	S230-F
10:00 AM	12:00 PM	WORKSHOP	SERP-ERC Committee Workshop	Chair Marcos De la Rosa	S330-AB
10:30 AM	12:00 PM	MEETING	FL Fire Training Director's Association Business Meeting		S230-C
11:30 PM	1:00 PM	WORKSHOP	Joint Council Board Meeting and Luncheon	Chair Rick Butcher	S230-E
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	WORKSHOP	Wildland Committee Workshop	Chair Kasie Crowe	S230-C
1:30 PM	3:30 PM	WORKSHOP	Domestic Security Resource Committee	Chair Lorin Mock	S330-AB
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	WORKSHOP	Florida Executive Leadership Development Section Workshop	Chair Doug McGlynn	S230-F
2:00 PM	3:30 PM	WORKSHOP	Fire & Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel (FFIRS)	Division of State Fire Marshal	S329
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	WORKSHOP	Women In the Fire Service	Chair Chantal Botting	S230-F
3:30 PM	5:00 PM	WORKSHOP	Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council (FFESTC)	Division of State Fire Marshal	S329
3:30 PM	5:30 PM	WORKSHOP	FFCA Training and Education Section Workshop	Chair Aaron Rhodes	S330-AB

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026: ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER - SOUTH CONCOURSE, B HALL

Start	End	Format	Session Name	Instructor/Facilitator	Location
7:30 AM	5:00 PM		Registration Open		South Foyer
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	HANDS-ON	Fireground RIT: Basics & Command		S230-C
8:00 AM	9:15 AM	GENERAL SESSION	Opening Ceremony & FFCA Awards Presentations		S330-EFGH
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Specialty	ESLI: Marketing Fire & EMS		S230-D
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	EMS TRACK	EMS Roundtable: Panel Discussion		S230-B
9:00 AM	11:30 AM	EMS TRACK	Conflict Resolution	Dr. Pete Tokar, PhD	S230-A
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Specialty	PIO: FAPIO Advanced PIO Skills Workshop (Day 2/2)	Chair Mike Jachles	S230-G
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Specialty	PIO: FEMA L0105 Public Information Officer (PIO) Basics (Day 3/3)	Chair Mike Jachles	S230-H
9:15 AM	11:45 AM	KEYNOTE	Step Up and Lead	Frank Viscuso	S330
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	EMS TRACK	Delivering Under Pressure: Emergency Obstetrical Care for First Responders	Dr. Melanie Altizer, MD, MBA, FAOG	S230-B
12:00 PM	5:00 PM	TRADESHOW	Tradeshow Open		Exhibit Hall
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	EMS TRACK	Autism & Emergency Responders: Effectively Supporting Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder	Dr. Kim Spence	S230-B
1:30 PM	3:30 PM	HIGHLIGHT	Leadership From The Bottom Up!	Candance Ashby	S330-EFGH
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	BREAKOUT	FFCA Winter Business Workshop	President Trip Barrs	S230-C
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	BREAKOUT	Data Driven Decision Making - You've heard it... but what does it all mean?	Jim White, Center for Public Safety Excellence	S330-AB
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	BREAKOUT	Fit, Function, and Fireground Reality: Practical Tips for Evaluating Bunker Gear	David Squires, Aaron Rhodes, and Vince Cinque	S230-EF
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	BREAKOUT	The Mayday Mindset - Surviving the Modern Fireground	Robert Ramirez, The Mayday Mindset	S330-CD
1:30 PM	3:30 PM	EMS TRACK	Ultrasound Use in the Pre-Hospital Setting	Dr. Aldo Manresa	S230-A
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	EMS TRACK	Between a Shark and a Hard Tank: Dive & Water Emergency	Dr. Ben Abo	S230-B
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	BREAKOUT	Strategic Decision Making for the First Officer/Chief	Joseph A Manning, Largo Fire Rescue	S330-AB
2:30 PM	4:00 PM	BREAKOUT	Fire Point Leadership; Fueling the Fire Within, Without Burning Out	Doug McGlynn & Chantal Botting, Firepoint Consulting, LLC	S230-C
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	WORKSHOP	Florida Association of PIOs & PIO Deployment Team Annual Workshop	Chair Mike Jachles	S230-H
3:30 PM	4:30 PM	BREAKOUT	So You Want to Be a Company Officer? What They Didn't Teach You in Class	Lindsey Kensinger, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue	S330-AB
3:30 PM	4:30 PM	BREAKOUT	ISO Training - Documentation and Creditable Training Activities	Kyle Biles, ISO/Verisk	S330-CD
3:30 PM	4:30 PM	BREAKOUT	Empowering Firefighters to Take Command of their Retirement – Plan Your Retirement like an Ops Section Chief	Scott Chappell	S230-EF

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7:30 AM	5:00 PM		Registration Open		South Foyer
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Specialty	ESLI: Community Risk Reduction		S230-D
8:00 AM	10:00 AM	MEETING	Florida Fire Chiefs' Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting	Chair Terry Parris	S222
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Specialty	PIO Symposium		S330-GH
9:00 AM	11:30 AM	HIGHLIGHT	Danny's Story	Clyde Gordon	S330-EF
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	EMS TRACK	Beyond the Call: Responding to the Future of EMS Leadership	Stephen Shaw, Jupiter Fire Rescue Department	S230-B
9:00 AM	11:30 AM	EMS TRACK	Emergency K9 Care	Dr. Jennifer Brown, Florida Veterinary Rehab and Sports Medicine	S230-A
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	BREAKOUT	High-Performance Leadership	Kingman D Schuldt, Emergency Services Management Group	S330-AB
9:00 AM	10:30 AM	BREAKOUT	Speed Mentoring Session	Doug McGlynn, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue	S230-EF
9:30 AM	11:30 AM	BREAKOUT	Insights on Firefighting Operations in Mega-Man-sions & Large Area Residentials	Christopher J Naum, Command Institute	S330-CD
10:00 AM	5:00 PM	TRADESHOW	Tradeshow Open		Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM	11:30 AM	WORKSHOP	Small Department Round Table	Chair Mike Choate	S230-C
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	EMS TRACK	Shockwaves & Shrapnel: Understanding and Treating Blast Injuries	Dr. Kenneth Dumas	S230-B
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	BREAKOUT	Suicide: The Silent Killer of Firefighters	Brian Twiss, The Villages Public Safety Department	S330-AB
12:30 PM	2:00 PM	MEETING	Cadet Section Awards Committee	Chair Todd Coulter	S222
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	EMS TRACK	Lightning Strikes and Electrical Emergencies	Dr. Andrew Smith	S230-B
1:30 PM	3:30 PM	HIGHLIGHT	Reefer Container Awareness - BC Eddy LODD	Rodney Wiggins	S330-EF
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	BREAKOUT	Urban Flood Rescue Operations	Andrew McIntyre	S330-CD
1:30 PM	3:20 PM	WORKSHOP	FFCA EMS Section Workshop	Chair Bill McGrath/Tony Tedesco	S331-C
1:30 PM	3:30 PM	MEETING	Fire Chief Support Group	Division of State Fire Marshal	S230-EF
1:30 PM	3:30 PM	EMS TRACK	Florida Man Attempts to Wear Snake as Belt, Regrets Everything Quickly: An EMS Snakebite Story	Dr. Ben Abo	S230-A
1:30 PM	3:30 PM	BREAKOUT	Tactical Reasoning, Making Good Decisions in Bad Situations	Dennis Reilly	S330-AB
2:30 PM	4:00 PM	MEETING	Five Bugle Cadet Review Board	Chair Todd Coulter	S222
2:30 PM	4:30 PM	EMS TRACK	Advanced Skills Lab for Wound Care	Dr. Antonio Gandia	S230-B
3:30 PM	5:00 PM	BREAKOUT	Think Like an Incident Commander	Thomas Dunne	S330-CD
3:30 PM	5:00 PM	WORKSHOP	Five Bugle Roundtable	President Trip Barrs	S230-C
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	BREAKOUT	Today's Environment and Challenges for a New Training Chief (or Administrative Chief)	Ernest Spreitzer	S330-EF
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	BREAKOUT	NERIS Update	Willie Saulsberry	S330-AB

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8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Specialty	ESLI: Community Risk Reduction		S230-D
9:00 AM	1:00 PM	TRADESHOW	Tradeshow Open		Exhibit Hall
9:00 AM	10:30 AM	WORKSHOP	Cadet Section Annual Workshop	Chair Todd Coulter	S230-G
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	BREAKOUT	FireTraQ Update	Bruce Gillingham	S230-EF
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	EMS TRACK	Emergency Toxicology	Dr. Somer Slappey	S230-A
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	EMS TRACK	EMS Vendor Showcase		S230-B
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	BREAKOUT	The Grab Analysis	David J Stone	S330-AB
9:30 AM	11:00 AM	BREAKOUT	The Art of Reading Smoke	Rob Backer	S330-CD
10:45 AM	12:00 PM	WORKSHOP	Cadet Section Planning Workshop	Chair Todd Coulter	S230-G
11:00 AM	12:30 PM	BREAKOUT	Emotional Intelligence, the Why Behind What We Do	Nathan Mulvey, Sterling Thompson Company	S330-CD
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	BREAKOUT	How to Change Course thru a Winning Culture	Garrett Pingol, Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue	S330-AB

