



Florida Fire Chiefs' Association

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November 29, 2020

Re: 2020 Virtual Safety and Health Conference, Dec 7-9 "Braving the Unknown"

To All Florida Fire Chiefs and Training Chiefs:

On December 7th, 8th, and 9th, all fire departments will have a rare opportunity to participate in the annual Florida Fire Chiefs Association (FFCA) Safety and Health Conference, with all the same amazing and informative presentations and programs, *at no cost whatsoever* to any person or agency.

The virtual platform this year not only helps to keep everyone safe as we combat the COVID-19 pandemic but affords us opportunities we would not have if the conference were in person. This year, ALL departments, and all personnel may attend, whether on duty or off. This year, in addition to the timely programs on mental wellness, cancer prevention, civil unrest, COVID-19, Injury Prevention, and up-to-date research, we also have the ability to bring you daily cooking demonstrations and information on diet and nutrition. Our opening Keynote speaker is none other than Bobby Halton, an industry leader, who will be speaking on Facing Adversity in the Fire Service. We will also have three (3) of the most highly respected medical directors in the State and Nation participating in a COVID-19 panel discussion. The program this year is filled with timely topics in a wide variety of firefighter health-related areas.

My call to action to each of you is to take this opportunity for three days of free training and use it as a mini "Safety Stand Down". As we have all seen this year, COVID-19 has significantly impacted the way we do business, and the ability to train has been affected greatly. During the three days of this conference, every one of us has the opportunity to bring additional training to our members through a simple log in to our virtual platform. Put it on at your stations, and watch, listen, and participate as frequently as you can throughout the conference. Several of the presentations will have live Q & A sessions following the presentations.

I am attaching the flyer and encouraging you to share it with everyone in your department; remember that anyone can attend from anywhere, so please share far and wide and again, we ask our great Fire Service agencies to encourage on-duty staff to tune in for their daily training.

Register for free at <https://www.ffca.org/2020safetyhealth>

I hope you will join us!

Sincerely,

John Whalen, Deputy Fire Chief
Chair of the FFCA Safety, Health, and Wellness Section