

2026 SAFETY & HEALTH CONFERENCE

FUTURE READY

Margaritaville Resort Orlando, 8000 Fins Up Circle, Kissimmee, FL 34747



Pre-Conference: Sunday, October 18

Time	Room	Session
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Continental Drifter	Designated Infection Control Officer Class <i>Tom DiBernardo & Jason Massa</i>

Day 1: Monday, October 19

Time	Room	Session
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Continental Drifter	Friends of Bill W.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM		Registration Open
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM		Vendor Showcase
9:00 AM - 9:03 AM	Compass Rose	Opening Ceremonies, <i>John Whalen, Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Department</i>
9:04 AM - 9:09 AM	Compass Rose	Honor Guard/Posting of Colors/Pledge/Invocation <i>Osceola County Fire Rescue, Chaplain Rick Spence</i>
9:10 AM - 9:13 AM	Compass Rose	Welcome from Osceola County Fire Rescue <i>Larry Collier, Osceola County Fire Rescue</i>
9:14 AM - 9:17 AM	Compass Rose	Florida House of Representatives, <i>Omar Blanco, House District 115</i>
9:18 AM - 9:21 AM	Compass Rose	FFCA President Remarks, <i>Ryan Crawford, President</i>
9:22 AM - 9:25 AM	Compass Rose	New App Introduction and Partnership <i>Anthony Seguire, TheFireDepartmentApp</i>
9:26 AM - 9:29 AM	Compass Rose	FPF President Remarks, <i>Adam Seithel, 3rd District Vice President</i>
9:30 AM - 9:33 AM	Compass Rose	Florida Firefighter Safety and Health Collaborative Remarks, <i>Chris Bator, President</i>
9:34 AM - 9:37 AM	Compass Rose	Division of State Fire Marshal Remarks, <i>JoAnne Rice, Director</i>
9:38 AM - 9:41 AM	Compass Rose	Florida Fire Marshals and Insepectors Association, <i>Tommy Demopoulos, Fire Marshal</i>
9:42 AM - 9:44 AM	Compass Rose	Florida Sheriffs Association, Cooperative Purchasing Program <i>Jon Brown, Cooperative Purchasing Program Marketing Coordinator</i>
9:45 AM - 10:20 AM	Compass Rose	Safety and Health Award Presentation, <i>Sponsored by United Badges Insurance Services</i>
10:20 AM - 10:30 AM		AM Coffee Break
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Compass Rose	Opening Keynote: 9/11: Twenty-Five Years Later, <i>Sponsored by Municipal Equipment Company</i> <i>Michael Dugan, Captain (Ret.), FDNY</i>
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM		Lunch Break
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Hemisphere Dancer	FFCA Technology Committee Meeting
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Compass Rose	Thriving, Not Surviving <i>Dan DeGryse, Responder Strong & Frank Leto, Captain (Ret.), FDNY</i>
2:00 PM - 2:10 PM		Break

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SCHEDULE CONTINUED

2:10 PM - 3:10 PM	Compass Rose	Sylvester Firefighter Cancer Initiative Update University of Miami, <i>Sponsored by United Badges Insurance Services</i> <i>Dr. Natasha Schaefer Solle and Dr. Alberto Caban-Martinez, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System</i>
3:10 PM - 3:15 PM	Compass Rose	National Firefighter Cancer Registry, <i>Julie Downey</i>
3:15 PM - 3:25 PM		Break
3:25 PM - 4:30 PM	Compass Rose	Surviving the Fireground, <i>Sponsored by PGI</i> <i>Joel Richardson, Escambia County Fire Rescue</i>
4:45 PM - 6:30 PM	Foyers & Nautical Wheeler	"Changes in Latitudes" Margaritaville-themed Networking Reception, <i>Sponsored by Bennett Fire Products</i>
Day 2: Tuesday, October 20		
Time	Room	Session
6:15 AM - 7:00 AM	Margaritaville Lobby	5K Fun Run
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Continental Drifter	Friends of Bill W.
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM		Registration Open
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM		Vendor Showcase
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Compass Rose	First Call Warm Up <i>Ken Miller, NASM Master Instructor, Corrective Exercise Specialist and Strength Coach</i>
9:00 AM - 9:10 AM		AM Coffee Break
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Hemisphere Dancer	FFCA Training and Education Section Meeting
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Compass Rose	Beyond the Annual: Optimizing Firefighter Health Year-Round <i>Dr. Aimee Green, Rooted Health</i>
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM		Break
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Compass Rose	Panel: Successful Interventions: Stories of Hope, Recovery, and Organizational Support
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Compass Rose	Panel Presentation Q&A
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	On Vacation	Complimentary Lunch for Conference Attendees, <i>Sponsored by Public Consulting Group</i>
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Compass Rose	The Firefighter of 2036: A Future Ready Vision for Wellness, Performance, and Longevity <i>Dr. Daniel Higuera, Santa Ana College</i>
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM		Break
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Hemisphere Dancer	FFCA Metro Chiefs Committee Meeting
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Compass Rose	A New Approach to Fire Service Suicide Prevention: The Data, the Plan, and the Path Forward <i>Dr. Deborah Beidel, UCF RESTORES, Dr. Kellie O' Dare, 2nd Alarm Project, & Director JoAnne Rice, Florida Division of State Fire Marshal</i>
3:30 PM - 3:40 PM		Break
3:40 PM - 4:45 PM	Compass Rose	EV Firefighting: Health Hazards and Your PPE <i>Richard Kesler, Fire Safety Research Institute</i>



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Day 3: Wednesday, October 21		
Time	Room	Session
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Continental Drifter	Friends of Bill W.
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM		Registration Open
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Compass Rose	The Silent Killer: Firefighter Suicide, PTSD, and Changing the Culture of the Fire Service <i>Chief Brian Twiss, Villages Public Safety Department</i>
9:00 AM - 9:10 AM		Break
9:10 AM - 10:10 AM	Compass Rose	Finding Your Harbor: How Music and Connection Can Help Navigate the Storms of the Fire Service <i>Michael Torino</i>
10:10 AM - 10:30 AM		Break
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Compass Rose	Closing Keynote: Firefighter & Fire Officer 2026-2027 Leadership "Survival" <i>Chief Billy Goldfeder, Loveland-Symmes FD, Ohio</i>
12:00 PM - 12:05 PM	Compass Rose	Closing Remarks, <i>John Whalen, Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Department</i>

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

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