

# Eastern Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs

97<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference – Thursday, May 9 through Saturday, May 11, 2024

## ~ Program Schedule ~

### Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Hilton Doubletree Hotel

- 6 pm Past Presidents Dinner – *by invitation only*  
Hilton Doubletree Hotel Garden Room
- 6 – 11 pm Vendors Night & Hospitality Social  
Open bar and appetizers
- 6:30 – 8:30 pm Down the Hatchet - Axe Throwing Trailer  
*Hosted by EDIAFC President Joe Cunningham*

### Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Hilton Doubletree Hotel

- 7am Registration Opens  
*Hosted by New Jersey Career Fire Chiefs Association*
- 7 - 8am Continental Breakfast, Open to All  
*Hosted by Chief Christopher Burnett*
- 8 – 8:45am Opening Ceremonies  
Master of Ceremonies Chief Bill Kramer  
Call Annual Meeting to Order EDIAC President Joseph Cunningham  
Posting of Colors Honor Guard  
Pledge of Allegiance President Joseph Cunningham  
Invocation  
Memorial Service  
Chief Les Warrick, EDIAFC Past President  
Chief Bill Walton, EDIAFC Past President  
Bagpipers
- Introduction of Guests and State Fire Associations
- 8:45am Presentation to NJ Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr.  
*EDIAFC President Joe Cunningham, New Jersey Director Christopher Burnett,  
& IAFC President John Butler*  
Remarks by Congressman Pascrell
- 9am Partners depart for Historic Smithville, NJ *Hosted by Donna Cunningham & Gail Burnett.*  
*Smithville is an historical village with unique shopping adventure*  
12:15 pm - lunch at Fred & Ethel's Lantern Light Tavern  
Following lunch continue to stroll around the Village with friends  
3 pm - back to hotel

9am	Break	
9 – 9:15am	Sponsor Presentation - BELFOR Property Restoration	
9:15 – 10:30am	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> <b>The Winning Firefighter Mindset</b> <i>FDNY Deputy Assistant Chief Frank Leeb</i>	
10:30 – 10:45am	Break	
10:45 – 11am	Sponsor Presentations	Rivell Campbell Supply & Freightliner New Jersey Fire Equipment
11am – 12:30pm	<b>Understanding Fire Dynamics in Structures to Improve Fireground Decision Making</b> <i>Senior Director of Research of UL FRSI Daniel Madrzykowski</i>	
12:30 – 1:30pm	Lunch	Open to All
12:45 – 1:30pm	Eastern Division Business Meeting EDIAFC President Joe Cunningham State Caucuses	
1:30 – 2pm	<b>National Fire Sprinkler Association Burn Trailer Demo in parking lot</b> Chief Shane Ray	
2 pm – 3:30pm	<b>Aggressive Command: Leads to Successful Outcomes</b> <i>District Chief Clyde Gordon &amp; District Chief Mo Davis, City of Houston</i>	
3:30 – 3:45pm	Break	
3:45 – 4pm	Sponsor Presentations	SERVPRO Damage Restoration Emergency Equipment Sales ESI Equipment
4 – 4:30pm	<b>National Fallen Firefighters Foundation</b>	
4pm	Partners return	
4:30pm	Closing remarks	Chief Bill Kramer

**Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> - Presidential Gala, Awards & Installation Dinner Hilton Doubletree Hotel**

5:45 - 6:45pm	Cocktails and Appetizers	Garden Room
6:45 – 8pm	Dinner Blessing Master of Ceremonies Chief Bill Kramer Remarks by Outgoing President	Hilton Doubletree Hotel Ballroom  President Joe Cunningham

Introduction of Officers  
Installation of Officers  
Remarks by Incoming President  
Awards and Presentations  
Valor Award

Chief Bill Kramer  
IAFC President John Butler  
President Joe Fahd  
President Joe Cunningham  
President Joe Cunningham

Chief Jon Townley

## **Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> - Presidential Gala Continues**

8 – 11pm Hospitality Room with DJ Frank Oliveti Hotel Garden Room

## **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Hilton Doubletree**

7am	Registration opens <i>Hosted by New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association</i>	
7:30 – 8am	Continental Breakfast	Open to All
8am	Opening comments	Chief Bill Kramer
8:15 – 8:30am	Sponsor presentation	
8:30 – 10am	<b>Panel Discussion – Leadership on the Line: Organizational Transformation and Evolution of the Fire Service</b> <i>IAFC President Chief John Butler, Fairfax County Fire Rescue Past Fire Commissioner Adam Theil, Managing Director City of Philadelphia Past IAFC President Chief Ken Stuebing, Halifax Fire Rescue NJ State Fire Marshal Richard Mikutsky National Fire Academy Superintendent Eriks Gibliks Moderator – Retired NFA Superintendent Denis Onieal</i>	
10 – 10:15am	Break	
10:15 – 11:30am	<b>Managing the Mayday</b> <i>District Chief Clyde Gordon &amp; District Chief Mo Davis, City of Houston</i>	
11:30am – 12:00pm	Business Meeting continued, if needed	
Noon	Conference Closes	