

# Volunteer Fire Chiefs WORKSHOP

**MARCH 27, 2021**

The Iowa Fire Chiefs Association, in partnership with the Fire Service Training Bureau of the State Fire Marshal Division, has designed this Volunteer Fire Chiefs Workshop to assist the fire chiefs and fire officers of volunteer and combination fire departments. Chiefs and officers from career departments are also invited to attend. Information will be provided to help officers understand their roles and responsibilities.

## Location:

This workshop will be held at the **Theater Classroom** - Building 3583 (B-58) at the Camp Dodge Joint Maneuver Training Center in Johnston, IA (near the Fire Service Training Bureau).

*See map on page 3 for directions and parking information.*

## Registration Fee:

A \$25 cost share will be used to help offset the cost of this workshop. Lunch, breaks, and handout materials will be provided.

**Registration deadline is March 12, 2021**

## REGISTRATION FORM

[www.123formbuilder.com/form-2433004/volunteer-fire-chiefs-workshop-registration-form](http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-2433004/volunteer-fire-chiefs-workshop-registration-form)

## Questions:

Contact John Kraemer:

Email: [kraemer@dps.state.ia.us](mailto:kraemer@dps.state.ia.us) or Phone: 515-727-3428



## AGENDA

7:45 - 8:30 am

**Registration & Continental Breakfast**

8:30 - 9:30 am

**Opening – Welcome**

**Chief Dave Schipper**, LeMars Fire Department, and President of the IFCA; **Chuck Raska**, 3rd Vice of Iowa Firefighters Association; **Dan Wood**, State Fire Marshal of the Iowa State Fire Marshal Division; and **John Kraemer**, Bureau Chief of the Fire Service Training Bureau.

Participants will have the opportunity to submit questions and topics for discussion on tablets that will be passed around during this time. These will be discussed in a “Round Table” at the end of the day.

9:30 - 10:30 am

**“LODD Death”**

**Chief Roger Bissen**, Harlan Fire Department

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

**“10 Policies Your Fire Department Needs”**

**Jerry Eslick**, Deputy Chief of Training (*Retired*), West Des Moines, and owner of Professional Rescue Innovations (PRI)

12:00 - 12:30 pm

**Lunch & Networking**

12:30 - 2:30 pm

**“Collaboration is Key”**

**Doug Allen**, Deputy Chief of Ames Fire Department, and Incident Management Training Coordinator

2:30 - 3:30 pm

**“Round Table” Discussion**



9:30 - 10:30 am

## LODD Death

*Presented by*

**Roger Bissen**, Chief, Harlan Fire Department, FSTB Field Staff Instructor, Vice President of the Iowa Fire Chiefs Association, State Director for NVFC, and State Coordinator of LAST Team of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

Roger Bissen will explain the mission and primary goals of the Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) program. The presentation will explain the assistance and aid available through the Local Assistance State Team (LAST) program of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. This presentation will inform each Chief of what action needs to take place in the case of a Line of Duty Death. This presentation will also explain the autopsy and funeral protocols for Line of Duty Deaths in the Fire Service.



**Roger Bissen**

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

## 10 Policies Your Fire Department Needs

*Presented by*

**Jerry Eslick**, Deputy Chief of Training (Retired), West Des Moines Fire Department, and owner of Professional Rescue Innovations (PRI)

This topic will cover ten policies your fire department needs to go beyond the liability to increase firefighter safety and reduce the risk for preventable injuries and line of duty death. Policies and procedures have become increasingly important tools for fire service leaders in our complex, litigious society. Effective policies and procedures reduce liability, improve operations, and enhance the health and safety of firefighters. Yet, a lack of policies is frequently cited as a contributing factor in firefighter fatalities in the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) firefighter fatality reports.

It could be a traffic incident, a structure fire, or even an active shooter situation. When such an incident occurs, the response of several agencies and disciplines will likely be required - no one agency can handle it alone. It is important to know the role that each entity plays, as well as to understand the goals and objectives of those involved. This presentation will address the importance of Unified Command, and how it allows for the collaborative effort of all agencies and disciplines involved to coordinate a more effective and efficient response. Resources are short and we have to work together.

**COLLABORATION IS KEY!**



**Jerry Eslick**

12:30 - 2:30 pm

## Collaboration Is Key

*Presented by*

**Doug Allen**, Deputy Chief, Ames Fire Department, and Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Training Coordinator



**Doug Allen**



**Directions to the Fire Service Training Bureau:**

1. Turn into Camp Dodge Main Entrance (NW 70th Ave)
2. Show State ID Badge or Iowa DL at entrance gate to security.
3. Drive around through safety/security barricades and continue north on Maintenance Drive.
4. Take a right onto 5th Street.
5. Take a left onto Main Avenue.
6. B-59 is on the right hand side of street. Park in lot in rear of building.

### Directions to the Theater Classroom:

**Folow directions to the Fire Service Training Bureau, but park in the parking lot south of 7th Street (off of Main Street). The Theater Classroom is in Building 3538 (B-58), acroos from parking, north of 7th Street.**

