

82nd Mississippi Fire Chiefs/Firefighters Conference

May 30 – June 2, 2019

Vicksburg Convention Center

Thursday, May 30

- 10:00 a.m. Golf
- 12:00 p.m. Display area opens
- 12:00 p.m. Early Registration
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Vendor Reception
- 5:00 – until “Firefighter Happy Hour”
*****10 South, Rusty’s Riverfront Grill, MS BBQ, and Cottonwood Public House will offer “Firefighter Happy Hour” for all that show an FF or Conference ID.*****

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Friday, May 31 – Fire Chiefs Conference

- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Registration/Vendor area open
- 8:30 a.m. Call to Order – Chief Terry Wages, MFCA Association President
Invocation
Posting of Colors, MSFA Honor Guard
National Anthem
Welcome Address
 VFD Fire Chief Craig Danczyk
 Mayor George Flaggs, Jr.
Old Business
Reports from State Agencies
MS Fire Chief & Chief Fire Officer Designation Program
Burn Center Update
- 10:00 a.m. BREAK
- 10:30 a.m. It's Still the Best Job in the World! Leading Through Tough Times
 Rick Lasky
- 12:00 noon LUNCH in the Vendor Area
- 1:30 p.m. Conference reconvenes
New Business
Election of Officers
Project Reports
Committee Reports
- 4:00 p.m. Fire Chiefs Conference Adjourns/Vendor Area Closes
- 6:00 p.m. Pool party @ Margaritaville
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Saturday, June 1 – Firefighters' Conference

- 8:00 a.m. Registration/Vendor Area Opens
- 8:30 Call to Order – Chief John Pope. MFFA Association President
Welcome Address
Mayor George Flaggs, Jr.
Board of Supervisors President Richard George
Old Business
Time of Recognition of Dignitaries, State and Local Officials, Past Officers,
Current Officers, Lifetime Members & First Time Attendees
Joint Memorial Service – MS Fire Academy Honor Guard and Vicksburg Fire Department
**MS Firefighters Auxiliary meeting begins after open ceremonies
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Our History: This Should be Day 1 in the Academy!
Rick Lasky
- 12:00 Lunch (Vendor Area)
- 1:30 MS Volunteer Association
- 1:00 Sweating the Small Stuff: Keeping Your People Safe and Alive
Rick Lasky
- 1:00-2:00 Concurrent sessions
- Firefighter Down 10 Step CPR (Ginger Hand)
 - Steps to Prepare for a Search (MS Homeland Security)
- 2:00-2:30 BREAK
- 2:30-3:30 Concurrent Sessions
- 4:00-5:00 Firefighter Rodeo
- 6:00 Banquet Keynote – I am Your Firefighter
Rick Lasky
- 8:30 Miles Flatt – Vicksburg Convention Center

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Sunday, June 2– Firefighters Conference continued

- 8:30 a.m. Non-Denominational Worship Service
- 9:30 New Business, Committee Reports, Business/Conference Reports
Selection of 84th Conference Host
Closing Remarks – Chief John Pope, MFFA Association President
Retrieval of the Colors
Adjournment of 82nd MS Fire Chiefs and Fire Fighters Conference

It's Still the Best Job in the World! Leading Through Tough Times

Today more than ever fire service leaders are facing tougher times. Reduction in funding resources, budget cuts, staffing cuts, unfunded mandates, personnel problems, that whole "culture" thing, and a long list of other obstacles and challenges, all of which have a direct impact on service delivery. On the other hand nobody said that being the leader was going to be easy. Join Chief Lasky as he discusses what is actually needed to face these tougher times and how to still enjoy the most incredible profession in the world!

Our History: This Should be Day 1 in the Academy!

Year after year fire departments all across North America see their new firefighters attend and graduate the fire academy. But after graduation just how many "get it" and how many truly understand why they are here, why WE are here? The answers are all in our history. Join Chief Lasky as he revisits where it all started *and* where "it" is going. Whether you have 40 days or 40 years in the fire service, if you truly want to see where the fire service is headed, then you have to look back at where at all began.

Sweating the Small Stuff: Keeping Your People Safe and Alive

For those in the private sector the practice of "sweating the small stuff" may come as a nuisance and seem unnecessary, but for those of us in the fire service it's often the "small stuff" that leads to a firefighter's injury or worse yet death. In this program Chief Lasky will examine the areas our fire service needs to once again place emphasis if firefighter safety is to remain paramount.

I am Your Firefighter

Join Chief Lasky as he reminds the public, and yes, even some of our firefighters and officers, what it means to be a firefighter and what it takes to be part of our fire service family.