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### **SATURDAY MORNING KEYNOTE**

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**CHIEF RICK LASKY**

**SATURDAY: "2015 FIREFIGHTER & OFFICER SURVIVAL PROGRAM"**

**CHIEF BILLY GOLDFEDER**

**SUNDAY: "FIREGROUND SCENARIO WORKSHOP"**

**CHIEF JOHN SALKA**

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Chief Rick Lasky (ret.) a 34-year veteran of the fire service, served as chief of the Lewisville (TX) Fire Department for 12 years, prior to that as Fire Chief in Coeur d'Alene Idaho. Rick followed in his father's footsteps beginning his career as a firefighter in the suburbs on the southwest side of Chicago and while in Illinois received the 1996 International Society of Fire Service Instructors "Innovator of the Year" award for his part in developing the "Saving Our Own" program. Throughout his 30-plus years in the fire service he has served as a career and volunteer firefighter. He served as the co-lead instructor for the H.O.T. Firefighter Survival program at FDIC for over 10 years, is a long-standing editorial advisory board member for Fire Engineering Magazine and also serves on the FDIC advisory board. Rick is the author of the best-selling books "Pride and Ownership-A Firefighter's Love of the Job" and "Five Alarm Leadership: From the Firehouse to the Fireground" published by PennWell Books and is the co-host for the radio show "The Command Post" heard on Fire Engineering Talk Radio. Rick holds an AAS Degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University and was selected as the CSU 2012 Distance Education and Training Council (DETC) Outstanding Graduate. He was also honored in 2011 as an inductee into the Chicago Softball Hall of Fame.



Chief Billy Goldfeder, EFO, a firefighter since 1973, serves as Deputy Fire Chief of the Loveland-Symmes FD in S.W. Ohio. LSF is an ISO Class 2, full service ALS department providing a full range of traditional and non-traditional emergency & community services. A Chief Officer since 1982, he has served as a Fire Chief in Ohio, Virginia and Florida. Chief Goldfeder also served as a Public Protection representative covering southern New York, for I.S.O. as well as a Company Officer, starting with the Manhasset-Lakeville F.D., in Long Island, N.Y.

A 1993 graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, he is the former Chair of the International Association of Fire Chiefs VCOs Comm. In 2001, Chief Goldfeder was honored with an appointment of Hon. Battalion Chief of F.D.N.Y. and is a member of the Board of Directors of: The International Association of Fire Chiefs, The September 11th Families Association, The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and provides expert review assistance to the CDC NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program.

Goldfeder is the recipient of numerous operational and administrative awards and recognitions including most recently the Loveland-Symmes FD Departmental Award of Excellence in 2003 and again in 2010, the Int'l Assoc. of Fire Service Instructors Fire Instructor of The Year Award for 2004, the Dana Hannon Fire Training Award for 2004, the Int'l Assoc. of Fire Chiefs Presidential Award for 2005, the 2007 (IFSTA) Int'l Fire Service Training Assoc's Everett E. Hudiburg Memorial Award for Firefighter Training Excellence, the 2007 Nassau County (N.Y.) Frances X. Pendl Fire Service Humanitarian Award, the 2008 Firefighter Cancer Support Network Dallas Jones Memorial Award and in 2008, the Billy Goldfeder Fire Service Organizational Safety Award (awarded annually) was named and created through the IAFC and is co-sponsored by VFIS.

Chief Goldfeder completed a 6 year term as a Commissioner on the Commission of Fire Accreditation International and he serves as an Associate/Contributing Editor for FIRE ENGINEERING, FIRE RESCUE, FIREHOUSE Magazines (including several regional fire publications) as well as a news editorial columnist for Firehouse.Com. He has spoken on, as well as published, numerous articles on subjects such as fire service risk management, leading combination FD's, fire command and tactics, firefighter/fireground safety, apparatus design/deployment and fireground staffing. His monthly column "Close Calls" appears in FIREHOUSE Magazine and his podcast radio show "Through The Smoke" is hosted on Firehouse.com.

Chief Goldfeder has served on several NFPA and IAFC Committees, was Chair of the Int'l Assoc. of Fire Chiefs Safety, Health and Survival Section and also serves on the National Firefighter Near-Miss Reporting Task Force Board (IAFC). He is and has been an Instructor at all national fire service training conferences including Fire-Rescue International, Firehouse Expo, Firehouse World, FD Safety Officers Association, the FDNY Fire Officers Management Institute (F.O.M.I.) and at the Fire Department Instructors Conference (F.D.I.C.), where he has instructed for the past 30 years as well as serving as a member of the FDIC Advisory Board for the past 20 years. He has and does provide consulting services for municipal and private corporations with a clear focus on firefighter safety and survival.

Chief Goldfeder co-hosts the website: [www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com](http://www.FireFighterCloseCalls.com), a 100% non-commercial, independent and free site with only 1 focus: Firefighter Safety, Survival and Getting Everyone Home.



John Salka (ret) served with the FDNY for over 33 years, the past 15 years a battalion chief in the 18th Battalion in the Bronx. Prior to being promoted to battalion chief, Chief Salka was assigned as the Captain of 48 Engine also in the Bronx.

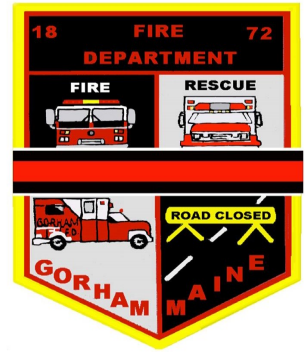
He is a New York State certified instructor and also lectures nationally. He is a seminar presenter and has presented at the Firehouse Expo in Baltimore, the FDIC in Indianapolis, the NY State Association of Fire Chiefs show and many other venues. Chief Salka writes the monthly back page column "The Fire Scene" in Firehouse Magazine and has also written for Fire Engineering, Size-Up and the FDNY training magazine WNYF.

John served as the co-lead instructor for the H.O.T. Firefighter Safety and Survival program at FDIC for over ten years, serves on the FDIC advisory board, and is the co-host for the radio show "The Command Post" heard on Fire Engineering Talk Radio. Chief Salka has also found the time to work for the NIOSH Firefighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program.

John is the author of the best-selling books "First In Last Out Leadership Lessons from the New York Fire Department" and "The Engine Company." He received the 2001 FDIC Training Achievement Award for his Get Out Alive firefighter survival training program and travels extensively training firefighters throughout the 50 states and Canada in tactics, strategy, leadership and safety & survival. Chief Salka has also served as a volunteer firefighter for over 30 years.



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