NIAFPD Program Grid

Westin Hotel
70 Yorktown Shopping Center, Lombard, IL

Friday, February 6, 2026

Continuous Continental Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Registration 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Time	Programs and Sessions		
	Lilac A & C	Lilac B & D	Cypress
8:30 to 10:00	**Emerging 911 Issues** John Kelly - Ottosen DiNolfo Jessica Robb - DU-COMM Jason Rodgers - RED Center John Ferraro - NW Central Dispatch (A)(T)	**Open Meetings Act Review** Ben Silver - Illinois Attorney General Leah Bartelt - Illinois Attorney General (A)(P)(T)	**New Transfers, Conversions, and 1099Rs** Jessica Doogan - Lauterbach & Amen, LLP (A)(P)(T)
10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Break			
10:15 to 11:45	**OSFM** Michele Pankow - Illinois State Fire Marshal JC Fultz - Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez - Illinois State Fire Marshal (A)(P)(T)	**Reaching Out to Your Voters** Shawn Flaherty - Ottosen DiNOlfo Skylar White - Beyond Your Base (A)(T)	**IFPIF Update** Steve Zahn - FPIF Karl Langhammer - Carol Stream FPD (A)(P)(T)
11:45 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Junior Ballroom)			
1:00 to 2:30	**Leadership Workshop** Doc Patterson (A)(T)		**Ethics** Meganne Trela - Ottosen DiNolfo (A)(P)(T)
2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Break			
2:45 to 4:15	**Emerging Topics in the Fire Service (Lilac A-D)** Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell - U.S. Fire Administrator (A)(C)(P)(T)		
4:15 to 7:00	**Sponsors' Reception - Networking / Raffle Prizes (Junior Ballroom)** **Ottosen DiNolfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo Ltd. / NIAFPD Conference Reception (Heavy Hors d'oeuvres)**		

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Continuous Continental Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Registration 7:30 a.m. to Noon)

8:30 to 9:00	**NIAFPD Membership Meeting / Conference Welcome (Junior Ballroom)**		
Programs and Sessions			
Time	Lilac A & C	Lilac B & D	Cypress
9:15 to 10:45	**Attack on Your Taxes** Joe Miller - Ottosen DiNolfo Megan Lamb - Ottosen DiNolfo (A)(C)(P)(T)	**Discipline Do's and Don'ts** Steve DiNolfo - Ottosen DiNolfo (A)(C)(T)	**Pension Legal Updates** Carolyn Clifford - Ottosen DiNolfo Tom Schwartzers - Ottosen DiNolfo (A)(P)(T)
10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Break			
11:00 to 12:30	**Negotiations Workshop** Karl Ottosen - Ottosen DiNolfo Jerry Marzullo - Asher, Gittler & D'Alba Kevin Camden, Arbitrator (A)(C)(P)(T)		**Firefighter Wellness** Dr. Sarah Jahnke - NDRI-USA, Inc. (A)(C)(P)(T)
12:30 - 1:45 p.m. Awards Luncheon / Legislative Update - John Buckley, IFCA and Samantha Brill, Lobbyist (Junior Ballroom)			
2:00 to 3:30	**Artificial Intelligence (Junior Ballroom)** Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell - U.S. Fire Administrator (A)(C)(P)(T)		

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