



137TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Niagara Falls, New York

August 19th – 21st, 2009





Dear Fellow Firefighters:

The Niagara County Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention Committee welcomes each and every one of you to Niagara County for the 137th annual Convention of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

The Niagara County Convention Committee has had the pleasure of hosting ten previous FASNY Conventions (1877, 1892, 1896, 1918, 1927, 1963, 1971, 1975, 1990 and 1998). We are sincerely looking forward to hosting another successful one in 2009. This year's Convention dates are August 19th – 21st.

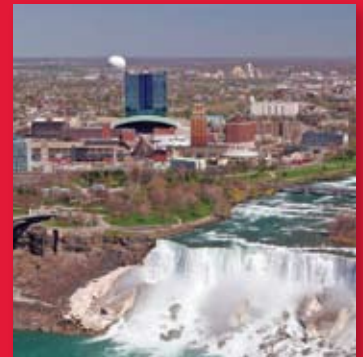
In these very difficult and trying times, it is still important to make the time to relax, have fun and enjoy common interests with family, friends and fellow firefighters. There is not a better place or time to do this with your "family", and it can be easily yours by attending the FASNY Convention and visiting one of the best known tourist attractions in the world, Niagara Falls.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel will serve as Convention Headquarters, with meetings and other events being held at the Conference Center Niagara Falls. The Ladies Auxiliary Headquarters will be at the Days Inn. All three buildings are just a very short walk from each other.

Along with the informative and educational opportunities offered by FASNY, our local committee is gathering information for you so that you can be an informed tourist during your stay. Besides seeing the beauty of Niagara Falls, there is the Aquarium, Fort Niagara, Cave of Winds, Maid of the Mist and the Casino, just to name a few of the many venues available to visit. There are also several areas of shopping and the Niagara Wine Trails for you to enjoy. And don't forget the nightly hospitality events!

We are looking forward to you and your family joining us for a great time at the 2009 FASNY Convention in Niagara Falls. Please feel free to call me at (716) 433-1308 should you have any questions. See you at the falls!

Edward Tase, Jr., Chairman
Niagara County Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention Committee



Training and Education Presentations

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 19TH, 2009

1:00 p.m. – Forum 1: Charleston Sofa Super Store Fire Analysis
"Charleston Sofa Super Store Fire Analysis"



J. Gordon Routley

J. Gordon Routley will present a detailed analysis of the Sofa Super Store Fire in Charleston, SC, that resulted in nine firefighter fatalities. The program will identify the specific problems that were encountered and recommend actions to prevent future occurrences of a similar nature.

J. Gordon Routley is a fire protection engineer who provides consulting services to fire departments and fire service related organizations in the United States and Canada. He previously served as Fire Chief in Shreveport, Louisiana; Assistant to the Fire Chief in Phoenix, Arizona; and Fire Department Safety Officer in Prince George's County, Maryland. He is currently the Technical Advisor to the Fire Chief in Montreal, Canada. He was the project leader for the City of Charleston Fire Assessment and Review Team and has conducted more than 30 firefighter fatality investigations. In addition, he works with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation on the Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives Project and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Safety, Health and Survival Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

3:00 p.m. – Forum 2: Fireground Events
"Firefighters and Fire Officers: Scared Straight!"



Billy Goldfeder

Chief Billy Goldfeder will present to the attendees, through video, audio and "wake up" lecture, an in-depth review of specific timely fireground events and most specifically, the lessons learned so that these incidents (and those involved) don't ever become forgotten. This very personal, high energy class provides the attendees an excellent opportunity to apply the lessons learned to their own departments and themselves, when returning home, potentially avoiding "history tragically repeating itself."

Chief Billy Goldfeder, EFO, a firefighter since 1973, serves as Deputy Fire Chief of the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department in Ohio. A Chief Officer since 1982, he has served as a fire chief in Ohio, Virginia and Florida. 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 Fire Department, in Long Island. 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 Section. He serves as an Associate/Contributing Editor for Fire Engineering, Fire Rescue, Firehouse as well as www.firehouse.com and is a member of the Fireman's Fund Heritage Program Advisory Board.

Convention Schedule Highlights

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 2009

Golf Tournament at Niagara Frontier Country Club
Past Presidents Dinner at Convention Center Niagara Falls

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J. Gordon Routley's "Charleston Sofa Super Store Fire Analysis"
Billy Goldfeder's "Firefighters and Fire Officers: Scared Straight!"
Niagara County Night

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2009

Presentation of the Firefighter of the Year Award
Presentation of the EMS Provider of the Year Award
Al Brunacini's "Functional Boss Behaviors"
Fire Service Round Table with J. Gordon Routley,
Al Brunacini and Tiger Schmittendorf
2% Tax Forum
LAFASNY: Installation of Officers Ceremony at the Days Inn
Sectional Hospitality Night

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 2009

Election of Officers
The Annual Memorial Service Remembering our
Deceased Members

ANNUAL PAST PRESIDENTS DINNER

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 18th, 2009
Convention Center Niagara Falls
Cash bar 6:00 p.m.
Dinner served 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$40.00 per person

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, August 18th, 2009
Niagara Frontier Country Club
1058 Lake Road, Youngstown, NY 14174
For more information,
call Warren Rathke at (716) 434-1878
or email [wj Rathke@roadrunner.com](mailto:wjrathke@roadrunner.com)

Hotels and Rates

CROWNE PLAZA (FASNY HEADQUARTERS)

300 Third Street

Rate	Triple	Quad
\$151	\$166	\$176

DAYS INN (LAFASNY HEADQUARTERS)

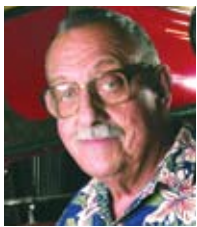
433 Main Street

\$109 (\$129 for Friday and Saturday)

For more information, please call 1-800-2FASNY2

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 20TH, 2009

12:30 p.m. – Forum 1: Rules for Bosses in the Fire Service
"Functional Boss Behaviors"



Al Brunacini

Al Brunacini will outline ten rules for bosses in the fire industry to ensure their behavior creates an environment that helps workers to deliver standard service and added value directly to the customer. Topics covered include everything from "basic boss information" and "build trust or go home" to "sweat the big stuff" and "play your position." This series features Brunacini's insights on leadership, management, and organizational behaviors gained through his extensive years of service and highlights the importance of focusing on customer service in the fire industry.

Phoenix Fire Chief Alan Brunacini is one of the preeminent authors and pioneers of the fire service industry. He is a 1960 graduate of the Fire Protection Technology program at Oklahoma State University and earned a degree in political science at Arizona State University in 1970. He graduated from the Urban Executives Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1973, followed by a Master of Public Administration degree from Arizona State in 1975.

2:15 p.m. – Forum 2: Fire Service Round Table
Fire Service Round Table: Meet the Experts

Join nationally recognized experts J. Gordon Routley, Al Brunacini and Tiger Schmittendorf as they answer your questions about all things fire service related, specifically leadership, fireground tactics and risk management.



Tiger Schmittendorf is the chairman of FASNY's Recruitment and Retention Committee and serves the County of Erie Department of Emergency Services (Buffalo NY) as Deputy Fire Coordinator. He created a recruitment effort that doubled his own fire department's membership and helped net 525+ new volunteers countywide. He is a Nationally Certified Fire Instructor and has been a volunteer firefighter since 1980. Visit his blog at: www.tigerschmittendorf.com

4:00 p.m. – Forum 3: 2% Tax Forum
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Open discussion on the proper use and reporting of 2% tax revenues.

Hospitality and Attractions Abound in Niagara Falls

This year, more than ever, it's your FASNY Convention – at your pace, and on your budget!

Niagara Falls is the place to be this August as the Niagara County Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention Committee proudly hosts the 137th Annual FASNY Convention. A great convention city and a world-renowned travel location, Niagara Falls offers numerous attractions to please even the most discerning of travelers.

Convention goers will have two full nights of hospitality to enjoy this year. In keeping with tradition, Wednesday night is "Niagara County Night." It's our committee's special way to recognize all the great fire service organizations of Niagara County, and everyone is invited to share in the music and fun. And as if one night isn't enough, we do it all again on Thursday night as the regional and sectional organizations come together to host one awesome night of fun and entertainment. You won't want to miss the great hospitality and fun in store for you!

Is there anything else to do? You bet. The convention committee heard you loud and clear this past August when we surveyed you to see what attractions you were most interested in. It was clear that Convention goers wanted the flexibility to choose venues that attracted them and their families while not tying anyone down to specific times or strict timetables. And you wanted lots of options at reasonable prices. We believe that we've come up with some hospitality options that aim to please most everyone.

We'll be taking your reservations for some of Niagara Falls' most popular attractions over the next couple of months so we can have your travel kits available when you arrive in beautiful Niagara Falls. The convention committee will be working with Niagara Tourism and Convention Corporation to provide the best possible deals for Convention attendees and their families. For more information, call Ed Tase at (716) 433-1308.

It's really quite simple...you choose the attractions right for you and your family based upon your available time and your budget. We'll take your payment and secure the tickets for the activities you have selected. All you have to do is pick-up your travel kits when you arrive at the Convention and start having fun!

That's all there is to it – your choice of attractions, at your pace, and at your budget. And with the current economic slump we're all feeling, isn't it nice to know that there's still someplace to visit that meets your family's budget needs?

For immediate questions, please call Hospitality Chairman Neil Haseley at (517) 264-8262. Remember, this year, more than ever, it's your FASNY Convention. See you in August!

Neil Haseley, Hospitality Chairman

*Niagara County Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention
Committee*

**Be prepared with the
proper documents if
you are planning on
visiting Canada.**

Niagara Falls Attractions to Visit During Your Downtime at Convention:

Cave of the Winds

Daredevil Museum

Niagara Adventure Theater

Maid of the Mist Boat Ride

Niagara Power Vista

Niagara Gorge Discovery Center

Aquarium of Niagara

Rainbow Air Helicopter Tours

Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours

Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA

Artpark

Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum

Lockport Cave and Underground Boat Ride

Lockport Locks and Erie Canal Cruises

Martin's Fantasy Island Amusement Park

Niagara County Wine Trails

Old Fort Niagara

Seneca Niagara Casino



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