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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTORS CONFERENCE (FDIC West 2005)



A unique training event will make Los Angeles its new West Coast home in early June 2005. The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) will host the "Fire Department Instructors Conference West 2005" from June 4-8, 2005. The conference and exhibition is a private enterprise presented by the Pennwell Corporation, publishers of Fire Engineering Magazine and Fire/EMS Magazine.

FDIC West 2005 is a unique opportunity for Southern California to host this event, bring thousands of fire service professionals, vendors, and administrators together, and generate millions of dollars for the local economy.

What Is the Fire Department Instructors Conference?

In the mid-1920s, the Western Actuarial Bureau hired Harry K. Rodgers as a fire department instructor. His review of mid-western firefighting pointed to an alarmingly low level of training by most fire departments. Mr. Rodgers concerns prompted a group of Mid-Western Insurance Rating Bureau personnel to meet in Chicago in 1928. Attended by just eight people, this was the first Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC).

Since then, the FDIC has changed venues several times and has grown by leaps and bounds. In 1996, the Pennwell Corporation acquired the FDIC. The FDIC is considered by many to be the finest privately subsidized conference of its type in the country, held annually in Indianapolis and hosted by the Indianapolis Fire Department. In 2001, the Indianapolis FDIC was attended by approximately 25,000





members of the fire service, a considerable difference from that first conference held in 1928!

FDIC events provide a forum where the finest fire instructors available can train firefighters, learn from each other, and discover new products and services that help save lives. The conference is organized into five areas – Hands-on-Training (HOT) Evolutions, HOT Workshops, Classroom Sessions, General Sessions, and Exhibits.

HOT Evolutions & Workshops

Without question, the outstanding HOT Evolutions and Workshops offered at FDIC events are unparalleled. This renowned approach to training in a conference setting provides superior education to both the Fire Service and EMS sectors. More importantly, HOT sessions provide attendees with experiences and knowledge that can easily be taken back to train members of their own departments.

Manipulative “HOT Evolutions” are rigorous, informative, hands-on drills in the context of a conference and exhibition. These sessions feature respected industry experts who instruct students on everything from vehicle extrication and roof ventilation to EMS strategies and tactics. HOT Evolutions are divided into four-hour, eight-hour, and sixteen-hour (two days) courses.

Classroom “HOT Workshops” are divided into intense eight-hour, sixteen-hour (two days), and twenty-four hour (three days) sessions. Workshops focus

on topics such as leadership and command skills, emergency incident management, contemporary issues in public safety, WMD-related emergencies, and a number of nationally recognized certification programs.



Classroom Presentations

Classroom Presentations are breakout sessions that allow conference attendees to participate in a variety of learning sessions that are shorter in format, and smaller in class size, than HOT Workshops. Classroom sessions cover issues such as analysis of high-profile emergency incidents, “how to” topics that address needs of Fire and EMS Training Officers, and the



latest improvements in accepted policies and procedures. Also included is topical material that targets specific demographics within the emergency service community – recruit firefighters, Community Emergency Response Team members, young and mid-career employees, specialized operations, supervisors, civilians, and command staff.

General Sessions

General Sessions are presented each day that Classroom Presentations are provided and allow all conference attendees to hear important keynote presentations that should not be missed. The first General Session incorporates an “Opening

Ceremony and Firefighter Tribute” that have become hallmarks of the event. During the Opening Ceremony, FDIC provides a full-scale production that dazzles the senses and honors heroes, both living and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Exhibits

The FDIC is the ideal place for vendors offering fire and EMS equipment and products to showcase their new products, increase brand awareness, and interact with new and current customers. Hundreds of vendors and exhibitors will have the opportunity to address buyers and decision-makers for fire and EMS departments. Fire and EMS personnel who work in the field are also provided the opportunity to visit the exhibit hall and purchase products and



services that may enable them to do their jobs more effectively.

FDIC Programs Worldwide

The FDIC provides “serious training for serious firefighters” worldwide. In addition to FDIC and FDIC West, the Pennwell Corporation regularly presents the following fire and EMS service related conferences and exhibitions:

FDIC Cologne provides fire service professionals in Germany with a combination of FDIC Hands-on-Training (HOT) training and classroom learning; and offers exhibitors the opportunity to meet top German decision-makers and develop new dealer relationships in an FDIC-like setting.

FESA - Fire Emergency Services Asia provides fire service professionals from Singapore, China, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, and Australia with a combination of FDIC Hands-on-Training (HOT) training and classroom learning. It also offers exhibitors the opportunity to meet top Asian decision-makers and develop new dealer relationships in an FDIC-like setting.

Wildfire Summit is a conference for fire service personnel, suppliers, and government officials, and provides the opportunity to gather and create solutions for wildfire crises.

FDIC East, like FDIC West, is a regional spin-off of FDIC held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, featuring hands-on training, classroom

sessions, large-audience general sessions, and fire service exhibits. The conference includes both fire and EMS topics ranging from basic operations all the way through



incident management and safety concerns.

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Engineering & Fire EMS Magazines

For over 122 years, **Fire Engineering Magazine** has provided training, education, and management information for fire and emergency services personnel worldwide. Articles are authored by experts in the Fire Service and frequently focus on lessons learned. Feature articles cover real-life situations such as collapse void search, confined-space rescue, high-angle rescue, and extrication. Other regular departments within the magazine focus on education and management issues.

Fire EMS Magazine is published monthly and written by experienced members of the fire service for fire and EMS service members. The magazine regularly offers case studies, on-the-street EMS methodologies, contemporary health and safety issues, and other tools of the trade.

About the Los Angeles Fire Department

The [Los Angeles Fire Department](#) is a full-spectrum life safety agency



protecting approximately 4 million people who live, work, and play in America's second largest City. The LAFD's 3,403 uniformed personnel protect life, property, and the environment through their direct involvement in fire prevention, firefighting, emergency medical care, technical rescue, hazardous materials mitigation, disaster response, public education, and community service.

An equally committed professional cadre of 333 non-sworn support personnel provides a broad variety of technical and administrative expertise in their corresponding pursuit of the [Department's mission](#).

A total of 1,045 uniformed Firefighters per platoon duty shift (including 207 serving as Firefighter/Paramedics) remain on duty at 103 [Neighborhood Fire Stations](#) located strategically across the Department's 471 square-mile jurisdiction.

FDIC West 2005

Many years ago, an LAFD training officer penned the axiom, "Train is if your life depends on it, because it does." In harmony with this motto, the proud men and women of the LAFD began working diligently in 2003 to ensure that FDIC West would meet the training needs of all attendees. As the host agency, the LAFD is ready to welcome the thousands of conference attendees who will descend on Los Angeles during the first week of June.

The LAFD will provide FDIC with logistical and technical support for the entire conference, as well as provide many of the training locations for HOT Evolutions.

HOT Evolutions will be held on Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5, 2005 at LAFD training sites throughout the City of Los Angeles. The LAFD's historic Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center in Elysian Park will be a focal site for several evolutions, including classes on High-Rise Operations, Vehicle Extrication, and Emergency Vehicle Operations.

HOT Workshops will be held at the Los Angeles Convention Center on Saturday, June 4, Sunday, June 5, and Monday, June 6, 2005. These 8-, 16-, and 24-hour courses will include topics such as Grief Support for EMS Field Personnel, Emergency Medical Response

Considerations in Tactical Police Operations, and First-Line Supervisor Professional Development.

From Monday, June 6 through Wednesday, June 8, 2005, the Los Angeles Convention Center will be the primary site for FDIC West. An Opening Ceremony will take place on Monday afternoon that will include a tribute to firefighters who have recently returned from active military service. Each day, there will be approximately twenty 90-minute "breakout sessions" will cover topics of concern to emergency service professionals. Hundreds of exhibitors will fill the Convention Center's Petree Hall to showcase their latest equipment, services, and products available to emergency service agencies and personnel.

The California State Firefighters Association (CSFA), California Fire Chiefs, and the United Firefighters of Los Angeles City (UFLAC), Local 112, are all affiliated fire service organizations that will use FDIC West as a venue for organizational gatherings. FDIC West also provides a unique opportunity for organizations such as these to have representatives of their membership readily available in one place over several days.

Please Join Us

The City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Fire Department look forward to showcasing our dedication to public safety, warm hospitality, and bustling communities. Hotels, restaurants, and social venues in Downtown Los Angeles and the entertainment districts will be abuzz with emergency service professionals from across the country.

A Friday night Dodger game, vendor "socials", and spontaneous gatherings of conference attendees will take place during FDIC West. Serving as event host hotels for the conference are the Wilshire Grande Hotel, Holiday Inn, and Hyatt Regency, all located in Downtown Los Angeles.

If you are interested in attending FDIC West, or any of the events associated with the conference, visit the FDIC website at www.fdicwest.com. If you have a general inquiry or would like to volunteer at the conference, contact the LAFD Tactical Training Group via e-mail at lafd tacticaltraining@earthlink.net.

