

South Dakota Firefighters Association 2021 Fall Fire Conference

24-26 September 2021, AmericInn, Fort Pierre



Friday 24 September

0830-1200 SDFFA Board of Directors meetings

100-300pm Joint Council of Emergency Services Mtg – Conference Center

500-700pm Registration

600-800pm Sponsored Social (hors d'oeuvres & cash bar) at Conference Center

Saturday 25 September

0800 Registration

0900 -1030 General Membership Meeting

1030 -1045 Break

1045 -1200 Conference Center Sessions

**Steve Hirsch, Sheridan & Thomas County(Ks) Training Officer & NVFC Chairman,
“Family Support Equals Fire Service Strength”**

**Kevin Quinn, South Kingstown (RI) Ret. Chief & NVFC 1st Vice-Chair;
“Volunteer Fire Service, Strategies for Success”**



1200 -100 Dinner – (included with your registration)

100 - 230 Conference Center – Sessions Continue

230 - 245 Break

245 -400 Conference Center - Session continues

500pm Memorial service – Conference Center

600pm Dear Old Timers Social – Conference Center



Sunday 26 September

0800 - 900 Continental Breakfast (included with your registration) - Conference Center

0900-1030 Final Session and Membership Discussions

200pm Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service – Memorial Site at Capitol Lake/Rotunda



NVFC's Hirsch and Quinn

Headline 2021 SDFA Fall Conference



Steve Hirsch



Kevin Quinn

National Volunteer Fire Council Chairman, Steve Hirsch, and NVFC 1st Vice-Chair Kevin Quinn will be the keynote speakers and discussion moderators at the South Dakota Firefighters Association 2021 Fall Fire Conference at the AmericInn Hotel Conference Center in Fort Pierre.

Steve is a volunteer firefighter in north central Kansas and Training Officer for the Sheridan County Fire District. He will be talking about how **“Family Support Equals Fire Service Strength”** in the volunteer fire service. The fire service involves the entire family and those around us. It takes more than your own desire and dedication to be a volunteer firefighter. This is something for the entire family.

Kevin Quinn is a retired deputy chief and current volunteer for the Union Fire District in Rhode Island. He will be leading discussions on **“Volunteer Fire Service Culture – Essential Strategies for Success.”**

Quinn explains how the changing dynamics of the fire service is something we can adapt to and still provide the essential services for our communities. His goal is to be a guide to volunteer fire service leaders who desire to change the culture and attitude towards personal health and safety. Kevin was an instructor at the 2018 State Fire School in Mitchell.

Being longtime volunteers from small communities, these gentlemen know what firefighters and our families are facing as small town fire departments. And the challenges we can overcome.

Steve and Kevin want to hear from the younger generation, the spouses and partners at these discussions.

So, whether you're a longtime volunteer, or just getting started, this will be a great opportunity for all years of service and family members to be part of the sessions.