

# Evaluation Summary Report

## South Dakota Firefighters Association

Event: 2013 SD State Fire School - Belle Fourche

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### 1. Title Text

Text Response

### 2. Did you use the On-Line Registration System to register for Fire School?

#	Answer		Responses	%
1	Yes		126	90.0%
2	No		14	10.0%
	Total		140	100%

### 3. Did you find the online system easy to use and navigate?

#	Answer		Responses	%
1	Yes		116	82.9%
2	No		12	8.6%
	Total		140	100%

#### 4. Were the payment options adequate?

#	Answer		Responses	%
1	Yes		123	87.9%
2	No		3	2.1%
	Total		140	100%

#### 5. If online payment via 'electronic-check' was offered, would you use that payment method, or prefer that as opposed to credit/debit card payment

#	Answer		Responses	%
1	Yes		40	28.6%
2	No		82	58.6%
	Total		140	100%

#### 6. How far in advance of Fire School do you feel registration should begin?

#	Answer		Responses	%
1	30 days		20	14.3%
2	60 days		60	42.9%
3	90 days		55	39.3%
4	120 + days		5	3.6%
	Total		140	100%

**7. This year the registration fee was \$60. What is your opinion in regard to the cost of registration?**

#	Answer		Responses	%
1	Not high enough		11	8.1%
2	Just right		107	78.7%
3	Too expensive		18	13.2%
	Total		136	100%

**8. As costs increase to host Fire School the registration fee sometimes needs to be increased. What do you feel is a fair amount?**

#	Answer		Responses	%
1	\$60		57	40.7%
2	\$75		61	43.6%
3	\$100		10	7.1%
	Total		140	100%

**9. State Fire School has always been held in early June. Is this the best time of year for State Fire School or would another time allow for better attendance?**

#	Answer		Responses	%
1	Yes - June is the best time of year to hold State Fire School		110	78.6%
2	No - Too much going on in June, another time of year would allow for increased attendance		30	21.4%

Total	140	100%
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**10. In your opinion when is the best time of the year to hold State Fire School?**




#	Answer	Responses	%
1	Janurary	0	0.0%
2	February	7	5.1%
3	March	3	2.2%
4	April	8	5.8%
5	May	9	6.5%
6	June	104	75.4%
7	July	1	0.7%
8	August	2	1.4%
9	September	2	1.4%
10	October	2	1.4%
11	November	0	0.0%
12	December	0	0.0%
	Total	138	100%

**11. Historically State Fire School has held classes on Friday & Saturday to allow for travel home on Sunday. If classes were offered on Saturday and Sunday instead of Friday Saturday do you feel that would have a positive impact on attendance?**



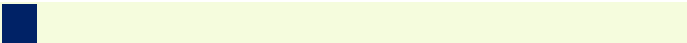
#	Answer	Responses	%
1	Yes	36	26.3%

2	No		101	73.7%
	Total		137	100%




**12. Did you feel that the class offerings were adequate and offered enough variety to attract firefighters of all experience levels?**

#	Answer		Responses	%
1	Yes		128	91.4%
2	No		12	8.6%
	Total		140	100%

**13. This year we offered 4, 8, 12 and 16 hour classes. Did you like that format and should we continue to offer 4 hour classes?**

#	Answer		Responses	%
1	Yes		132	94.3%
2	No		8	5.7%
	Total		140	100%

**14. This year we had a general session keynote address by Bobby Halton and only a few other classes were offered during that time? Do you like the idea of a general session? Is that something we should continue doing?**

#	Answer		Responses	%
1	Yes		126	91.3%
2	No		12	8.7%

	Total		138	100%
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**15. If a third day of class was added to State Fire School to permit delivery of classes that require 24 hours and a 24 hour class was of interest to you, would you attend three days?**





#	Answer		Responses	%
1	Yes		94	67.1%
2	No		46	32.9%
	Total		140	100%

**16. If a third day of classes was to be added to the schedule, would you prefer that day to be Thursday or Sunday**



#	Answer		Responses	%
1	Thursday		75	53.6%
2	Sunday		54	38.6%
	Total		140	100%

**17. What would you say is the biggest contributing factor that keeps others from your department from attending State Fire School?**



#	Answer		Responses	%
1	My Department Officers didn't encourage attendance or didn't provide the information to the Firefighters.		4	2.9%
	The information advertising State			

2	Fire School was not sent to everyone on my Department.		0	0.0%
3	Financial - It's too expensive to attend.		10	7.2%
4	Time - Everyone is too busy and has too many things going on.		84	60.4%
5	Attitude - Firefighters don't feel they need the training or knowledge.		18	12.9%
6	Other - Please leave comments at the end of this survey.		23	16.5%
	Total		139	100%

**18. Will you be recommending to others on your department that they make an attempt to attend State Fire School in future years?**

#	Answer		Responses	%
1	Yes		139	99.3%
2	No		1	0.7%
	Total		140	100%

**19. The schedule at State Fire School gets fairly busy, with opening ceremonies, classes, business meetings, evolutions, parade, meals. Do you feel the schedule is too busy or that some of these things should be held at a different time?**

#	Answer		Responses	%
1	Yes		43	30.9%
2	No		96	69.1%
	Total		139	100%

## 20. What do you feel is the MOST important activity during State Fire School?

#	Answer	Responses	%
1	Opening Ceremonies	2	1.4%
2	Classes	114	81.4%
3	Evolutions	12	8.6%
4	SDFAs Business Meetings	0	0.0%
5	Meals	0	0.0%
6	Vendor Show	1	0.7%
7	Parade	1	0.7%
8	Networking with Peers	10	7.1%
	Total	140	100%

## 21. What do you feel is the LEAST important activity during State Fire School?

#	Answer	Responses	%
1	Opening Ceremonies	10	7.2%
2	Classes	1	0.7%
3	Evolutions	36	25.9%
4	SDFAs Business Meetings	22	15.8%
5	Meals	13	9.4%
6	Vendor Show	7	5.0%
7	Parade	40	28.8%
8	Networking with Peers	10	7.2%



## 22. If you could change one thing about State Fire School, what would it be?

### Text Response

The schedule is sometimes hectic and class time had to be cut short as some had to leave to attend business meeting or parade. Had an excellent class even though it ran a little long and felt rushed at the end because the instructor was trying to finish things up in a hurry.

Time of year and location

A consistent location each year.

more classes and training opportunities and held more often, maybe at a central location.

More classes

Make it more family freindly, one of the things I find hard about the fire service is the time away from family. Do we currently offer activities for kids of all ages?

If there where single or double events evolutions would be fun to do.

more class varity

More vendors

please keep fire school the 1st week in June

change fire school back to june for 2014 in Aberdeen!!!!

Get more teams to participate in the evolutions.

Nothing

These are from several people that attended: More social time. Spearfish and Ft. Pierre did a great job a few years ago. The hosts for the next few years should contact them.

More advertised, tough time finding where to go and what was going on. More time to talk to vendors. You should make a bigger hype about the school.

Nothingyou can't please everyone

business meeting would not be split meetng and start the use of electronic voting within 30 days of issues that require a vote.

I like the concept of the general session, but I know that no matter when you place it, you have people that will not come, which is sad, and it is a cost that you could use elsewhere to pull and keep people is class

a way to get a better turnout at business meetings and change attitudes. Seems like a good ol boys club sometimes. Don't get to vote unless you attend fire school. What really do I get for my membership if I don't attend school or am not killed or mamed at a fire?

Add another day regardless of the 24 hour class schedule. I found that I had to make choices between classes. If Fire school was a day

longer with 4 hour classes I could have done many more classes. But by taking a 16 hour class that really limited the number of classes I could take.

adequate room for all the people in class and good heating/cooling in the rooms.

Either have two one on each side of the state or get one central location and just have the departments take turns being the host.

Hold fire school the 1st full week in June every year.

Require it to be held the 1st full week in June

The time of year the school is held is difficult for people to get too. But when is a good time, seems everyone is busy all the time. Cost of school and travel expense can mount up for a department and can be a factor.

Hold the business meeting over the lunch hour with a sac lunch provided. The attendance would be higher and it would allow for more time between class and the parade

The Current Board, they are stagnant, not as transparent as I would like a governing board. Old news ,Denny Gordon can turn a 15 minute meeting into an hour an a half everytime, Yawn, yawn, yaww,zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz. The information that LeRoy Koopman gave during the business meeting could have been put in the Firefighter Newspaper, the business meeting is for Firefighter input to the board, not the Board reading to the Firefighters. If the current program continues, could we give someone on the board extra money to keep Glenn Sealy awake.

Get rid of the positive pressure attack class. How many years are we going to spend the money to bring in this guy? I'm not against the tactic, but I think there are other classes out there that are just as good.....this class has gotten stale, and so has the instructor. Bring in a UL or NIST speaker and talk about all the new fire behavior tactics instead of PPA.

The off site classes need to have a shuttle or some type of transportation provided. I took an off site class that I had to find and borrow someones vehicle and had poor directions to the class. If the classes are being held off site and no transportation being provided then it should state this in the class description.

I feel it is just fine.the only thing I would change is business during the day.

I like how Fire school is done but I would be in favor of making changes to increase attendance.

add extra explanation of course content and who should attend the class. Although June is probably the best time for school, the only change I would entertain is maybe doing it in May to still avoid the summer grass fire season.

location location location.

Do all the same things and if we need to add a day we should I don't believe we should take things away from the school it's the one time of year we get the best teachers out there

Better information as to school location such as address, maps to location.

stop trying to change a good thing, what was going on for the past years was doing what needed done, with all the changes we may not be back,

increase attendance

I feel that there was no benefit for our department to be 100% SDFAs members. I t would seem to me that there is really no advantage for becoming a member as far as State Fire School is concerned. I feel that if the annual membership cost is \$15 per person, than you should at least get a \$15 discount on the registration for State Fire School. The registration cost was the same regardless if you were a

S DFA member or not. This may influence our decision to continue to be a 100% S DFA membership department in the future.

Change the Date when the school is held. Recommend it be held in March, April, or May (when public Schools are still in session), or switch to the fall after wildland fire season (in most years) - say October.

while traveling to the Black Hills can be fun, it is obvious that the cost in time and money of that travel can be prohibitive. Maybe the locations could be closer to the middle of the state- ie. aberdeen and Pierre are convenient for more people. Sioux Falls is good as a strong draw of people. Our local department has great attendance when the sessions are on this side of the state but drops to the one die-hard when the location moves west river. As in real estate, the success of fire school is location, location, location.....

Have more time at breaks so people can visit vendors and have the vendors there a 700am friday until after noon break on saturday

have the evolutions actually be changed to meet NFPA and do away with the running

Always ensure strong organization and communication skills are used.

usually two line at reg. one for pre reg and one late or changed classes. 8:30 and people still in line??

Entice more vendors if possible

Shift the focus from politics to teamwork, camaraderie and training.

bring back evolutions

More time to browse through the vendor area.

make the speaker easier for everyone to attend along with opening ceremonies possibly so everyone gathers to see the speaker and opening ceremonies then disperses to classes

location

board being more positive about all activities of fire school, which include evolutions & the other fun stuff. The board needs to promote those other activities too, not just the classes. There's a time to be serious and a time to have fun.

more emphasis by board & attendees to support the evolutions more.

Time of year. I understand that having fire school during school, prohibits some cities from hosting, but other states hold fire school during winter and have much higher attendance.

Require that it alternate East River-West River every other year. You can still vote on a host, but it really needs to alternate back and forth.

Offering basic and advance fire fighting classes so the new and newer personnel can pick up training toward their FF1 / 2 certifications. Keep the classes in line with the FF one / Two courses and a minimum of other classes. Does SD offer FF one and two in an internet or online course. If not they should.

Complaints from a Fire Department that has never had a State Fire School.

encourage participants to get their registration packets earlier or add one or two more people at the registration desk

nothing

Add a day (or even 1/2 day) to get it all done. My dept normally has to set a limit on the number of people that can go to fire school because of the number that want to go.

Have more hands on classes that teach you to not only understand what is going on but how to do it as well

Get rid of evaluation or train people how to participate

1 and two day fees.

More time for hands on

Have it centrally located within the state

I think it would be better if it was held in the same central location every year.

I WOULD GET RID OF EVOLUTIONS. IF DEPARTMENTS WANT TO HOLD THEM, THEY COULD DO THOSE AT DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Would like to see more firefighters at school. Bigger attendance.

### 23. Please share any comments you might have in regard to State Fire School. Ideas you might have to improve attendance or improve the event overall.

#### Text Response

Consider classes on Sunday rather than Friday so attendees don't have to take a day off of work. A more central location would also eliminate a significant amount of mileage for attendees.

More diversity in classes.

Have classes on Sat and Sun if needed on Fri host town Pierre

Fire school is different for each person. Some come for the classes, others evolutions, others 'networking', to do away with any part will have an affect on attendance. Need to do somethings that will give firefighters a reason to attend.

more classes, central location, held more often than one weekend a year, and ifsac or pro board certification classes offered.

I think moving to April is a BIG mistake kids still in school with their activites-weather-could have snow-it will prob be cold-(parade-bbq-outside vendor show-evolutions would be major problems) i didnt talk to anybody in belle that thought it was a good idea execpt for a few from aberdeen-

fire school has been the first full week in june for the 30 years i have been a fire fighter why change!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dont believe their is much that can be done to help improve attendance, everyone is busy, I dont believe 2014 school will be a sucess as people will have kids in school and the winter weather in early April.

We like travelling to different areas of the state, but maybe try a central location or 3 locations and rotate them every couple of years. Have a convention group or chamber of commerce host instead of the fire department having to do all the work. Instead of handing out trophies to the winners of the races few people care about, how about awards to people or departments that have been coming for a long time.

We thought it was neat when Charlie(?) the guy in the pink shirt, had the new people stand up and be recognized. Tell that guy to go buy a calendar and write in the dates for fire school for the next 3 years and quit whining about when it is!

Only 8 firefighters are allowed to go in any given year so numbers would no increase for us.

better use of contacting departments such as facebook, twitter, myabe set up a Nixel account for the depts in addition to email

I feel that some of the reason for fire school attendance is everyone's schedule is busy at times, and even if you switch dates there will be always a conflict. Some of it is location, and that the smaller departments can not afford to send people across the state due to gas costs, etc. That is why numbers go back and forth, and the other is some places get budget cuts, and it is out of their control. The last thing that I see, is you have some of the older guys that have an attitude, that they attended this class 10 years ago, and that they do not need to take that class again, and you have some of the new people that take the class, and then they do not have to take it again, because they are now experts. The bottom line is, sometimes no matter what you do, you may not be able to increase the numbers

This survey only goes to those that registered for fire school. Need to also survey those that are not in attendance. Budgets are tight, as well as time. If some of the smaller depts don't have enough active members, they hardly feel that a group could leave town all at one time.

Organization. Huge. Things were not very clear as to where classes were and what was required for the classes. There seemed to be a lot of scrambling and wait here I will find someone who knows. I think a very clear cut schedule with a map of the venue and signage would go along way. Also in the bidding process look at the size of the venue. If things are to spread out across the city it can be confusing and restrictive for people to get from class to class. We have got to do a better job of the vendor show as well. I have been noticing that there are not set hours that vendors have to be available. It is hard to support them and buy products when they don't come prepared or close up early and leave.

possibly have some of the events surround each other. Parade, evolutions and a bbq or dance on a Friday night? could end the parade at the evolution site and have bbq there, could also get the group pic at that time.

At the business meeting stick to the agenda if anything new needs to be brought up it should be done before the start of the first meeting at state.

Work to make fire schools less expensive for depts.

Training costs are going up. Our dept spent \$350 per firefighter to send them to state fire school. We need to find a way to make attending fire schools less expensive for a cash strapped dept.

Maybe more variety of classes from year to year. Also maybe a set location or rotate between a two or three locations would be good. Also maybe something for fire fighters families to do while the fire fighter is attending classes. Sometimes the best training and learning takes place outside the class room and talking to other fire fighters from other departments.

I was not able to attend the general session because of the class schedule. To have Bobby Halton speaking and not being able to attend was disappointing to say the least. Also if the school is having off site classes transportation should be provided

Clear concise mapping of classrooms, there were plenty of BF F/F in shirts, until you needed to find one??? Off site classes and no transportation?? The more money the board needs the less these schools are worth attending.

I like the idea of changing dates to possibly increase attendance, however I'm not certain it will. If I could make one suggestion, it would be to hold it in April next year as advertised, but wait to schedule other schools at different dates until the verdict is out. I wouldn't continue to hold school on different dates if next years does not work.

Do not change the time! Most of us have families and kids in school. I will not be able to attend next year because of this even though I really love going. I really don't understand the thought process behind having fire school so early. Sorry I am going to have to miss it.

I think part of the problem is all the training that is offered all around the state through out the year. Also location has a big part in attendance. Another thing that may hurt the school is limiting class size, cause if people can't take the classes they want they just won't go.

I think if firefighters want to go to fire School they will. Changing the time of year might help but I think it comes down to their attitude.

Attendance is what it is...if departments get 20-30% of their members to attend that is probably good. With people being busy and others needing to stay in district you can't expect much more.

Make your Business Meetings short and brief. Make sure the host town has everything in order. Make it smooth. Make sure the host town can get a better benefit. this is not easy to put on and alot of work goes into it. they need to be compensated financially for there work and more work will be put into it. This is not about the state office. It is about fire school, class, fun, activities and fellowship and if you can bring them all together the attendance will be there and so will the financial part of the event.

keep the members more informed on what is comin down the line. more info on changes give to the members would allow better involvement of the members.

Quite a few people come to state fire school to not only attend classes but, quite honestly, see all the vendors. It would be nice to see more vendors with a better range of products at the next fire school.

Change the date. Better preperation / organization to support the instructors. Bring in surrounding FDs to help out. Increase the tuition, as needed, to ensure the local FDs don't get stuck wiith a large bill in the end.

Please, please, please-post more clearly the locations of events. Do not just put a sheet on the table. POST changes in many locations. carpooling causes real problems when a surprise change of location happens. Please make the voting for date and location of fire school to be more user friendly and more obvious. changing the date twice in two years will cause problems. In our household, fire school is a permanent part of our calendar. The change next year is going to interfere with another permanent part of our calendara part that cannot be changed. At least one of us cannot attendbummer.

It was very usefull info.

Business meeting need to be held so that it becomes manatory to attend to get the credit of classes

N/A

thanks for the tickets to the rough stock event. to bad no one was told about them. as always fans, fans, fans. some rooms where super hot

There has been a common theme of recruitment and retenion, including increasing attendance at fire school. In Al Christie's class there was discussion of recruitment starting as young as fire prevention in the schools, not to mention within a firefighter's family. By taking the 'social' or family side of fire school away, in a sense you are defeating this. Many children come to fire school with parents and end up becoming firefighters. Do we want to risk loosing that? I think not.

ask the people who do not attend why they are not there ask them what would make them attend

Get the information out earlier.

In order to improve attendance, the registration process must be opened sooner. The process of allowing different disricts to set the month and dates for fireschool must end. There are waaaay to many variations from year to year in regards to how fireschool is set-up

only thing i was dissappointed with was the belle fireman couldnt even tell me where to go for my class . other than that well done

Attendance will continue to be what it is because everyone is busy as heck all the time. Changing date (April) isnt the answer that some think it will be, because there is school, calving, etc going on then. June is the best time - it isnt winter; it isnt calving time; it isnt in the middle of fire season normally. Just leave it in early June. The people that will go will go. Those that dont go wont go in a different month either. Face it, winter activities suck due to weather and/or traveling during bad weather, plus all the activities their kids are in during

schooltime. Muster used to be big, now its not. Although people need training, believe it or not, some people want to go to fire school to also see friends; have fun; relax; partake in & watch evolutions, and other things besides just training. Those that only want training & want to disregard all the other activities need to really think about it a little and think about how the fire service got to be as close as they did over the years. It was from having the fun stuff in addition to classes. PS, I hope that this year the results of these survey's are listened to by the board. Also, they need to be published in the monthly paper & put on the website so we all can see them. I've taken the time to do the survey, so lets get the info back out to all the members to review.

Possibly consider either adding a firefighter competition (e.g. ladder raise, engine pull, donning gear, etc..)

It is incredibly hard to justify sending folks to the other side of the state. I suggest spending less money on one big event and hold two. Have an East and West School. Two schools each year.

Have three blocks of training or events. 1. Firefighter Block 2. Offericers Block 3. Chief Officers Block. Limit the attendance of each block to those that qualifiy. Encourage the vendors to offer classes or demos, alone or joint ventures. Keynote speakers should be from areas that SD can relate too. Rural states or areas, not big cities, the stories are interesting but does little for us in our fire service.

the 4hr class choices were great for my local guys that are employed, so they didn't have to lose a full day of work. also allows them to attend more classes of interest

Have more life exercises like a live burn of an actual residence

If the school is centrally loacted, you could get by with having classes on sunday. I would like to see more in depth hands on classes.

I FEEL STATE FIRE SCHOOL NEEDS TO BE AT A CENTRAL LOCATION IN THE STATE. MIGHT BRING IN MORE OPPERTUNITIES FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS.

Looking forward to seeing how an April school will work next year.

## 24. Please share any specific comments you might have in regard to classes you attended.

### Text Response

Classrooms were the best. Very warm and uncomfortable. Even instructors complained.

Classes are good, instructors great, I like having nationally recognized instructors, gives me a different perspective.

I would offer the essentials of fire chaplaincy again. I would also add a more advanced class too.

the classes i attended was put together well, the knowledge and experience of the instructors was good and i have no complaints there. My only complaint is that the last day of class for the live fire could of had its time managed better, i was unable to complete the last portion of live fire due to running to late into the day and having to go to work.

The main reason I go to fire school is to earn training hours for my department qualifications, if there was more class time added i would attend.

The SDFA Board does a good job with class selections. I have attended fire school for 20yrs, and i always get alot of good info from my classes and instructors.

Class # 801 & 806 dealt with much of how products were made and the instructor went on and on about the best products on the market to use during construction rather than on how to read smoke and sizing up the scene. It felt like he was pushing building products rather than staying on the topic.

Thought classes were great

Jennifer Woods' class was great. More classes just for new firefighters. It can be intimidating being in a room full of people with years of experience.

Thought classes were moved and no one was informed to let people know organization of the event could have been better

i attended explosives, investigation and general, i thought it was one of the most informative years i have had in a some time

Had a good time, and felt that Mr. Halton was a good person to have there, as well as Dennis Correll we is different, but has some awesome classes and tips

Bobby Halton was excellent. Way better than Lasky. I recommend he be brought back to teach classes. Excellent!

Worth every penny. I took the Rapid Valley Flashover trailers and the Bobby Halton learning from others mistakes. Both were very engaging and priceless. Quality all the way.

Excellent classes and instructors.

The classes I took were great with excellent instructors.

The classes I took every time I attended have been very good. Keep up the good work on that.

I enjoyed the classes. However, I have had both of them before. Its time to change up the classes to include some new topics or more advanced classes. We would have probably brought 6 more firefighters had the class selection been different.

If you are going to bring in a National Speaker, why would you not schedule everyone the opportunity to attend his session. Our instructor was told that he had 8 hours to teach his class and was going to do so, there for we could'nt sit in on the General Session, poor management. I'm understanding that in 2014 SD Fire School is the weekend prior to FDIC, Brilliant, Hmmm, SD Fire School, or FDIC? Wow , you dont really think you compare??

Having a big name speaker is essential for todays fire service. Next year, bring in Ed Hatfield or Anthony Kastros for some command/officer classes.

I just hope that people understand how lucky we all were to have Bobby Halting come to our fire school. What an amazing man and outstanding instructor. I thank the State for getting him to be there. OUTSTANDING!

The only thing that concerns me is splitting the school and the vendors ,it is tough enough to get away for 1 week end besides 2weekends

I like all of the choices we have between hands on classes and strictly class room classes.

classes where good.

both Recruitment and Retention and Pump Operations were great classes. Pump Operations probably had some people without even enough basic knowledge to attend the course...like they had never even run a basic pump.

the three R's size up and reading smoke was a excellent class and should be offered in the future.

#13 has threes questions and only one place to answer, i enjoyed bobby, the idea might be fine but more class i feel is better. fine fire



school, Belle did a fine job.

The class that I attended was great. The instructor was amazing. 2 thumbs up!

Enjoyed Bobby Halton's presentation. The FF Survival Traing was excellent !! Rapid Valley Burn Trailers (& instructors) were excellent as well - glad I got in on this last session of the Flashover & Burn trailers !!!

The trainers are good and it is good that there are professional instructors. How about a session on what is expected by fire marshals for schools. It seems that local departments could perform a valuable service by making some of those same recommendations.

I have seen over the years the Board needs to open up to change and if this means some of them to step aside and not run interference of someone new running for the Board

Offer more classes that give EMT continuing ed hours.

my classes were great. great instructors. need more then ten minute break if vendors are in another building

Classes were great. Audio/visual set up for Bobby Halton was very bad. recommend an experienced audio/visual technician be available at all times to correct such problems.

One of our biggest topics has been leadership. Need to greatly reconsider who is teaching classes then. A chief that has been suspended from his job more than once and on the wrong side of the law should not be leading our classes. Sends the wrong message. it is NOT ok to break the law period, but we hold our leaders and firefighters to a higher level of expectation. I'm very disappointed that we have these folks teaching classes.

the classes were very informative and learned alot

The instructors were very good and used good interaction from the students.

PPA with Kris Garcia was very informative, he made it seem like a no brainer. Very good at his class.

halton was great. He needs to come back to teach again

classes are always the same every year

Maybe release some instructor guidance so that a class is less of an advertisement for the business of the person teaching the class and more of an actual class.

I attended IS 300. It was great. There were obviously folks who had a decent amount of experience in expanding incidents...and others who had not even considered the concept. I wonder if a prerequisite would help ensure similar experience / training levels in the class.

Falcilities fair at best.

Great selection, give yourselves a hand

I attended the Pump operations and maintenance class. It was not what the people in the class were looking for. they wanted a class on how to operate the truck and not how to full the oil reservoir. the class needs to be longer and include a practical pumping portion.

Sure would have liked to put on a pump operations class. Although the class I took was relevant it could have covered at lot more operations.

The key note instructor used poor judgment in the use of fowl language, I did not appreciate that. Please do not rebook him again.

I think the board of directors need to change their thinking on only keeping tradition. Having the vendor show in conjunction with the 'barbeque' would help both events.

I WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND ANY CLASSES AS I WAS HELPING OUT IN OTHER WAYS BUT FROM WHAT I WAS TOLD FROM SOME OF THE FIREFIGHTERS THAT WENT THROUGH THE LIVE BURN TRAILER THAT THEY LIKED THE HANDS ON TRAINING VERY MUCH.

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