

TENNESSEE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

93rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE



TRAINING & BANQUET
September 10-13, 2026

Hampton Inn Kimball
100 Hampton Drive
South Pittsburg, TN 37380
(423) 228-4270

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Tennessee Firemen's Association

2025-2026 Executive Board

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

1500	Opening Ceremony- Princess Theatre- 215 Cedar Ave. South Pittsburg
1530-1630	Registration
1800-1930	BBQ Dinner- American Legion Hall- 300 Elm Ave. South Pittsburg
2000	Hospitality Room

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2026- Chattanooga State 2100 Main St. Kimball 37347

0730- 0900	Registration
0800-1700	Search and Rescue Training Course- TEMA
0800-1700	Calling the Mayday- SFMO
0930	Ladies Auxiliary Activities
0800-1200	Liquid Natural Gas- 380 Port Rd. South Pittsburg 37380
0800-1200	HAZMAT Awareness Level Course- TEMA
0800-1200	Atmospheric Monitoring for the Initial Engine Company
1200-1300	LUNCH
1300-1700	Residential Concerns- SFMO
1300-1700	Decision Making- SFMO
1900	Fish Fry Dinner- Senior Citizens Activity Center 315 Elm Ave
2000	Hospitality Room

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2026- Chattanooga State 2100 Main St. Kimball 37347

0800-1700	Electric Vehicle Fires- NVFC
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0800-1200	Managing the Mayday- SFMO
0800-1200	HAZMAT technology for Situational Awareness- SFMO
0800-1200	Introduction to USAR- SFMO
0930	Ladies Auxiliary Activities
1200-1300	LUNCH
1300-1700	Making Decisions Using Modern Day Smoke Reading- SFMO
1300-1700	Tactical Decision Making- SFMO
1800-2000	Annual Banquet- Senior Citizens Activity Center 315 Elm Ave
2000	Hospitality Room



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LODD Memorial
followed by
Annual Banquet
Saturday, September 12, 2026
6:00 PM

Senior Citizens Activity Center
315 Elm Ave
South Pittsburg, TN 37380

Catered by Chencho's Cocina &
Cantina
226 S. Cedar Avenue South Pittsburg, TN 37380

Entrée Selection

Fajita Bar

Drinks

Tea
Water



LADIES' AUXILIARY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 9/11/2026 Meet in the Lobby

9:30 AM

ARTS IN THE BURG

PAINT A CANVAS

FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

SATURDAY 9/12/2026 Meet in the lobby

9:30 AM

Lodge Museum

Lodge Factory Store

Big bad Breakfast

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

TENNESSEE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION – ESTABLISHED 1930

TFA PAST PRESIDENTS	HOST CITY	YEAR
Chief Frank B. Moore	Nashville	1931
Chief H. Ross Bridges (Athens)	Nashville	1932
Chief C.M. Johnson	Knoxville	1933

Chief B.C. Hunter (Dyersburg)	Columbia	1934
Chief W.P. Baird (Columbia)	Knoxville	1935
Chief W.P. Baird (Columbia)	Memphis	1936
Capt. B.S. Mattingly (Nashville)	Springfield	1937
Asst. Chief W.J. Sams (Knoxville)	Chattanooga	1938
Chief Irby Klink (Memphis)	Jackson	1939
Chief K.K. Eslick (Fayetteville)	Pulaski	1940
Chief L.L. Geisler (Johnson City)	Johnson City	1941
No Conference Due to War Effort		1942
Chief B.L. Warlick (Jackson)	Nashville	1943
No Conference Due to War Effort		1944
No Conference Due to War Effort		1945
Chief J.A. Scruggs (Nashville)	Clarksville	1946
Chief J.E. Wardrep (Jefferson City)	Kingsport	1947
Chief B.B. Qualls (Murfreesboro)	Dyersburg	1948
Chief C. Battle Shaw (Brownsville)	Nashville	1949
Chief Frank Murphy (Springfield)	Nashville	1950
Chief J.D. Ragsdale (Nashville)	Memphis	1951
Chief John Klink (Memphis)	Memphis	1952
Chief C.M. Kenner (Kingsport)	Knoxville	1953
Chief R.L. Grace	Humboldt	1954
Chief Mike Quinn (Chattanooga)	Maryville	1955
Chief E.P. Lovell (Memphis)	Dyersburg	1956
Chief J.B. Tillman (Whitehaven)	Nashville	1957
Chief Cecil Rogers (Dyersburg)	Chattanooga	1958
Capt. Maurice Schutt (Nashville)	Memphis	1959
Chief C.S. Baugh (Memphis)	Maryville	1960
Chief R.R. Gouldy (Chattanooga)	Gatlinburg	1961
Fire Marshal Dan Hicks (Nashville)	Paris	1962
Chief Eddie Hamilton (Memphis)	Whitehaven	1963
Chief Robert R. Locke (Maryville)	Lawrenceburg	1964
Chief John McClure (Paris)	Union City	1965
Chief John Wallace (Whitehaven)	Oak Ridge	1966
Chief Charles D. May (Clinton)	Maryville	1967
Chief Charles Quillen	Shelbyville	1968
Chief William Knox (Athens)	Humboldt	1969
Chief Henry Seever (Memphis)	Greenville	1970
Chief Kenneth Roberts (Greenville)	Manchester	1971
Asst. Chief Robert Wilson (Johnson City)	Dyersburg	1972
Instructor Aaron Thomas (Shelbyville)	Kingsport	1973
Lt. I.G. Bradford (Memphis)	Clarksville	1974
Chief Howard Boyd (Nashville)	Milan	1975
Chief Conner Caldwell (Kingsport)	Oak Ridge	1976
Chief Garland King (Shelbyville)	Nashville	1977
Chief Ralph McMahan (Oak Ridge)	Memphis	1978
Chief Martin Coleman (Nashville)	Knoxville	1979
Chief James W. Howard (Oak Ridge)	Lawrenceburg	1980
Lt. Larry Murphy (Memphis)	Jackson	1981
Lewis Baker (TN State Fire School)	Manchester	1982

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Chief Roger Butler (Newport)	Alcoa/Maryville	1983
Chief Robert Winfield	Shelby County	1984
Capt. Kenneth Nelms	Nashville	1985
Chief Paul Warwick	Knoxville	1986
Chief Don Sherman	Memphis	1987
Chief Roy Holloway	Lawrenceburg	1988
Capt. Clyde Krouse (Maryville)	Alcoa	1989
Chief N.B. Williams	Martin	1990
Chief James Hill	Nashville	1991
Chief Roger Butler	Newport	1992
I.G. Bradford (Memphis)	Jackson	1993
W.C. Hunley (Nashville)	Murfreesboro	1994
Batt. Chief Wayne Butler (Newport)	Pigeon Forge	1995
Chief Paul W. Smith (Bartlett)	Memphis	1996
Sec/Treas. Steve Frost (Shackle Island)	Cookeville	1997
Chief David Baxter (Murfreesboro)	Murfreesboro	1998
Asst. Chief Ray Puckett	Jackson	1999
Chief Ed Kay (Sparta)	Fall Creek Falls	2000
Lt. Rickey Walker, Sr. (Collierville)	Memphis	2001
Inspector Robert Sluss (Kingsport)	Kingsport	2002
Firefighter Wink Brown (Smithville)	Fall Creek Falls	2003
Chief Kenny McFarland (Huntingdon)	Paris Landing	2004
Chief Gary Miller (Newport)	Newport	2005
Chief David Baxter (Murfreesboro)	Murfreesboro	2006
Chief Frank Cotton (Memphis)	Memphis	2007
Captain Jim Whaley (Alcoa)	Alcoa (Townsend)	2008
Commander Dale Maynard (Murfreesboro)	Murfreesboro	2009
Firefighter Charlie McFarland (Huntingdon)	Natchez Trace State Park	2010
Chief Freddie Cook (South Pittsburgh)	South Pittsburgh	2011
Captain Trey Nelms (Nashville)	Nashville	2012
Chief Melvin Martin (Hardin County)	Pickwick	2013
Captain Mike Sing (Maryville)	Alcoa	2014
AFM Michael Bartlett (Murfreesboro)	Murfreesboro	2015
Chief Lynn Price (Bolivar)	Bolivar (Jackson)	2016
Firefighter Richie Storie (Alcoa)	Alcoa	2017
Captain Barry Brady (Sparta)	Cookeville	2018
Firefighter Rex Humphrey	Jackson	2019
Chief Paul Swafford (Pikeville)	Conference canceled due to COVID19	2020
Chief Tom Brown (Putnam County)	Cookeville	2021
Division Chief David Dorris (Jackson)	Jackson	2022
Chief Paul Swafford (Pikeville)	Cookeville	2023
Jason Driver (Putnam County)	Cookeville	2024
Chief Lynn Price (Bolivar)	Jackson	2025