



90th Wildland Fire Training and Safety Conference

Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens

Thursday May 5th, 2022

0900 - Opening of the 90th Annual Conference

President Tim Ernst, Assistant Chief, Los Angeles City Fire Department

- **Welcome:**
- **Presentation of Colors** - Orange County Fire Authority
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Invocation** - Jim Cook, CAL FIRE Battalion Chief (Retired), Calif. Fire Chaplain Association
- **Bell Ceremony**
- **Safety**

Introduction of Program - Master of Ceremonies

Vaughan Miller, Deputy Chief (ret.), Ventura County Fire Department

0930 - Keynote: Toxic Leadership

Bob Freytag, Senior Consulting Partner, Ken Blanchard Companies

In stress-filled work environments, trust is one of the foundations of effective leadership. "50% of employees who distrust their senior leaders are considering leaving the organization... 62% report unreasonable levels of stress." Drawing from his widespread experience in teaching leadership development, in this presentation Bob Freytag will discuss some of the successes and challenges to positive and effective leadership of fire service teams.

1030 - Building Elite Teams and Leaders

Mike Ryan, Captain, LA county Fire

This presentation will discuss how the United States Navy SEAL Teams recruit, select, train, and motivate SEALs and provide observations on how the Fire Service can adopt some of these best practices.

1130 - Break

1145 – Android Team Awareness Kit (ATAK) - Untethered Situational Awareness

Andreas Johansen, Captain, Corona Fire Department

ATAK is a smartphone geospatial infrastructure and military situational awareness app that allows disparate organizations to effectively communicate and maintain shared tactical awareness when a disaster response or special event brings together organizations that do not communicate daily and need a quick and easy way to do so.

1215 – Lunch

Nana's Kitchen – Catered Authentic Mexican Food (Happy Cinco de Mayo!)

1300 - The 5 Concurrent Themes for Success

Gordon Graham, Esq., Graham Research Consultants

Your job is getting more and more complex. In fact, the more complex it gets, the more you need a systematic approach to getting things done right. "The Five Concurrent Themes for Success" is essential for everyone in the workplace, regardless of position or job description. In this program, Mr. Graham shows you how the discipline of risk management, coupled with an understanding of

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"systems" and complemented with customer service, accountability, and integrity all work together to better ensure things get done right. Gordon's insight and humor make this a must-see program for all personnel.

1500 - Break

1515 - Route Fire 2021

Tom Guzman, Captain, Angeles National Forest

Abel Martinez, Captain, Angeles National Forest

On September 11, 2021 firefighters from the Angeles National Forest and Los Angeles County were involved in a near miss entrapment while battling the Route Fire in Los Angeles County. Captains Guzman & Martinez will discuss the incident specifics and lessons learned related to initial attack burn injuries.

1600 - Go Down Swinging

Nathan Espinosa, Firefighter, Los Angeles Fire Department

On September 19, 2018 the LAFD responded to a major-emergency structure fire in a large occupied commercial building in the industrial section of East Los Angeles. A partial roof collapse almost cost Firefighter Nathan Espinosa his life. "Go Down Swinging" is not only the story of the incident itself and the resultant injuries, but also the impact of this near-miss on mental health recovery. Nathan's message of continuing to fight for each inch at life is an inspiring story that will captivate every firefighter in the audience.

1700 - Vendor Introductions/Social hour

1800 - Dinner

1900 – Entertainment & Networking

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0700 - Breakfast

0800 - 2022 Fire Season Outlook

Tom Rolinski, Fire Scientist/Fire Weather Meteorologist, Southern California Edison

Drew Smith, Assistant Fire Chief, Los Angeles County Fire Department

Overview of the Fuel conditions and fire weather for the upcoming fire year.

0830 - Gaining the Advantage with Technosylva Wildfire Analyst & "fiResponse"

Joaquin Ramirez, President, International Association of Wildland Fire

Technosylva provides wildfire technology solutions worldwide for protection planning, operational response, and firefighter & public safety. Our solutions encapsulate years of forestry and wildfire experience into efficient, timely, and responsive applications that are delivered on desktop, web & mobile platforms.

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0900-Behavior of the El Dorado Fire September 17, 2020

Mark Finney, Senior Scientist and Research Forester, United States Forest Service

The El Dorado wildfire began on Sept. 5th 2020 on the San Bernardino National Forest. Dangerous fire behaviors occurred on the containment line 12 days into the fire which resulted in the death of Charles "Charlie" Morton, from the Big Bear Interagency Hotshots. This presentation summarizes the factors responsible for the critical fire behavior the evening of September 17th. The findings were included in the fire fatality review.

1000 - Break

1015 - Working with IHCs (Interagency Hotshot Crews)

Brian Anderson, Superintendent, Bear Divide Hotshots, Angeles National Forest

The Type 1 Hotshot Crew is a scarce resource. It is often the first resource type and kind that gets allocated by Multi Agency or National Coordination Groups. In this presentation, Brian will discuss how Hotshot Crews may best be used and what missions are best accomplished by these crews.

1100 - Raffle

1115 - Wildland Mayday

Damian Giuliani, Captain, Encinitas Fire Department

The Wildland Mayday Protocol provides firefighters with a communication process in the event of a burnover, entrapment or life-threatening situation.

1145 – Closing Business

- Knothead Award
- Introduction of 2022/2023 SCAFFW President
- Presentation to Outgoing President
- Gary Helming Award

1200-End of Conference/Lunch

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