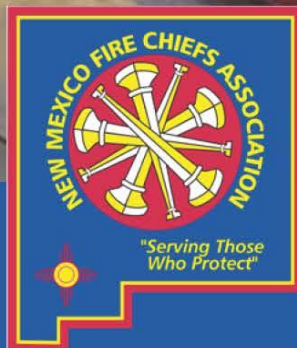


20TH ANNUAL NEW MEXICO FIRE SERVICE CONFERENCE



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TOM AURNHAMMER

Thomas W. Aurnhammer is Chief of the Los Pinos Fire Protection District in Ignacio, Colorado. He completed the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program (EFO) in 1992, graduated with honors from San Juan College in 1993 with an Associate Degree in Fire Protection, and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Columbia Southern University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Administration in 2016.

Aurnhammer has taught at numerous regional, state, national and international programs and academic institutions and is widely published in the national trade periodicals in the areas of fire investigation, firefighter safety, and the executive management of fire departments. Tom, along with his brother Don, represents the fifth generation of their family's involvement in the fire service. He is married to Lori, and has two children, Robert and Shaylee, as well as an extremely neurotic Labrador Retriever.

FRANK BABINEC

Frank Babinec was appointed as the Chief of the Coral Springs – Parkland Fire Department in February of 2014, in 2016 the department obtained an ISO Class 1 rating. The fire department is comprised of approximately 400 members with core services consisting of Fire Administration, Fire Operations, Emergency Medical Services, Community Risk Reduction, Training (State Certified Regional Training Center) and Community Emergency Response Team.

A native Floridian, and a resident of Coral Springs since 1991, Chief Babinec joined the department in 1993 as a volunteer firefighter and was hired full-time in 2000 as the training officer. He spent 7 years as an Assistant Chief (shift commander) and another 7 years as the Deputy Chief of Operations, dedicating over 25 years of service to the communities of Coral Springs and Parkland. Chief Babinec spent 12 years as a Lead Instructor for the Coral Springs Fire Academy. Chief Babinec holds a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership and an MBA in Public Administration.

He possesses a Chief Fire Officer designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Fire Officer IV from the State of Florida and an Executive Fire Officer designation from the National Fire Academy.

In 2017, the Coral Springs – Parkland Fire Department was selected “EMS Provider of the Year” for the state of Florida, received the American Heart Association 2017 “Mission Lifeline Silver Award” for best practices in patient care, on July 20, 2018, the Florida Fire Chiefs Association named Chief Babinec “Fire Chief of the Year”, the Coral Springs Institute of Public Safety was named the “Training and Education Center of the Year” for the State of Florida. In June of 2018 Chief Babinec was named as the Fire Chief of the Year by the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs. In July of 2018 Chief Babinec received the Community Leader of the Year by the Broward Council of Professional Firefighters.

Chief Babinec serves as the President of the Fire Chiefs Association of Broward County, and the Chair for the Florida Fire Chiefs Association Safety and Health Committee

CHRISTOPHER BATER

Christopher Bator, Captain-Safety Officer, Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Department, President and Co-Founder Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative. Christopher Bator, 23 years in the fire service and a strong advocate for firefighter safety and health initiatives. Captain Bator serves on an Engine Co assigned to Operations Division for the Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Department. Captain Bator also serves as a Safety Officer, Acting Battalion Chief, Chair of the Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Department Safety and Health Committee and is the President and Co-Founder of the Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative.

STEVE FREY

Steve Frey, Assistant Fire Chief Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Department, Shift Commander for A-Shift, Chair of the Fire Department’s Apparatus Design Committee.

Assistant Fire Chief Steve Frey began his service with the Coral Springs Fire Department in 1982, as a volunteer. Throughout his over 30 years with the department, he has held the rank of Lieutenant, Captain, Fire Inspector and was promoted to Assistant Chief in 2000, where he is currently assigned as Shift Commander for A-Shift. Together with the Fleet Committee, he is

responsible for the design, construction oversight, and delivery and fleet integration of all department vehicles.

Chief Frey also serves as liaison with the city's Police and Fire Communications Center and develops and maintains the Response Matrix for all units, as well as all mapping used by the department. Additionally, he is an instructor with the Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety.

ANN MARTINEZ

Santa Fe native Ann Martinez, EMS Fund Act Coordinator has 10 years of experience at the EMS Bureau and 18 years with Town of Bernalillo EMS and Sandoval County Fire Department combined. This is Ann's sixth year as a valued NM Fire Service Conference presenter.

MICHAEL WEST

Michael West has been a member of the fire service since 1982 and is a 4th generation firefighter. He currently serves as a District Chief / Shift Commander at South Metro (CO) Fire Rescue and leads 25 fire companies in 3 battalions. He holds a Master's Degree from Seton Hall University in Strategic Communication and Leadership. He also holds degrees in Management as well as in Fire Science. As an instructor, he has taught throughout the United States and Canada and frequently writes for print and online publications. Mike operates Fired Up Training Services, LLC. Mike is the Pipe Major for the Colorado Emerald Society, a pipe band made up of over 60 police officers and firefighters who support our fallen and pay tribute to all those in uniform. Stay connected to him via Linked In (mwest3232), Twitter (@FiredUpTraining), and Facebook (Fired Up Training Services LLC)

JOHN WHALEN

John Whalen, Assistant Fire Chief Coral Springs-Parkland Fire Department, Shift Commander for B-Shift, Safety and Health Officer for the department Chief Whalen has been in the Fire service since 1993 and in that time has held nearly every position including EMS director and Special Operations division head. Chief Whalen holds multiple degrees related to the Fire and Emergency Medical Services programs. Chief Whalen has been an instructor

at the Coral Springs Fire Academy since 2000 and helped develop the Emergency Medical Technician Program for the Coral Springs Fire Academy.

Chief Whalen is currently the Lead Instructor for the EMT-B day class and assigned to the Bravo Shift as the shift commander and holds certifications in multiple disciplines including Hazardous Materials Technician, Dive Rescue Specialist and is assigned as a SWAT Medic for the Coral Springs Police Department. Chief Whalen served as the team leader for multiple competitive Advanced Life Support Competition teams and has garnered several national awards.

JAMES WILLIAMS

James R. Williams, a New Mexico resident for 41 years, has been actively involved in Fire and EMS for over 28 years. He has served in the capacity of Fire Chief for the Lovington Fire Department and in 2012 began a new endeavor as City Manager for the City of Lovington, New Mexico. Although his primary role has changed, he continues to remain active and passionate about emergency services. He continues to maintain his National Registry Paramedic credentials and maintains his New Mexico licensure as a Paramedic and Instructor/Coordinator. In his spare time, he still loves to don the bunker gear and fight fire.

James currently serves as the Lea County, New Mexico Representative of the EMS Region 3 Advisory Board and is the President of the Eastern New Mexico Emergency Medical Services Corporation. He also serves as the Secretary of the New Mexico Statewide EMS Advisory Committee and has served on the New Mexico Municipal Fire Chiefs Board of Directors.

James has been presenting at state and national conferences for over a decade. He is well known for his passion and dedication to emergency services. He strives to further our profession by serving as a mentor and helping to educate future leaders in public safety and local government sector. His presentations are enjoyable due to his sense of humor, pleasant personality, and the ability to make individuals seek alternative solutions to the problems we all face.

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