

**NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHAPLAINS, INC.**

**2023 Chaplains Training Conference  
“A Cry For Help” - May 21 – May 24, 2023**

Dear Fire and EMS Chaplain,

The NYSAFC is excited to invite you to attend the Annual Training Conference to be held at the New York State Frederick L. Warder Fire Science Academy, 600 College Avenue, Montour Falls NY. This will be an informative Conference with Training from the “NYS Office of Mental Health”, “DHSES New York State Emergency Management”, Annual Welcome, Annual Memorial Service, and our Annual Dinner.

Registration and dinner will be on Sunday at the Academy. On Monday, our day will begin with a short Welcome to everyone. Garra Lloyd-Lester, Presenter of the NYS Office of Mental Health, will present “The Role of the NYS Association of Fire Chaplains and Social Connectedness”. Our Annual Memorial Service and Annual Dinner will occur in the late afternoon and evening.

Our Annual Meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday morning in the auditorium of the NYS Fire Academy followed by a trip for Chaplains and spouses to the “Corning Museum of Glass”, in Corning, NY.

We conclude our Conference on Wednesday morning with training on “The Role of ESF – 5: Information and Planning”, by Josh Hotaling, DHSES, NYS Office of Emergency Management, Planning Section.

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Conference Reservations must be made through this Association ONLY. Please do not contact the Fire Academy. Reservations must be submitted on the doubled sided enclosed registration form, PREPAID in advance by check, money order (No purchase orders). Credit cards will be accepted via PayPal. Choose the donate now button on our website NYSAFC.ORG, please be sure to put “2023 Conference” in the Memo or Note box.

**All payments must be payable to: New York State Association of Fire Chaplains, Inc.**

**Reservations must be post marked by Friday April 21, 2023.** (Cancellations will be accepted until April 21st without penalty. Reservations cancelled after this date will forfeit all prepaid fees.) No Late Registrations will be accepted.

**Check in time is 4:30 PM Sunday May 21st.**

**Check out time is 8:00 AM on Wednesday May 24th.**

The tentative Conference Agenda is attached and is **subject to change without notice.**  
We look forward to your attendance at this year’s conference.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

**NYSAFC, Inc. 2023 Annual Training Conference - “A Cry For Help”  
New York State Frederick L. Warder Academy of Fire Science  
600 College Avenue, Montour Falls, NY 14865**

**May 21<sup>th</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Sunday - May 21, 2023**

4:30 – 6:00pm Registration & Room Check-In at the NYS Fire Academy  
5:00 Appetizers & then Dinner at 5:30, NYS Fire Academy  
6:30 pm Exec. Board Meeting – Conference update, Auditorium, by CC Thomas With  
7:30 pm Chaplains Training and Refresher at Fire Academy Auditorium  
Members “catching up with everyone” at Fire Academy

**Monday - May 22, 2023**

7:00 – 7:45 am Breakfast at Fire Academy  
8:30 – 9:00 am Morning Prayers at Fire Academy Auditorium  
9:00 – 9:15 am Conference Opens –“**Welcome**” by Chief Chaplain Thomas With  
9:15 –12:00 pm **“The Role of the NYS Association of Fire Chaplains and Social Connectedness”,  
Garra Lloyd-Lester, NYS Office of Mental Health, Bureau of Emergency  
Preparedness & Response**  
11:30 -12:00 pm Lunch at State Fire Academy  
1:00 - 2:30 pm Garra Lloyd-Lester, NYS Office of Mental Health, Training session continued  
3:30 pm Attendees will drive to Odessa Wesleyan Church, 304 Church Street, Odessa  
(Directions will be provided)  
4:00 - 5:00 pm **“Annual Memorial Service”**, at Odessa Wesleyan Church  
5:30 pm **“Annual Dinner”** at Glenora Winery, “Veraisons Restaurant”

**Tuesday - May 23, 2023**

7:00 – 7:45 am Breakfast at Fire Academy  
8:30 – 9:00 am Morning Prayers at Fire Academy Auditorium  
9:00 Conference and Training Update at the Fire Academy  
9:15 –12:00 pm **“Annual Meeting”** of the Association, in Auditorium  
10:00 –12:00 pm SPOUSES – **“Outing”** for some great activities  
11:30 –12:00 pm Lunch at State Fire Academy  
1:00 3:30 pm Travel to the “Corning Museum of Glass” in Corning, NY.  
5:00 - 5:30 pm Dinner at the Fire Academy  
6:00 Social Time at the Fire Academy

**Wednesday - May 24, 2023**

7:00 – 7:45 am Breakfast at State Fire Academy  
8:30 – 9:00 am Morning Prayers and Special Presentation at NYS Fire Academy, Auditorium  
9:15 –10:00 am Conference and Training Update at NYS Fire Academy, Auditorium  
10:00 –11:30 am **“The Role of ESF – 5: Information and Planning”, by Josh Hotaling, DHSES, NYS  
Office of Emergency Management, Planning Section Mission.** Auditorium  
11:30 –12:00 pm Lunch at State Fire Academy - Conference Closes, Safe Drive Home!

**(The 2024 Conference, will be held at the Comfort Inn & Suites, E. Greenbush, NY)**

**NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHAPLAINS, INC.**  
**2023 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**  
**THIS IS A TWO (2) SIDED FORM - PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

FIRE DEPT.: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME (If attending with you) \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE CONFERENCE PACKAGE INCLUDES:    *LODGING, MEALS & CONFERENCE***

**Member Only: room with two single beds** ----- = \$425.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
*(You may be sharing a room with another Member. We cannot guarantee private rooms.)*

**Spouse Package** ----- = \$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Two Members / Sharing 1 room, two single beds** ----- = \$850.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please specify who you will be sharing with on reverse side)*

**NOT a MEMBER of the NYSAFC, Inc. please ADD \$20.00** ----- = \$ 20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS & CONFERENCE PACKAGE ONLY:    NO LODGING**

*For those who live locally or prefer staying at alternative lodging.*

**Member: Full Conference (Sunday evening– Wednesday noon)** ----- = \$350.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse Package** ----- = \$200.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include the above total when making payment:**

**CHECK #** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CHARGED on PAYPAL** (In NOTE, type “2023 CONF. REG.”) -- = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***PLEASE FILL OUT THE SECOND PAGE OF THIS FORM***

**2023 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CONTINUED**

**MEAL CHOICES:** Two dinners that we need your selection for you and your spouse (if applicable):

Sunday Night May 21<sup>st</sup> - Dinner at the Fire Academy, Your Choice:  Steak  Shrimp Scampi  
Spouse:  Steak  Shrimp Scampi

Monday Night May 22<sup>nd</sup> “Annual Dinner” - Glenora Winery “Veraisons Restaurant”

**YOUR CHOICE:**  Beef Short Ribs  Vegetarian Lasagna  
 Airline Amish Chicken Breast  Cinnamon-Pepper Dusted Salmon

**SPOUSE CHOICE:**  Beef Short Ribs  Vegetarian Lasagna  
 Airline Amish Chicken Breast  Cinnamon-Pepper Dusted Salmon

**SPECIAL LODGING NEEDS (we can not guarantee, but we will do what we can):**

I need a handicap accessible/equipped room (if available).

If sharing a room with another member, I will share a room with: \_\_\_\_\_.

Any other special conditions: \_\_\_\_\_.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_.

KNOWN ALLERGIES: \_\_\_\_\_.

**LODGING**

We are staying at the NYS Frederick L. Warder Fire Science Academy, 600 College Avenue, Montour Falls, NY. This is an active Fire Training Facility. Sheets, blankets, towels and wash cloths are provided, but there is no maid service. If you need anything, please contact Chief Chaplain With.

Maps to the academy and events will be sent after registrations are received, through your EMAIL ADDRESS if provided.

**Please submit this completed REGISTRATION FORM**

**Along with payment to:**

NYS AFC, Inc. – Conference 2023  
Chief Chaplain Thomas With  
34 Woodside Avenue  
Colonie, N.Y. 12205-5440  
**(Postmarked by April 21, 2023)**