NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHAPLAINS, INC.
Annual Fire Chaplains Training Conference May 3 – May 6, 2026

Dear Fire/EMS Chaplain,

The NYSAFC, Inc., is excited to invite you to attend the 2026 Annual Training Conference and Annual Membership Meeting, to be held at the at the Hyatt Place Long Island / East End in Riverhead, NY.

Speaker Include - The Rev. Dr. John G. Fleischmann - has been in the Emergency Services for 50 years. He has served as a firefighter, EMT, Paramedic, and Emergency Services Chaplain throughout this time. He is a director and lead educator of the Suffolk County Emergency Services CISM Team since 1996, and has been on the team since 1990. He is an Approved Instructor for the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, and a Board Certified Expert in Traumatic Stress. He was ordained in 1986 and has served two Lutheran Churches on Long Island during this time. He earned is Doctorate in Ministry in 2020. His dissertation was entitled, "Sparks In the Stubble: Ministry to Emergency Service Providers in the Congregation." He and his wife, Susan, have three daughters and six grandchildren. Rev Dr John Fleischman, will be making a presentation on Pastoral Care utilizing the basics of the Mitchell model (ICISF-CISM)

Craig "Sawman" Sawyer is a former US Navy Seal and Marine who founded Veterans For Child Rescue (V4CR) in 2017, a non-profit organization focused fighting child sex trafficking in the US by leveraging veteran skills for operations, awareness, and media, including the documentary Contraland. Mr. Craig Sawyer will be making a presentation on the V4CR to discuss keeping children safe in our community.

Conference Reservations must be made and submitted with the doubled-sided enclosed form, *PREPAID* in advance by check, money order, or credit card. (No purchase orders) Credit cards will be accepted via PayPal on the NYSAFC.ORG Web-Site, select the "2026 Conference" in the dropdown box.

All checks made payable to: *New York State Association of Fire Chaplains, Inc.*

Reservations must be Postmarked by April 1, 2026.
(Cancellations will be accepted until April 15th without penalty. Reservations cancelled after this date will forfeit all prepaid fees.) There will be NO Late Registrations accepted.

Check in time is 3:00 PM Sunday May 3rd. Check out time is 11:00 AM on May 6th.

The tentative Conference Agenda is attached and is subject to change without notice. We look forward to your attendance at this year's conference. We encourage you to bring your spouse.

2026 Conference Committee
Incoming Chief Chaplain Joseph McCarthy - Conference Chair
2nd Deputy Chief Chaplain, Steve Muhlenbruck – Conference Co-Chair
Executive Secretary Bill Miles - Reservations

All attendees and guests will receive access to the Long Island Aquarium next door.
Our spouses/guests will take part in a trip to one of our local wineries.