

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHAPLAINS, INC.

Annual Fire Chaplains Training Conference May 19 – May 22, 2024

Dear Fire and EMS Chaplain,

The NYSAFC is excited to invite you to attend the 2024 Annual Training Conference to be held at the Comfort Inn & Suites East Greenbush, 99 Miller Road, East Greenbush, NY. This will be an informative Conference with Training from the Albany Veterans Administration, Dr. Joseph Hunter, Jack Curran, John Cannon, Albany County Sheriff's Office, also our Annual Welcome, Memorial Service, and Dinner.

The theme of this Annual Conference is “LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!”

On **Monday**, our day will begin with a short Welcome to everyone. Albany Veterans Administration will present “Introduction to the VA” by Sean Tuckey and “Chaplain Involvement with Mental Health and Behavioral Health” by Rev. Bruce Swingle. Our General Membership Meeting will be in the afternoon.

Tuesday morning training starts with John Cannon, NYS Funeral Director, Cannon Funeral Home, “From the Funeral Director Perspective”. Then we will have Doctor Joseph Hunter, Utica University, MSW Program Director & Director of the Suicide Prevention Center, and his topic will be on “Cultivating Hope in Caring Communities”. We will continue our General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday Afternoon**.

Tuesday evening, we will travel by bus to the FASNY Firefighters Home on Hudson, We will conduct our Annual Memorial Service followed by our Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers.

We will conclude our Conference on **Wednesday morning** with training on “Signs & Symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress”, by Jack Curran, Retired Fire investigator, Rensselaer County.

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, please put “**2024 Conference**” in the Memo area.

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

Reservations must be Postmarked by Friday May 3, 2024.

(Cancellations will be accepted until May 1st without penalty. Reservations cancelled after this date will forfeit all prepaid fees.) There are NO Late Registration.

Check in time is 3:00 PM Sunday May 19th.

Check out time is 11:00 AM on Wednesday May 22nd.

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 to the conference.

2024 Conference Committee

1st Deputy Chief Richard Bolster - Conference Chair, 518-569-3124 (Cell) rgbolster@yahoo.com

Chief Chaplain Thomas With – Conference Co-Chair -518-378-7074 (Cell) tomwith@hotmail.com

2nd Deputy Chief Joseph McCarthy, Conference Co-Chair - 631-740-1743 (Cell) jomaceb@aol.com

TENTATIVE AGENDA
NYS AFC, Inc. Annual Training Conference
Comfort Inn & Suites, East Greenbush, N.Y.
May 19th to May 22nd, 2024

May 19, 2024 - Sunday

3:00 – 6:00pm	Registration & Room Check-In at the Comfort Inn & Suites
Anytime	Dinner (on your own) Maps and restaurant/dinner locations at registration
6:30 pm	BOD Conference Update – by Thomas With, Berkshire Ballroom
7:00 pm	“Roundtable Discussion” on Chaplaincy by Past Chief Chaplains / Berkshire Ballroom
After	Members “Catching up with everyone” at Berkshire Ballroom

May 20, 2024 - Monday

6:00 –10:00 am	Complimentary Breakfast at Comfort Inn & Suites, 2 nd Floor
8:30 – 9:00 am	Morning Prayers at Comfort Inn & Suites – Berkshire Ballroom
9:00 – 9:15 am	Conference Opens – “ Welcome ” by Chief Chaplain Thomas With
9:15 - 10:00 am	Albany Co. Sheriff’s Office, “Officers Wellness App”
10:00 –11:30 am	Veterans Administration (Albany) Presentations: “Introduction to the VA” by Sean Tuckey and “Chaplain Involvement with Mental Health and Behavioral Health” by Rev. Bruce Swingle, VA Chaplain.
10:00 – 2:30 pm	SPOUSES – “Bus Trip” to Chatham and Kinderhook for some great activities!
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 - 3:30 pm	“ Annual Membership Meeting & Election of Officers ” in the Berkshire Ballroom
5:30 - 6:30 pm	Dinner (Buffet) at Comfort Inn & Suites.
7:00 pm	Social Gathering

May 21, 2024 - Tuesday

6:00 –10:00 am	Complimentary Breakfast at Comfort Inn & Suites, 2 nd Floor
8:30 – 9:00 am	Morning Prayers at Comfort Inn & Suites – Berkshire Ballroom
9:00 – 9:15 am	Conference Update and Training continuation at Comfort Inn & Suites
9:15 - 10:00 am	John Cannon, Funeral Director, Cannon FH, “From the Funeral Director Perspective”
10:00 –12:00 pm	Dr. Joseph Hunter, Utica University, MSW Program Director & Director of the Suicide Prevention Center, and his topic will be on “Cultivating Hope in Caring Communities”.
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30 pm	“ Annual Meeting ” continued from Monday afternoon session.
1:00 - 2:30 pm	SPOUSES – “Get Together”
3:00 pm	Bus Departs for FASNY Firefighters Home (CLASS A UNIFORM REQUESTED)
4:00 - 5:00 pm	“ Annual Memorial Service ”, at the FASNY Firefighters Home.
5:00 - 5:45 pm	Cocktail Hour at the FASNY Firefighters Home
5:45	“ Annual Dinner & Installation of Officers ” (Buffet) with 2 Presenters.
Upon Return	Bus returns to Comfort Inn and Suites - Social Time

May 22, 2024 – Wednesday

6:00 –10:00 am	Complimentary Breakfast at Comfort Inn & Suites, 2 nd Floor
8:30 – 9:00 am	Morning Prayers at Comfort Inn & Suites – Berkshire Ballroom
9:00 – 9:15 am	Conference Update and Training continuation at Comfort Inn & Suites
9:45 –11:00 am	“Signs & Symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress”, by Jack Curran, Retired Fire Investigator, Rensselaer County.
11:30 –12:15 pm	Lunch - Conference Closes!

(NEXT Conference, 2025, will be in a location TBD)

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

NAME: _____ GENDER: Male ____ Female ____

PHONE: (____) _____ EMAIL: _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

SPOUSE'S NAME (If attending with you) _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT: _____

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

Member Only (by yourself) = \$470.00 _____

Two Members Sharing the same room, two double beds (\$317.50 each) = \$635.00 _____
(Please specify who you will be sharing with on reverse side)

Member and Spouse Package = \$598.00 _____

EXTRA Night's Stay: If you are interested in coming in early (Saturday) or staying later (Wednesday), the hotel has offered us a rate of \$99 each night. You must **CALL** CI&S, SALES, 518-479-3217 X5561 to reserve.

Annual Dinner Menu (Hudson Home, Buffet: Beef, Chicken, Fish, Salad, Rolls, Vegetable, Rice, Dessert)

MEALS & CONFERENCE PACKAGE: *NO LODGING*

For those who live locally or staying at alternative lodging

Full Conference (Monday – Wednesday) = \$185.00 _____

Partial Conference (Tuesday and Wednesday only) = \$125.00 _____

NOT a MEMBER of NYSAFC, Inc. please ADD \$25.00 = \$ 25.00 _____

PLEASE FILL IN BELOW:

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

AMOUNT CHARGED on PAYPAL ----- = \$ _____

PLEASE FILL OUT THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CONTINUED

REGISTRATION continued,

LODGING INFORMATION:

_____ I need a handicap accessible/equipped room (if available). Hotel is on 3 floors with ELEVATOR.

_____ I will need a room with a King size bed.

_____ I will need a room with two Queen size beds.

_____ I will share a room with _____.

DIETARY NEEDS: _____.

Any known ALLERGIES: _____.

Please submit this REGISTRATION FORM with payment to:

**NYS AFC, Inc.
c/o Richard Bolster
46 Shova Road
Malone, N.Y. 12953**

(Postmarked by May 3, 2024)

LODGING

We will be staying at the Comfort Inn & Suites East Greenbush, N.Y. phone: 518-479-3217. If you wish to arrive early or stay longer, you must contact the hotel directly.

There are many restaurants and diners within 5 minutes of the Comfort Inn & Suites. Maps and suggestions will be available at the registration table.

AIR TRAVEL

It is advised to fly into Albany International Airport and take a taxi to the Comfort Inn & Suites.

TRAIN

There is taxi service at the Rensselaer Train Station for pickup. You can be setup for your return trip, from the Comfort Inn & Suites.