



# CSFCA Fire Leadership Challenge

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## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Leadership Challenge

December 2 – 4, 2010

Keystone, Colorado

Company Officer Leadership Symposium – Level 1 (Pre-Conference)

November 30 – December 2, 2010

### Call for Presentations

You are invited to submit an abstract to be considered for presentation during the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Leadership Challenge to be held at the Keystone Resort & Conference Center in Keystone, Colorado on December 2-4, 2010 and/or during the preconference Company Officer Leadership Symposium (COLS) – Level 1. This is your opportunity to help shape the program by sharing your knowledge and expertise with fire service leaders from around the state and nation.

The Fire Leadership Challenge is Colorado's premier fire service conference and exhibitor event, and annually brings together more than 400 chief and company officers from across the state and region.

The Conference Committee is seeking presentations on new ideas and practical solutions to the challenges facing today's Fire Service, related to this year's conference theme:

#### **"The Leadership Challenge: Where Do We Go from Here?"**

*In these challenging economic times, fire service organizations and fire service leaders need extraordinary leadership to maintain momentum towards achieving the mission and pursuing the vision. Extraordinary leaders find a way to keep going when facing seemingly insurmountable odds. This year's Fire Leadership Challenge brings together many of the industry's most respected leaders and offers an abundance of learning opportunities on how to go beyond the ordinary and become an extraordinary leader.*

Presenting at the Fire Leadership Challenge offers the presenter the opportunity to visit the heart of Colorado's ski county and showcase their topic to a wide range of fire Service personnel.

If you would like the opportunity to present at the 2010 Fire Leadership Challenge, concurrent (break-out) session, and COLS – Level 1 proposals are being accepted through July 20, 2010. All presentation proposals must include the following:

- Name
- Title
- Organization
- Contact Information
- Short Biography
- Presentation Title

**"Preparing the Colorado Fire Service to Meet the Challenges of Leadership"**

- Presentation Abstract

Presentation proposals should be submitted by Email to: [paul@colofirechiefs.org](mailto:paul@colofirechiefs.org). The proposal may be contained in the body of the E-mail or as an attachment. If submitted as an attachment, the proposal should be in MS-Word format.

### **Call for Presentations Process**

Call for Presentation Process Opens: Presentations are accepted June 21, 2010 – July 20, 2010.

Submission Deadline: All presentation proposals must be submitted by close date to be considered.

Acknowledgement: All presentation submissions will be acknowledged via e-mail upon receipt.

Review Period: Proposals will be reviewed by the Fire Leadership Committee and selections of presentations/presenters will be made on or about July 30, 2010.

Notification: Presenters selected by the Fire Leadership Committee will be notified no later than August 13, 2010.

### **Review and Selection Information**

#### Review Criteria:

- Clarity of Submission
- Relevance to attendees and session topic
- Appeal to Conference Attendees
- Timeliness of topic
- Original material
- Contribution of New Ideas and Practices
- Overall perceived level and quality of session content
- Completeness of presentation proposal
- Speaker qualifications, including: previous presentations in topic area, participant evaluations of presenter(s) at previous events (if applicable) and speaking experience of presenter(s)
- Length of presentation - Submissions should be based on a 90 minute presentation
- Sales pitches for products or services submitted as proposals will be eliminated

The Conference Committees reserves to the right to select any - or none - of the submissions. A proposal may be exceptional, but inconsistent with the goals of the Conference Committees, duplicate another session, or prove otherwise not acceptable.

#### Important Information for Presenters:

- Break-out sessions are 1-1/2 hours in length and are typically presented twice; once on Friday and once on Saturday.
- Company Officer Leadership Symposium – Level 1 sessions are 1-1/2 hours in length and must be on one or more of the predetermined topics.
- Prospective presenters may submit multiple topics and/or topics for both breakout sessions and COLS – Level 1. Preference may be given to prospective presenters that can present topics during both the pre-conference and conference.
- Panel discussions of two to four panelists or speakers on a particular topic will be considered.
- Most communication with conference committee and staff will be done by email. Please ensure that we have your current email address at all times.
- Presenters are provided with hotel accommodations and complementary conference registration, and are reimbursed for travel expenses and meals. Honorarium and speakers fees are typically not paid (exceptions are made for keynote speakers).

A summary of all previous conferences (through 2008) which includes conference themes, presentation titles/topics, speakers and other historical information may be downloaded from the CSFCA website at: [http://www.colofirechiefs.org/docs/FLC\\_History.pdf](http://www.colofirechiefs.org/docs/FLC_History.pdf).

Examples of potential topics for plenary or break-out sessions include, but are not limited to the following:

- Fire Service Leadership in Tough Economic Times
- Chief/Company Officer Leadership Development; Mentoring; Succession Planning
- Labor Management/Collective Bargaining Issues
- Recruiting, Training, and Maintaining Volunteer Fire Fighters
- Combination Fire Department Leadership
- LODD Reduction: Where Do We Go from Here?
- Work Force Planning - Identifying Future Critical Skills Needed for All Levels of Fire Service Personnel
- Impact of Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems in Reducing Fire Related Deaths
- Use of Outcome-Based Performances Measures in the Fire Service
- Fire Ground Survival
- Firefighter Health and Safety
- Contemporary Fire Service Legal Issues
- The Challenges of Fire-Based EMS
- New Approaches to Fire and Life Safety Education / Integrating Life Safety Education into Fire Department Operations
- Wildfire in the Wildland Urban Interface: Emerging Issues
- Near Miss Case Study and Lessons Learned
- Major Incident Case Study and Lessons Learned

Topics may be general in nature or may be directed to a specific audience, such as chief fire officers, fire marshals and fire prevention officers, fire safety educators, wildland fire managers, EMS officers, training officers, emergency managers, fire district board members, etc.

### **Company Officer Leadership Symposium (COLS) – Level 1 Topics**

To provide a consistent high quality COLS program at the Colorado Fire Leadership Challenge, courses must be tied directly to NFPA 1021 – Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, and meet the objectives of the IAFC Officer Development Handbook. Topics for COLS Level 1 are:

- Fireground Operations (NFPA 1021, 4.2.1)
- Professional Skills (NFPA 1021, 4.2.6)
- Legal
- Safety (NFPA 1021, 4.7.1)
- Emergency Response (NFPA 1021, 4.2.1)
- Community Relations (NFPA 1021, 4.3.1)
- Leadership (NFPA 1021, 4.2.2)
- Ethics
- Human Resources (NFPA 1021, 4.2.5)
- Communications Skills

### **Speaker Obligations and Agreements**

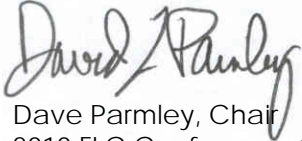
The Speaker must:

- Execute agreement acknowledging terms and conditions of invitation to speak at conference.
- Submit their photo, bio, presentation, handouts, and AV support requirements by the deadline dates.
- Submit handouts requiring duplication to CSFCA 45 days before the conference.

- Work with the Conference Committee members to refine the presentation so that it meets the goals for the session.
- Check in on-site at Speaker Registration at least one hour prior to the scheduled start of the presentation.
- During their presentation, provide educational material ONLY and refrain from sales pitches for specific products or services.
- Allow CSFCA to post copies of your final presentation online after the conference (proprietary information excepted)

Questions concerning this Call for Presentations should be directed in writing to Paul Cooke, CSFCA Executive Director at [paul@colofirechiefs.org](mailto:paul@colofirechiefs.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Parmley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "P".

Dave Parmley, Chair  
2010 FLC Conference Committee  
Fire Chief, Lake Dillon Fire Rescue