

# 2014 STATE FIRE SCHOOL

# APRIL 3RD, 4TH & 5TH

# ABERDEEN, SD



**John Salka** (ret) served with the FDNY for over 33 years, the past 15 years a battalion chief in the 18th Battalion in the Bronx. Prior to being promoted to battalion chief, Chief Salka was assigned as the Captain of 48 Engine also in the Bronx.

He is a New York State certified instructor and also lectures nationally. He is a seminar

presenter and has presented at the Firehouse Expo in Baltimore, the FDIC in Indianapolis, the NY State Association of Fire Chiefs show and many other venues. Chief Salka writes the monthly back page column "The Fire Scene" in Firehouse Magazine and has also written for Fire Engineering, Size-Up and the FDNY training magazine WNYF.

John is the author of the best-selling books "First In Last Out Leadership Lessons from the New York Fire Department" and "The Engine Company." He received the 2001 FDIC Training Achievement Award for his Get Out Alive firefighter survival training program and travels extensively training firefighters throughout the 50 states and Canada in tactics, strategy, leadership and safety & survival. Chief Salka has also served as a volunteer firefighter for over 30 years.

**The South Dakota Firefighter Benefit will be holding an event Friday night at the Ramada Inn and Convention Center.**

The Fire Critic, Lt. Rhett Fleitz and Wooden Ladders and Iron Firemen blogger Willie Wines Jr. will be instructing a class on using social media in the fire service and helping the SD Firefighter Benefit raise money for South Dakota fire departments. Paul Cummings, singer, songwriter and firefighter will be performing his hit song, "The Firefighter Song."



**Capt. Willie Wines Jr. & Lt. Rhett Fleitz**

