

# 2016 South Dakota Fire Instructors Conference

**Date:** January 9<sup>th</sup> & 10, 2016

**Location:** Best Western Ramkota River Center  
Amphitheater II  
920 W Sioux Avenue  
Pierre SD 57501  
1-605-224-6877

**Registration:** 0730-0830 in the lobby out in front of Amphitheater II

**Saturday:** 0830- call the Business meeting to order  
(housekeeping business, fill the committees, General information etc.)  
0845-1200 Class  
1200-1330 lunch break  
1330-1700 Class  
1700- Resume the Business Meeting

**Sunday:** 0800-1200 Class  
1200- Conclude the Annual Meeting and adjourn

This year's Instructor Conference will feature three guest speakers covering different topics. The class descriptions for the speakers are listed below. Pre-registration was set at \$25 and must be sent in and post marked by Dec15th, after that the registration will be \$30. This also means that anyone that requires to be billed or pays at the conference for the registration shall be charged the \$30 per instructor.

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Platte, SD 57369**

**Or online at**

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## **Presenter Biography**

Chief Jerry Streich is a 27-year veteran who has held every rank in the fire service. As a young fire officer, he was constantly challenged by others with more experience and had to find ways to stay ahead of them through current and consistent training. His ability to find solutions to problems has earned him the title “idea guy.”

As a progressive leader, Chief Streich has initiated many programs to better prepare firefighters through training. He is the founder and Director of the Anoka County Fire Training Academy which is the largest joint Fire Academy in the State of Minnesota. The Academy currently has the highest passing rate for NFPA 1001 certification in the State of Minnesota and provides fifteen fire departments a much more efficient way of training their staff.

Streich holds a BS degree in Organizational Leadership/Human Resources, and an AAS degree in Fire Science. He is a passionate and dynamic speaker who keeps students engaged and wanting more. He is familiar with speaking at local, state, and national conferences and events. Along with his formal education, he holds certifications in emergency management, investigations, codes, and incident command and control.

### **Forming a Fire Service Training Academy**

The recession has required us all to consider a “New Normal” for the fire service. The demands continue to add up but the dollars do not. So how do you meet the demands of training firefighters when we have to reduce our overall costs? The answer is really quite simple, we do it together! Chief Streich’s presentation will walk you through the training demands we are faced with in the fire service and how to find solutions to the problems you have. His ability to find solutions will help you develop training programs that will give positive results and provides more efficiency in your budgets.

### **Technology in the Fire Service: From Buckets to Drones**

We are living in a time of rapid change as technology overtakes the fire service. From the days of leather buckets for water carry, to drones flying overhead to make command decisions today, times have changed. Social media is providing anyone around the world split second information on our fire scene and allowing the world to hear the negative side of our industry as well.

This class will introduce students to the world of technology and social media and how these tools can assist in your training programs. They will learn new terms, see examples, and explore how the new tools of today can benefit them. Chief Streich will show examples of how he was able to use social media to raise money for organizations and how modern equipment and ideas are reducing injury and proving a more efficient workforce and training programs.

## **Brooks Martin**

### **Class Description:**

Firefighters must have the courage to face a multitude of risks in order to save lives and protect their communities. Their courage allows them to willingly risk their own lives so that others can be saved. A different type of courage is required to stay safe in potentially dangerous situations, avoiding needless risks and tragic consequences.

This provocative and moving presentation is designed to change the culture of accepting the loss of firefighters as a normal occurrence. Building on the untold story of LODD survivors, it reveals how family members must live with the consequences of a firefighter death and provides a focus on the need for firefighters and officers to change fundamental attitudes and behaviors in order to prevent line of duty deaths. The central theme promotes the courage to do the right thing in order to protect yourself and other firefighters and ensure that "Everyone Goes Home" at the end of the day. This class will be broke out into two sections the first will be an overview of the Courage To Be Safe class and the second will be an overview of the programs available through the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. This program is a must see for all who care, share, and have a feeling for the safety of all firefighters.

## **Adam Frick**

**Top 20 Tactical Considerations from Firefighter Research (4hrs)** over the past several years, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and UL have been working with the fire service to examine fire dynamics and firefighting tactics. More than a hundred experiments have examined the changes in the fire environment over time, the impact of ventilating ventilation-limited fires, and the implications of flow control and effectiveness in suppression tactics. These experiments were conducted with firefighters from across the country from departments of different types and with varying levels of staffing, resources, and operating procedures. The NIST and UL studies have produced tactical considerations that have become common themes over several studies; they may change the way you view your standard operating guidelines. In addition to the 20 tactical considerations, we will discuss the latest two UL studies, the attic fire tests, and the positive pressure attack study. Participants will get a rundown on what is involved in a UL fire behavior study from start to finish, and how you can become involved.

**Training props for the whole department (4hrs)** this class's main focus will be on various forcible entry and through the lock props that can be built on a minimal budget, and take a minimal amount of time. Various evolutions will be discussed including, but not limited to, Forcible entry doors, through the lock simulators, garage door simulators, rotary saw cut stations, and padlock simulators. You do not have to go and buy commercially available props; the materials are available right around the corner. While the main focus will be on forcible entry and through the lock, we will also discuss other training prop ideas for Rapid Intervention Crews and firefighter survival. Months of weekly drill nights can be covered if you have a good attitude and are not afraid to get your hands dirty.

## South Dakota Fire Instructors Association



This is a notice of the upcoming Conference on January 9-10, 2016 and this notice is also to remind Instructors that the pre-registration was set at \$25 and must be sent in and post marked by Dec 15th, after that the registration will be \$30. This also means that anyone that requires to be billed or pays at the conference for the registration shall be charged the \$30 per instructor.

Our intention to have all pre-register, this will allow an easier registration the day of the conference. This year you will receive a card showing that you are a paid member of the Association and are covered by the Insurance Policy.

As you send in your registration a list of **ALL** your Department **instructor names** and their **email addresses** need to be written legibly or typed so the names will be entered appropriately for the Insurance. If you pay for Instructors that do not attend the Conference their cards can be picked up at the Conference by a fellow member or will be mailed to your Department. Checks are to be made out to "South Dakota Fire Instructors Association" or SDFIA, no cash please unless paying at the Conference.

So again please get your registration in as soon as possible to insure you will receive the Insurance coverage.

Thanks

Damon Hartmann

South Dakota Fire Instructors Association – Secretary

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