

# 77TH MFSIA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE - October 29 – 31, 2026

## QUICK LOOK AT CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

|                                 |                 |                   |                     |                                                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rick VanHorn<br>Mark Fankhauser | Wed.-Sat.       | 7:00-5:00         | The Gallery         | Registration / Store for MSFIA                              |
| Arson Class                     | Thursday        | 8:00-5:00         | Front               | (4-hours classroom, 4-hour burn cells. Dan Drew, Ron Taylor |
| Live Fire Training              | Thursday        | 9:00 – 5:00       | TCR Training Center | Curtis Walters, (Full Turnouts and SCBA-Extra tank)         |
| Welcome Breakfast               | Friday          | 7:30-8:30         | Grandview           | Breakfast                                                   |
| Fire Marshal                    | Friday          | 8:30-9:00         | Grandview           | Thomas Hughes Jr.                                           |
| Instructor of the Year          | Friday          | 9:00-9:30         | Grandview           | Instructor Committee                                        |
| Scholarship Award               | Friday          | 9:30-9:45         | Grandview           | Scholarship Committee                                       |
| FFTC Meeting                    | Friday          | 10:00-12:00       | Grandview           | FFTC                                                        |
| Lunch                           | Friday          | 12:00-1:00        | Grandview           | Lunch                                                       |
| Classes                         | Friday          | 1:15-3:15         | All Locations       | Check Schedule                                              |
| MFSIA Meeting                   | Friday          | 3:30-5:00         | Grandview           | Annual Meeting                                              |
| Breakfast                       | Saturday        | 7:00-8:00         | Grandview           | Breakfast                                                   |
| Lunch                           | Saturday        | 12:00-1:00        | Grandview           | Lunch                                                       |
| Classes                         | Saturday        | 7:45-5:00         | All Locations       | Check Schedule                                              |
| <b><u>Hospitality Room</u></b>  | <b>Thurs</b>    | <b>5:00-12:00</b> | <b>#209</b>         | <b>ZOLL Hospitality Room, (Hosts Dan and Chris Kanauz)</b>  |
|                                 | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>5:00-12:00</b> | <b>#209</b>         |                                                             |
|                                 | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>5:00-12:00</b> | <b>#209</b>         |                                                             |

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## THURSDAY OCTOBER 29

|                      |          |             |                                                                                                    |
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| Dan Drew, Ron Taylor | Thursday | 8:00 -5:00  | 4-Hours <b>Front</b> /4-Hours <b>TCR</b> Training Center, Arson Class,<br>(Digging Equipment/Gear) |
| Curtis Walters,      | Thursday | 9:00 – 5:00 | <b>TCR</b> Training Center Live Burn ( <b>Full Turnout, SCBA-Extra-Tank</b>                        |
| Adam Carroll         | Thursday | 8:00–12:00  | <b>TCR</b> Lithium Batteries-Handle With Care-Action Planning and Practical Drills For Handling    |
| Adam Carroll         | Thursday | 1:00 – 5:00 | <b>TCR</b> Lithium Batteries-Handle With Care-Action Planning and Practical Drills For Handling    |

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| <b>Hospitality Room</b> | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>5:00-12:00</b> | <b>#209</b> | <b>Drinks &amp; Snacks</b> |
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## FRIDAY OCTOBER 30

| <b>Breakfast/Welcome</b>             | <b>Friday</b> | <b>7:30-8:30</b>  | <b>Grandview</b> | <b>MFSIA BOARD</b>                                                 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fire Marshal                         | Friday        | 8:30-9:00         | Grandview        | BFS                                                                |
| Instructor of the Year               | Friday        | 9:00-9:30         | Grandview        | Instructor Committee                                               |
| Scholarship Award                    | Friday        | 9:30-9:45         | Grandview        | Scholarship Committee                                              |
| FFTC Meeting                         | Friday        | 10:00-12:00       | Grandview        | FFTC                                                               |
| <b>Lunch</b>                         | <b>Friday</b> | <b>12:00-1:00</b> | <b>Grandview</b> | <b>Lunch</b>                                                       |
| Chris Dean                           | Friday        | 1:15 -3:15        | Boardman         | MI Prevention-Community Risk Reduction in Action-Fire Service      |
| Matthew Soderquist                   | Friday        | 1:15-3:15         | State            | 25 Training Props: High-Impact Fire Training On A Budget           |
| Ronald Folks                         | Friday        | 1:15-3:15         | Park             | What is Your Legacy In The Fire Service?                           |
| Michael LcLeieer&<br>Bob Grabinski   | Friday        | 1:15-3:15         | Front            | Is Your Fire Dept. Training Effective and Efficient?               |
| Jeromy Robertson                     | Friday        | 1:15-3:15         | Torch            | The Avalanche-The Long Slide of Ineffective Instruction/Leadership |
| Dan Hammerberg &<br>Aileen Pettinger | Friday        | 1:15-3:15         | Leelanau         | Course Management, Educational Administration                      |
| MFSIA Meeting                        | Friday        | 3:30-5:00         | Grandview        | Annual <b>Meeting</b>                                              |

**Hospitality Room**    **Friday**    **5:00-12:00**    **#209**    **Drinks & Snacks**

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## SATURDAY OCTOBER 31

| <b>Breakfast</b>                  | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>7:00-8:00</b>  | <b>Grandview</b> | <b>Breakfast</b>                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lunch</b>                      | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>12:00-1:00</b> | <b>Grandview</b> | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| Jim Lundberg                      | Saturday        | 7:45-9:45         | Leelanau         | Free /Open-Source Software to Enhance Your Fire Service/CE Training Content                                                                        |
| Jim Lundberg                      | Saturday        | 10:00-12:00       | Leelanau         | Free /Open-Source Software to Enhance Your Fire Service/CE Training Content                                                                        |
| Edward Cann                       | Saturday        | 12:45- 2:45       | Leelanau         | Leadership, Teamwork, and Self-Improvement: There IS an "I" in Team!                                                                               |
| Edward Cann                       | Saturday        | 3:00-5:00         | Leelanau         | Leadership, Teamwork, and Self-Improvement: There IS an "I" in Team!                                                                               |
| Dave Purchase                     | Saturday        | 8:00-5:00         | Front            | Emergency Trailer Operations and Safety Program TtT<br>UTV/ATV/ORV Operations and Safety Program TtT<br><b><u>MUST ATTEND FULL DAY PROGRAM</u></b> |
| Dan Hammerberg & Aileen Pettinger | Saturday        | 8:00-5:00         | Boardman         | Instructor 1 Train-the Trainer                                                                                                                     |
| Jim Etzin                         | Saturday        | 7:45-9:45         | State            | Burning Barricades: When The Structure Catches Fire During A Critical Incident                                                                     |
| Jim Etzin                         | Saturday        | 10:00-12:00       | State            | Burning Barricades: When The Structure Catches Fire During A Critical Incident                                                                     |
| Jeromy Robertson                  | Saturday        | 12:45-2:45        | State            | The Symphony Chapter 4 The Grand Finale                                                                                                            |
| Michael McLeieer& Bob Grabinski   | Saturday        | 3:00-5:00         | State            | Is Your Fire Dept. Training effective and efficient?                                                                                               |
| Ronald Folks                      | Saturday        | 7:45-9:45         | Park             | What is Your Legacy In The Fire Service?                                                                                                           |
| Joshua Morgan                     | Saturday        | 10:00-12:00       | Park             | Using AI For Better Training Results                                                                                                               |
| Joshua Morgan                     | Saturday        | 12:45-2:45        | Park             | Using AI For Better Training Results                                                                                                               |
| Matthew Soderquist                | Saturday        | 3:00-5:00         | Park             | 25 Training Props: High-Impact Fire Training On A Budget                                                                                           |
| Eric Thomas                       | Saturday        | 7:45-9:45         | Torch            | NFPA 1403/1400 Instructor in Charge Responsibilities-Live Fire Training, (Refresher)                                                               |
| Eric Thomas                       | Saturday        | 10:00:-12:00      | Torch            | Municipal Aircraft Incident Hazards and Response                                                                                                   |
| Dale Hall                         | Saturday        | 12:45-2:45        | Torch            | Improving Complex Skill Instruction                                                                                                                |
| Dale Hall                         | Saturday        | 3:00-5:00         | Torch            | Improving Complex Skill Instruction                                                                                                                |
| Todd Bradley                      | Saturday        | 8:00-12:00        | Courtyard 1      | Fire Dynamics and Fire Behavior with Tactics and th3e use of Thermal Imagers<br>(Classroom and outside instruction)                                |
| Todd Bradley                      | Saturday        | 1:00-5:00         | Courtyard 1      | Fire Dynamics and Fire Behavior with Tactics and th3e use of Thermal Imagers<br>(Classroom and outside instruction)                                |
| Chip Everett                      | Saturday        | 8:00-10:00        | Courtyard 11     | Teaching Pump Operations                                                                                                                           |
| Chip Everet                       | Saturday        | 10:45-12:00       | Courtyard 11     | Teaching Air Monitoring                                                                                                                            |
| Chris Dean                        | Saturday        | 12:45-2:45        | Courtyard 11     | MI Prevention-Community Risk Reduction in Action-Fire Service                                                                                      |
|                                   | Saturday        | 3:00-5:00         | Courtyard 11     |                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Hospitality Room</b>           | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>5:00-12:00</b> | <b>#209</b>      | <b>Drinks &amp; Snacks</b>                                                                                                                         |