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March 4, 2016

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

RE: O AFC 2016 Municipal Officials Seminar: The Essentials of Firefighting and Firefighting 101
Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st – Sponsored by CriSys Limited.

The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Municipal Officials Seminar, The Essentials of Firefighting and Firefighting 101 offers municipal officials and staff the opportunity to understand the challenges of the fire service and its importance in their communities.

This two-day session includes customized presentations that will provide you with essential information and knowledge about the fire service. The highlight of the program is our interactive, hands-on fire training experience that you will not forget.

On Saturday and Sunday morning, you will hear from informative speakers on topics specifically designed for municipal officials. This year's agenda highlights include:

- How Legislation Impacts the Delivery of Fire and Emergency Services in Your Community, presented by Deputy Chief Jim Jessop, Toronto Fire Services and former Ontario Fire Marshal.
- Legal Responsibility and Liability of the Municipality and the Fire Service, presented by Julia Nanos, Hicks Morley.
- Councillor or Fire Chief...Who are You? presented by Rob Browning, Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of North Kawartha and part-time Executive Director for the Eastern Ontario Emergency Training Academy.
- Keynote Presentation: The Lac-Mégantic Rail Disaster, presented by Fire Chief Denis Lauzon, Lac Mégantic, Quebec.
- Keynote Presentation: Civil Unrest: A Real Threat to Public Safety - Baltimore Riots Lessons Learned, presented by Assistant Chiefs Jeffrey Segal and Mark Wagner, Baltimore City Fire Department.

On Saturday afternoon, attendees will slip into bunker gear and experience firsthand the job of a firefighter by participating in a live fire training session including a simulated search and rescue, vehicle extrication exercise and extinguishing a fire! This program has been specifically designed for municipal officials by the Greater Toronto Airport Authority Fire Department. Previous attendees who have participated in this seminar have repeatedly said that it was one of the best seminars and training sessions that they had ever attended! Past attendees included mayors, councillors, chief administrative officers, directors and government officials.

On Sunday afternoon you have the opportunity to visit the O AFC 2016 Trade Show - the largest fire and emergency service show in Canada. You and your fire chief will be able to see a wide variety of fire vehicles and equipment, talk directly to suppliers and manufacturers and gain valuable information that can assist in your purchasing decisions.



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In the evenings, there are networking functions included in your registration package encouraging you to interact with your colleagues and special guests. Ladders Up Reception in support of the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation is held on Saturday and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs annual Memorial Service and Reception is held on Sunday.

The seminar takes place at the Toronto Congress Centre at 650 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ontario on Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st. The main seminar hotel is the Crowne Plaza Toronto Airport Hotel located at 33 Carlson Blvd, which is only a few minutes away from the Toronto Congress Centre. A shuttle will be doing continuous loops from the hotel to the congress centre all throughout the seminar ensuring a convenient experience for all guests.

The early bird rate for the O AFC 2016 Municipal Officials Seminar is \$310.00 plus HST. The seminar includes customized educational sessions on Saturday and Sunday morning, a once-in-a-life-time, live fire training exercise, the O AFC 2016 Trade Show, breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks on both days, an invitation to the Ladders Up Reception on Saturday and the Memorial Service and Reception on Sunday. The registration rate increases by \$100 after April 15, 2016, so register early and save.

If you have any questions about the program, I encourage you to contact the O AFC board office at 905-426-9865 and speak to our planning team. In addition, please visit our website at www.oafc.on.ca/event/oafc-2016-attendees to view seminar details, the agenda, speaker and presentation overviews, trade show information, location and to register.

The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs looks forward to welcoming you to the 2016 Municipal Officials Seminar. We hope that you will consider attending and participating in this educational and unique event.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. D. Pegg", written over a white background.

M. D. (Matt) Pegg
President

*"The politicians live fire training session is something that all municipal politicians with fire services should attend. I can't say enough about how much respect for fire services this session gave me".
Dennis Lever, Mayor of Puslinch, Ontario*

"The politicians' agenda was most informative and very interesting. The fire training session gave me some appreciation for what firefighters must endure. All information sessions were excellent and some could be longer to discuss issues more in-depth. The special speaker, Dr. David Griffin was amazing...riveting. What an experience. What an eye-opener" Gerry Last, Councillor, Township Leeds and the Thousand Islands, Ontario

This was a very good experience that I feel all politicians should at least attend one time throughout their term. You get a different perspective on what firefighters have to deal with on a day-to-day basis and develop a new respect for when they ask us for what they need. It doesn't take long to realize the asking is because it is needed and not just a nicety that would be great to have! 2015 Municipal Official Attendee

Experience what it feels like to fight a fire...



Slip into bunker gear and experience firsthand the life of a firefighter by participating in a live fire training session that includes a simulated search and rescue, vehicle extrication and extinguishing fires. This program has been specially tailored by the Greater Toronto Airport Authority Fire Department and takes place at their training ground, a short distance from the Toronto Congress Centre.

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Space is limited to only 24 participants!
Don't miss your chance, register online
TODAY & SAVE \$100.00!
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The Municipal Official Seminar includes presentations on Saturday and Sunday morning, live fire training exercise, access to Canada's largest fire and emergency trade show and meals & refreshments over the course of the two-days.

Past attendees have included government officials, mayors and councillors, CAO's, directors and other senior municipal staff.

An invitation to the Ladders Up Reception on Saturday and the Memorial Service and Reception on Sunday evening is also included with registration.



REGISTER TODAY! VISIT:
www.oafc.on.ca/register/event/128
For more information, contact us at 905-426-9865 or email info@oafc.on.ca

Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Municipal Officials Seminar

**Saturday, April 30th
&
Sunday, May 1st, 2016**
Toronto Congress Centre
Toronto, Ontario

Sponsored by:



The Municipal Officials Seminar



The Municipal Officials Seminar: The Essentials of Firefighting and Firefighting 101 offers municipal officials the opportunity to understand the challenges of the fire service and its importance in their communities. The Seminar takes place on April 30 & May 1, 2016 at the Toronto Congress Centre.

The 2016 Seminar Includes:

- Saturday, attendees get to participate in a live fire training exercise - extinguish a real fire!
- Customized programming with presentations tailored to topics relating to municipal councils and fire departments.
- On Sunday, visit the largest fire and emergency services trade show in Canada.

Registration details are located on reverse.

Municipal Officials Seminar Sponsored by:



Presentation Highlights

Councillor or Fire Chief??? Who Are You?

Presented by Rob Browning, Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of North Kawartha and part-time Executive Director, Eastern Ontario Emergency Training Academy

Are you wondering about your role as an elected official with your fire department and/or fire chief? Do you have questions about policies for your fire department or its operations? Join in on a lively engagement with the facilitator on a variety of topics about fire services.

Legal Responsibility & Liability of the Municipality and the Fire Service

Presented by Julia Nanos, Hicks Morley

Municipal officials are increasingly called upon to make difficult decisions regarding their municipality's fire services, including how to provide effective services in a cost-effective and sustainable manner. The decisions that council members make with respect to the municipality's fire services will be scrutinized publicly by labour unions, the media, lawyers and the judiciary (at an inquest), among others. In this session, Julia will provide municipal officials with a "crash course" on the law of municipal liability for fire services.

How the Fire Service Impacts Your Community

Presented by Deputy Chief Jim Jessop, Toronto Fire Services, Former Ontario Fire Marshal

This session will provide an overview and description of recent regulatory and statutory amendments, fire marshal directives and public fire safety and technical guidelines that impact municipalities.

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Saturday, April 30			
6:30 to 5:00	Registration	Foyer	
7:00	Hot Breakfast	Ballroom A	
8:00	How the Fire Service Impacts your Community	Jim Jessop, Deputy Chief, Toronto Fire Services, Former Ontario Fire Marshal	
9:00	Working with the Fire Service - A CAO's Perspective	Rob Browning, CAO, Township of North Kawartha and part-time Executive Director, EOETA	
10:00	Coffee Break - <i>Sponsored by Enbridge</i>	McKennit 5/6	
10:15	Working with the Fire Service - A CAO's Perspective		Rob Browning, CAO, Township of North Kawartha and part-time Executive Director, EOETA
11:00	Legal Responsibility & Liability of the Municipality and the Fire Service		Julia Nanos, Hicks Morley
12:00	Departure for Hands-On Fire Training	Crowne Plaza	
12:30 to 4:30	Hands-On Fire Training - <i>Sponsored and Hosted by CrISys</i>	FESTI	
7:00pm to 11pm	Ladders Up Auction Reception with Entertainment on Behalf of the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation <i>Sponsored by M&L Supply, VFIS and Fire Fighting in Canada</i>	Crowne Plaza	
Sunday, May 1			
6:30 to 5:00	Registration	Foyer	
7:00	Hot Breakfast	Ballroom A	
8:00	Lac-Mégantic Rail Disaster - <i>Sponsored by CASA & UA Local 853 Sprinkler Fitters Union</i>	Chief Denis Lauzon, Lac Mégantic Quebec	
9:00	Civil Unrest: A Real Threat to Public Safety - Baltimore Riots Lessons Learned <i>Sponsored by CASA & UA Local 853 Sprinkler Fitters Union</i>	Jeffrey Segal, Assistant Chief and Mark Wagner, Assistant Chief, Baltimore City Fire Department	
10:00	Observations from 30,000' - Challenges and Opportunities for the Modern Fire Service <i>Sponsored by CASA & UA Local 853 Sprinkler Fitters Union</i>	Timothy E. Sendelbach, Editor-in-Chief, Firehouse Magazine/ Firehouse.com	
10:00 to 5:00	OAFC Trade Show and Lunch	Hall I&J	
7:00 to 10:00	Memorial Service & Reception - <i>Reception Sponsored by Starfield Lion</i>	Ballroom C	

Full details and registration information is available at www.oafc.on.ca/event/oafc-2016-attendees