

ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP

You, just like thousands of your colleagues can benefit from the many advantages of being an FFCA member. Today, like never before, being a fire-rescue officer is a challenge. You face new hurdles from changing budget issues, from privatization to fire safety standards to a changing workforce. You can't afford to react...you need to take action now to guarantee your success and your department's success.

There is one resource you can rely on to stay on top of your profession...the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association. As a member, you receive professional advantages you can't get anywhere else. You'll have the opportunity to share information, problems and concerns with your peers.

You'll explore new solutions and ideas to help make you a better fire-rescue officer. And by tapping into innovative services like *Florida Fire Service*, attending the annual meeting, Fire-Rescue EAST and FFCA sponsored educational programs...all at special member discounts...you'll develop a network of colleagues that you can call upon for immediate information.

If you're a career chief, volunteer chief, company officer, EMS chief, fire marshal, public educator, vehicle technician, emergency manager, firefighter or fire rescue cadet, the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association provides you the competitive edge.

Section Members - Become A Section Member

At no additional cost, you can join one or more FFCA sections. Sections are your number one source for networking with colleagues who have the same interests as you do.

- **EMS Section** - This Section promotes the initiatives of fire-based EMS Systems and strategic partners through leadership, education, advocacy and strategic guidance.
- **Florida Association for Hazmat Responders - Hazmat Section** - Addressing the needs of individuals and groups of all levels of training and from all backgrounds - Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management and Industry - who are interested in the area of response to Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction.
- **Florida Association for Search and Rescue - Search and Rescue Section** - Addressing the needs of search and rescue professionals by providing educational opportunities and developing proficiency levels to state deployment through ESF 9.
- **Florida Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians - Maintenance Section** - Addressing the needs of the Emergency Vehicle Technician Education programs include hands-on workshops.
- **Florida Association of Fire Rescue Cadets - Fire Rescue Cadets Section - *Preparing Tomorrow's Firefighters . . . TODAY.*** Assisting fire departments with sponsored youth programs and post commanders in the development of future firefighters. Develop **Home Growing Our Own** programs, where cadets will receive specialized training and will become a continuing source of qualified firefighters for Florida fire rescue agencies.
- **Florida Association of Public Information Officers - Public Information Section** - Addressing the needs of the fire and emergency Public Information Officer through seminars, networking and a quarterly newsletter.
- **Florida Executive Fire Officers Association – Executive Fire Officers Section** – The Florida Executive Fire Officers Association (FEFOA) will provide a forum of communication and networking for Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP) graduates, participants and those interested in the program. FEFOA will, through its members, support the EFOP and encourage participation of Florida Fire Service leaders. FEFOA will support other Florida Fire Service Professional associations and the National Society of Executive Fire Officers (NSEFO).
- **Florida Fire Prevention Association - Fire Marshal/Fire Inspector Section** - The mission of this section is to promote the protection of life and property from the effects of fire and related hazards through the established principles of education, engineering and enforcement.

- **Florida Fire Service Honor Guard Association - Honor Guard Section** – The mission of this section is to carry forth the historic and time-honored traditions of the fire service by providing the highest quality dress, decorum, and music at dedications, memorials, funerals, celebrations, parades and other fire service-related functions and to educate organizations in the importance of ceremonial presentations and protocols.
Florida Society of Fire Service Instructors - Training & Education Section - Addressing the needs of the fire and emergency services trainers and educators through networking and curriculum development.
- **Florida Society of Public Fire & Life Safety Educators - Pub Ed Section** - This section is committed to reducing injuries and risks associated with all of Florida's hazards through both recognized community outreach initiatives and innovative educational programs.
- **Florida Volunteer Fire Officers – Volunteer Fire Officers Section** - The Section brings together Volunteer Fire Officers for the purpose of recruitment, retention, and promotion of the Volunteer Fire Service; and to enhance the goals and objectives of the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association.

Who's Who in Florida Fire & Emergency Services - Membership Directory and Buyer's Guide

Being listed in the most comprehensive directory of fire & emergency services professionals in Florida provides an opportunity to contact other members or be contacted by them. Need to purchase products and services? It's simple, just flip to the "Buyer's Guide" section for a list of FFCA Corporate Partners and their products or view on this website.

Morning News Clips

Wonder what's going on around Florida? Members receive daily, via email, articles relevant to fire and emergency services from over seventy Florida newspapers, daily business journals and twelve national newspapers.

FFCA Website

A wealth of information including Florida's most comprehensive fire service "Career Center" section.

- **Career Center** - Proving to be one of the best sites for finding emergency personnel (Firefighters, Fire Chiefs, EMTs, etc.) in the nation. There are already many success stories even though the Career Center. Some features of the FFCA Career Center include: Post jobs and search resumes 24/7, option to use credit card or invoicing, fully searchable resume database, folders allow organized communication with candidates, skills quiz saves valuable recruiting time and dollars, tremendous cost advantage over larger job boards, post job announcements in real-time, full tracking capabilities to measure activity and easy access to targeted pool of candidates in Florida.
- **Most Current Member Listing** - Ability to find other members with like interest, thus increasing network opportunities.
- **Forums** - Members can join a forum to network with other members for FAQ's on areas of interest.
- **Calendar of Events** - Opportunity to quickly find Fire Service education/training evenings.
- **Networking** - Listing of the latest informative publications relevant to the current issues of the fire service.
- **Association Store** - Promote the association by purchasing the most current products available.
- **Products and Services** - Listing of products and services offered by a vast area of vendors at competitive prices.
- **Government Relations** - Keep current on legislative issues and have an impact on legislative decisions by having information at your fingertips. Help make those changes you've always wanted. Legislative committees and state agencies call upon FFCA to provide testimony and expertise on a wide range of critical issues such as Hazmat, OSHA, revenue sharing, sprinklers and state fire programs. You'll be heard because FFCA works with the Legislature and state agencies to broaden their awareness of FFCA member needs.

Committee Involvement

Show your fellow officers where you stand. As a member of an FFCA Committee or task force you can pursue your professional goals while effecting change in the Florida fire service. FFCA is currently represented through committees and task forces dedicated to increasing visibility of the fire and emergency services to the public as well as local, state and federal governments.

FFCA Staff Working for You

The FFCA Staff, headquartered in Ormond Beach, Florida, share a common desire to promote the safety statewide. Their goal is to aid you with information or assistance for your professional development.

Expand Your Knowledge

Education offered through the Florida Fire & Emergency Services Foundation provides FFCA members the opportunities to participate in education/training programs delivered by national and international renowned speakers.

- **FFCA Annual Meeting & Executive Development Conference** - Held annually around the state as a family oriented event that provides the opportunity to learn through timely and informative education programs and networking with your peers. Included in the Executive Development Conference is FFCA's Annual Meeting.
- **Fire-Rescue EAST** - Provides you the opportunity to see the newest in products and services featuring apparatus and up-to-the-minute technical exhibits. Four days of intensive and timely education programs round out the largest educational event in the Southeast. Held in January, Fire-Rescue EAST is the first of the year event which allows you to make a buying decision before you begin your budget process.
- **Organizational Management Programs** - Offered by the Emergency Services Leadership Institute to the future leaders of the Florida fire services.
- **Seminars & Workshops** - Programs specific to EMS, Hazmat Response, Search & Rescue, Public Education, Fire Prevention, Vehicle Maintenance, Ceremonial Protocols, firefighter development for the career combination and volunteer fire departments.
- **Publications** - Stay on top of the news as it happens through FFCA's flagship publication *Florida Fire Service*, section specific newsletters and publications (included with your dues), provides timely information on political activity, new laws and standards, upcoming events, FFCA reports and job opportunities - news you need to keep your department on top and moving forward.