



# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS®

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Dear U.S. Conference of Mayors Attendee:

Public safety has never been more important to your communities. Active shooter events have sadly become commonplace, extreme weather conditions are seemingly on the rise, acts of terror remain a threat and everyday emergencies – such as vehicle accidents, fire and medical emergencies – are continuing at alarmingly high levels.

As an elected leader in your community, you have a fundamental responsibility to ensure an effective, timely and trained response to citizens in need. Yet, government officials often do not have a clear understanding of what fire fighters and paramedics do every day – making it difficult to make informed decisions about staffing, training, equipment and other resources needed to keep communities safe.

**We invite you to an exclusive opportunity to experience a day as a professional fire fighter to see firsthand how emergency response works and the challenges fire fighters face in protecting the communities they serve.**

**We are offering our FIRE OPS 101 program on June 8, 2018 in conjunction with the 86th U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) in Boston, Massachusetts.** This event – hosted by the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) in partnership with the Boston Fire Department – will be held at Copley Square, just one block from the USCM hotel. We know that you have a busy agenda at this Conference and will gladly work with your schedule so that you can participate.

The IAFF is nationally recognized as a leader in advocating for the safest and most effective strategies to emergency responses. This program will demonstrate how the number of fire fighters and EMS personnel, as well as the necessary resources to assure safe, efficient and effective operations on the scene of all types of emergencies, can be the difference between life and death.

Your experience at FIRE OPS 101 will include aspects of fire and emergency medical service operations, from suiting up in the proper protective gear to putting out fires and helping victims in dangerous situations, all under the controlled supervision of professional fire fighters and paramedics.

To date, hundreds of elected leaders across the U.S. have attended our FIRE OPS events at national conferences and in cities and towns to gain a better understanding of what is truly required for their fire fighters to protect their citizens. The success of the events and value to both lawmakers and public safety is apparent in those communities as participants have left with a very unique experience and the information they need to return to their offices and make important, informed decisions about fire fighter staffing and resources.

I encourage you to participate in our FIRE OPS event – it promises to be a very exciting and informative day and will provide a perspective you’ve never felt before on the challenges and issues that professional fire fighters and paramedics face protecting your communities.

We have set up an [online registration site](#) for you to easily enter your information and prepare for your FIRE OPS 101 experience.

If you have any questions or need additional information, call our office at 202-824-1533 or email [fireops101@iaff.org](mailto:fireops101@iaff.org).

We look forward to seeing you at FIRE OPS 101 where you will truly “Feel the Heat.”

Very truly yours,



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