

## Fire Museum Network Annual Conference 2011

Call the Marriott at Eagle Crest to make room reservations. (734) 487-2000

No car rental is needed, unless you want one.

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### Costs:

Conference costs include all activities as noted on sheet A:

- Admission into 7 Museums/Destinations
- All seminars
- Bus transportation – Wednesday and Thursday (not airport cab)
- 2 meals (Thursday dinner and Saturday lunch)

### Totals:

Special - before May 5<sup>th</sup> - \$195 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$195 = .....

After May 5<sup>th</sup> - \$235 # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$235 = .....

Please print this page and send with a check made out to the Michigan Firehouse Museum to:

**Michigan Firehouse Museum**

**110 West Cross Street**

**Ypsilanti, MI 48194**

**Phone: (734) 547-0663**

Your name.....

Your name on conference badge.....

Your museum's name.....

Mailing address.....

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Telephone.....Email.....

## Hotel:

**Marriott at Eagle Crest**  
**1275 South Huron Street**  
**Ypsilanti, MI 48197**  
**734-487-2000**

Nestled on 135 acres of championship golf, this premier Ann Arbor, Michigan hotel is conveniently located near the Detroit Metro Airport and offers a tranquil park setting and resort-style amenities. Guests enjoy spacious Ann Arbor Ypsilanti hotel accommodations featuring touches of Marriott's finest, including Revive Bedding and sleek, contemporary furnishings.

## Checklist

- **Download conference sign-up sheet (sheet C) and mail back to MFM**
- **Download information sheets A-E**
- **Hotel reservations and confirmation**
  - **Marriott at Eagle Crest – 1-800-MARRIOTT**
  - **\$99 room special – book early (30 rooms available at this price)**
  - **Use block room group code: fmnfmna**  
**or**
  - **Marriott website address:**  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dtwys?groupCode=fnmfma&app=resvlink&fromDate=6/21/11&toDate=6/27/11>
- **Airline reservations, if needed.**

## Some important internet sites:

- Toledo Firefighters Museum: <http://www.toledofiremuseum.com/>
- The Henry Ford: <http://www.thehenryford.org/>
- The Ford Rouge Factory: <http://www.thehenryford.org/rouge/index.aspx>
- The Hands on Museum: <http://www.aahom.org/>
- Jack Miller: <http://www.ypsiautoheritage.org/>
- Ypsilanti Marriott: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/fact-sheet/travel/dtwys-ann-arbor-marriott-ypsilanti-at-eagle-crest/>
- City of Ypsilanti: [www.cityofypsilanti.com](http://www.cityofypsilanti.com)

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**June 22<sup>nd</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday night – Sunday afternoon)**

### **Introduction:**

The Michigan Firehouse Museum is happy to host this year's annual Fire Museum Network Conference in Ypsilanti, Michigan! Networking with other fire museums across the country provides enriching opportunities to exchange ideas, concerns, and questions. It also allows participants to make personal observations about other exhibits and collections, which in turn strengthens each of our resources and makes our museums more dynamic and engaging to our community constituents.

### **General Ypsilanti information:**

The city of Ypsilanti is located approximately forty-five minutes west of Detroit, and only twenty minutes from Detroit Metropolitan Airport. A city of approximately twenty thousand, Ypsilanti boasts a rich heritage as well as a diverse population. Ypsilanti will provide attendees with a variety of dining options, as well as beautiful architectural sights and landscapes.

### **Michigan Firehouse Museum:**

The Michigan Firehouse Museum is located in an original firehouse constructed in 1898, and used by the City of Ypsilanti Fire Department until 1975. The historic fire station was purchased by the Weaver family in 1998 and was incorporated as a 501c3 in 2000. In 2002 the museum was expanded by the addition of a 10,000 square foot wing, which now houses a variety of rotating historic fire apparatus. The Michigan Firehouse Museum's current exhibits focus on the history of firefighting in the state of Michigan and firefighting technology with a special emphasis on Ypsilanti because of our historic building location. Plans are underway for the development of additional educational programs and children's exhibits focusing on fire safety and prevention. The museum is still collecting firefighting equipment and related archival materials and our collections currently include fire truck, extinguishers, bells, helmets, toys and more. Some of the Michigan Firehouse Museum's collection includes apparatus from the colonial period until the 1980s. We also house 25 bells, 50 apparatus, 100 lights and sirens, 200 pieces of Smokey the Bear memorabilia and over 300 fire engine name plates.

## **Registration information:**

**Conference Cost - \$195**

**Includes Admission, Buses, Seminars, 2 meals**

## **Day-to-day breakdown**

### **Wednesday**

Wednesday welcomes participants to Ypsilanti! From Detroit Metropolitan Airport, guests can take Michigan Green Cabs to the hotel. Costs for the cabs can be charged to your room. Registration and informal meet and greet will take place between 4 and 10pm at the Marriott at Eagle Crest. Enjoy some drinks and get to know your fellow conference attendees!

### **Thursday**

Thursday will conclude registration at the hotel with breakfast on your own. Buses will then take participants to the Toledo Fire Museum in Toledo, Ohio where we will enjoy a tour of the 1920s fire station which has been serving as a museum since 1976.

Ypsilanti's Sidetracks is the suggested lunch for the day. Located in historic Depot Town, it has been voted as having the best burger numerous years in a row!

After lunch, buses will take guests to the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum located in the original Ann Arbor fire station, circa 1880s. The fire station has been added-to and converted into a children's science museum.

Dinner will be provided at the Michigan Firehouse Museum, followed up with a tour of the facilities by Curator, Matt Lee. We have both a museum and a storage building.

### **Friday**

Buses will leave at 8am from the Marriott and take participants to the Ford Factory Rouge Assembly Plant in Dearborn, Michigan. The Ford Rouge Factory Tour is a self-guided five-part experience that includes: Legacy Theater, Art of Manufacturing Theater, Observation Deck, Dearborn Truck Plant and the Legacy Gallery.

Conference attendees will then travel to The Henry Ford and Greenfield Village where they will get to experience one of the largest history museums in the country.

## **Saturday**

Saturday will provide attendees with a variety of educational seminars:

8am – Shipping Your Fire Engine, Safety and Security by Brian Brown

9am – Machine and Upholstery by Ryan and Lynda DeVries

11am – Gold Leafing Techniques by Ken Soderbeck

Lunch will be catered and provided at the Michigan Firehouse Museum. Catering will include spaghetti, salad, veggies, rolls and drinks.

1:30 – Museum Lighting and Hardware by David Steinitz

Lighting hardware is changing – Don't plan around your current product.

3:30 – A variety of topics involving museum practices, exhibits, and procedures will be discussed. Attendees are encouraged to bring their questions and ideas as a roundtable format will be utilized.

4:30 – Vehicle Preservation by Bruce Phillips and Mike Riszka

Topics from leather craft to oil for your trucks.

Dinner is on your own and a list of possible restaurants and food options will be handed out.

Join us again at 8pm for a seminar discussion regarding Fundraising Strategies.

## **Sunday**

Weather permitting the Michigan Firehouse Museum will be hosting a mini-muster in Riverside Park. Some of the activities will include:

- Pump a Hand-tub
- Go up in an aerial bucket
- Tiller an Aerial
- Carry water buckets
- Play a hose stream
- Many photo opportunities!