

Come to the Los Angeles Area for the 2012 annual Seminar!
Hosted by the Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society,
HQ will be the LAFD Fire Museum
September 27-30, 2012

We welcome fellow members of the *Fire Museum Network* to join together in learning in a variety of workshops and to visit an array of fire museums in the greater Los Angeles Area.

THURSDAY

Registration will begin Thursday morning at 8 AM at the LAFD Fire Museum.

9AM: the annual Membership Meeting will be chaired by President Tom McDonald.

12:00: Buses will take us to the center of vintage downtown Los Angeles, the Historic Plaza. Here we will break for lunch at a selection of restaurants within walking distance.

1PM: we will convene at the Old Plaza Fire Station, built in 1884, and tour this station which also is home to the local fire buff organization, the Box 15 Club.

2:30PM: we will travel a short distance to the African-American Firefighters Museum, located in Old Fire Station 30. Founder and curator Arnett Hartsfield will give a tour and discuss how he developed the idea of the museum and the efforts to make it a reality.

At the conclusion of the visit to the African-American Firefighters Museum, we will visit the new LAFD Metro Communications Center, also in Downtown Los Angeles.

From the Metro Center we will return to the LA Fire Museum and participants may determine their own plans for dinner.

FRIDAY

Commencing Friday morning will be an array of educational and informative seminars:

8AM: Museum insurance considerations by Bill P, Insurance Consultant

9AM: Disaster preparedness by Richard Moll, Chief Conservator, Autry Western Heritage Museum

10AM: Break

10:15: History of fire apparatus models by John A. Ackerman, LAFDHS

11:00: Importance of replica scale models in museums, by Bill Conley, Executive Director, Ventura County Maritime Museum

11:45: Value of belonging to professional museum organizations, Karen Wade, Director, Homestead Museum

12:15: Lunch!

1:30: Fund Raising with a golf tournament by Roger Gillis, LAFDHS

2:15: Museum lighting by David Steinitz, Fire Ltd.

3:00: Break

3:15: Fire Marks and how to distinguish between a real one and a reproduction, by Bill Pope, VP, Fire Mark Circle of the America's.

4:00: Starting a fire museum from scratch by Don Croucher, California Fire Museum.

5:00: Networking

6:00: Dinner

6:30: LAFD Incident Report by Joe Castro, BC LAFD

SATURDAY

8:30: Travel to the Los Angeles County Fire Museum

11:00: Buses leave for the Long Beach Firefighters Museum

12: Lunch, hosted by the Long Beach Firefighters Museum

1:00 Travel to the LAFD Harbor Museum in San Pedro. Included will be a visit to Old Fireboat 2, the Ralph J. Scott, the new Fireboat 2, the Warner L Lawrence at Fire Station 112.

4-4:30: Buses to return to the LAFD Fire Museum in Hollywood

Dinner will be independent.

SUNDAY

8:30: Closing meeting and evaluations. Board meeting, subject to time/date change.

There is a plethora of museums in the greater Los Angeles Area. To name a few:

The Autry National Center (Western heritage)

The Getty

Travel Town Museum

Peterson Automotive Museum

The Nethercott Museum