



**2013 Fire Museum Network Seminar  
New York City  
September 20 & 21, 2013**



**New York City Fire Museum**  
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Dear Fire Museum Network members,

The [New York City Fire Museum](http://www.nycfiremuseum.org) is proud to host the **2013 Fire Museum Network Seminar**, September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Because of the high hotel rates in Manhattan, the Seminar will be compact, consisting of a day of museum-centric talks on Saturday and a visit to the WTC Memorial in the evening and a day of touring to various FDNY facilities on Sunday.

There will be an informal “hang out” on Friday evening at a historic tavern or restaurant and an optional Monday program for those wishing to stay an extra day. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on both days. As a bonus, those who register **before August 20** will also be mailed a **\$10 Metrocard** in advance to help them get around.

**Registration:**

Because hotel cost will be the major expense for the 2013 seminar, we are keeping the registration as low as possible.

**Early member registration** will be **\$169.00**, and **\$199.00** for non-members.

**Registration after August 20** will be **\$209.00** for members and **\$239.00** for non-members.

**Additional attendees** are \$139 for members and \$169 for non-members, \$169/\$209 after August 20.

**Non-members are encouraged to become a member of the Fire Museum Network for only \$30 and register at the member price.** You can become a Fire Museum Member online at the same time! *Please register early!*

**To register for the seminar online** via secure credit card transaction visit [www.nycfiremuseum.org](http://www.nycfiremuseum.org) and choose “Tickets” under the “Museum Shop” tab. Please choose the item “**2013 FMN SEMINAR: REGISTRATION.**” Remember to include the name of your organization or affiliation followed by your Fire Museum Network Number in the “company” field. In the “special instructions field” please place the name you would like on your name tag and any dietary restrictions. There are also options available for additional attendees from your organization at a discounted price, and an option to become a member of the Fire Museum Network as well.

**If you would like to pay by check**, please use the attached form and make your check payable to: “New York City Fire Museum.”

## **Lodging:**

We have made arrangements with four area hotels. All are roughly in the same price range and offer similar amenities, so they are arranged in the order of convenience of travel to the Museum. When booking, specify “**FIRE MUSEUM NETWORK SEMINAR**” if a specific link isn’t provided.

There are plenty of hotels nearby in SoHo and Greenwich Village, and some may be cheaper, but this selection is based on subway access to our location. **In general, we suggest staying as close to the museum as possible**, especially if you are not familiar with the NYC transit system. If you don’t mind making longer subway trips or taking cabs, we would suggest looking at hotels in the South Street Seaport (some very good deals post-Sandy), the financial district and surprisingly, the Times Square area. Also, there may be hotel “deals” available to you via AAA, Veteran’s discounts, credit card clubs, etc., or flight/hotel packages. For the budget traveler who is comfortable staying outside the city, Brooklyn, Long Island City (Queens), Jersey City and Hoboken may be an option.

**Attendees leaving Sunday evening are welcome to check out of their hotels in the morning and leave their bags at the Museum during the day.**

**Hotels** (listed in order of convenience of travel)

### **Marriott Courtyard New York Manhattan/SoHo**

**CUTOFF DATE: 8/20/2013**

**10 Rooms Available**

**\$289.00 King**

181 Varick Street, New York, NY 10014

888-236-2427 / 212-414-8282

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/nycmt-courtyard-new-york-manhattan-soho/>

The Marriott Courtyard is physically closest to the Museum, approximately three blocks up. The hotel is about 2 years old and has all the modern amenities.

### **Hilton Garden Inn Tribeca:**

**CUTOFF DATE 8/6/2013**

**10 Single Beds, 5 Double Beds Available**

**Single Rooms: \$279.00, Double Rooms: \$289.00**

**GROUP CODE: FNM (NYC Fire Museum group)**

39 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10013

800-560-7843 / 212-966-4091 (use local number or email link for booking)

[http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/N/NYCTRGI-NFM-20130918/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/N/NYCTRGI-NFM-20130918/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

The Hilton Garden Inn opened in 2008 and the C/E subway stop is on the corner, putting the hotel one stop up from the World Trade Center and one stop down from the Fire Museum. *Note the early cutoff date for this hotel.*

### **Sheraton Tribeca**

**CUTOFF DATE 8/20/2013**

**15 Rooms Available**

**\$279.00 King**

370 Canal Street New York, NY 10013

800-325-3535 / 212-966-3400

<http://www.sheratontribeca.com/>

Link for booking: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1304041165&key=D9726>

Like the Marriott Courtyard, the Sheraton Tribeca is only two years old. It’s right on Canal Street, so it’s not the prettiest location but the hotel has all the modern amenities and it is one block from the A/C/E

trains (and one stop away from Spring Street and WTC). It is also a few blocks west of Chinatown if you're looking for a "good deal" on a Rolex or Gucci bag.

### **Cosmopolitan Hotel**

**CUTOFF DATE 8/20/2013**

**15 Rooms Available**

**\$279.00 DOUBLE BED**

95 West Broadway, New York, NY 10007

888-895-9400 / 212-566-1900, to book call 888 number or email [CosmoRes@triumphny.com](mailto:CosmoRes@triumphny.com), mention "New York City Fire Museum"

[www.cosmohotel.com](http://www.cosmohotel.com)

The Cosmopolitan Hotel is the oldest hotel in New York City, although it has been modernized beyond recognition and is currently undergoing renovation. The rooms are smaller than the more modern hotels but it is convenient in that the No. 1 subway train is literally right outside the front door. There are 15 rooms reserved at this location. *Note that this rate is for a double bed, not a king. An upgrade to a deluxe king bed (or two double beds) is \$25 additional, as the deluxe rooms are larger.*

### **Other neighborhood hotel options:**

There are several other hotels in our neighborhood (Hudson Square-SoHo) for those willing to "make a vacation of it." The closest, and most notable, is the **Trump SoHo**. The Trump is the tallest building around and is the luxury hotel where the Jonas Brothers, Justin Bieber and a bunch of other famous models and athletes stay. Rooms start around \$400 a night, but it's only two doors down from us on Spring Street, on the other side of Varick. The next closest is the **Sheraton Four Points**, two blocks up on Charlton Street. It is also a nice new hotel but slightly more expensive than the others listed above (and a lot cheaper than the Trump). Also nearby is the **Hampton Inn Manhattan SoHo**, a brand-new 19 story hotel two blocks down (there has been a hotel boom here if you hadn't noticed). It is more expensive than the Four Points but less expensive than the Trump.

### **Parking:**

Driving in Manhattan isn't a pleasant experience for the uninitiated, but for those arriving by car, there is some on-street parking in the neighborhood. The Edison ParkFast next door to us has a \$15 weekend day-rate and we are working to secure a \$10 promotion for the weekend. They also have overnight rates.

**We're looking forward to welcoming you to the New York City!** We will be following up with additional information about getting around town safely, additional attractions and schedule changes. Until then, visit [www.nycfiremuseum.org](http://www.nycfiremuseum.org) and check out the sections under the "Visit Us" tab.

Sincerely, Damon Campagna

Executive Director, New York City Fire Museum  
[director@nycfiremuseum.org](mailto:director@nycfiremuseum.org)



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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliate museum \_\_\_\_\_

Additional name (same affiliation) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional name (same affiliation) \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Museum Network Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Telephone (for emergency contact during Seminar only): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Member registration, **\$169.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to become an Annual Member of Fire Museum Network, Inc.  
and be able to register at the member price, **\$30.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to become a member and will pay the full price  
for the Seminar, **\$199.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional attendee, member **\$139.00 (max. 3)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional attendee, non-member **\$169.00 (max. 3)**

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please write checks to: "New York City Fire Museum" and include this form with your payment. Mail to:

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Attn: FMN Seminar

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**TENTATIVE Schedule of Events (4/22/2013)**  
*Italics = unconfirmed, times include travel*

**9/20 Friday Schedule:**

1500—1800 FMN Board Meeting (officers only, at Fire Museum)  
1900 – 2100 Informal networking at Ear Inn or Fraunces Tavern

**9/21 Saturday Schedule:**

0800 – 0900 Check-in and light breakfast  
0900 – 0915 Kick-off, Opening Remarks by FDNY Fire Commissioner Salvatore Cassano  
0915 – 0945 History of the FDNY's collection and the New York City Fire Museum  
1000 – 1045 Josiah Wagoner: Metal and Brass Preservation  
1100 – 1145 David Steinitz: LED Lighting  
  
1200 – 1300 LUNCH Catered  
  
1300 – 1345: Gary Urbanowicz: Researching and Recording Your Community's Fire History  
1400 – 1445: Helmet restoration with Lauren Paige Isaacs  
1500 – 1545: Cataloging a collection with Past Perfect (with Bob Shea, Fireman's Hall, Philadelphia)  
1600 – 1630: Fire Museum Network members meeting  
1630 – 1730: Gift shop and fundraising panel discussion (continuation of FMN meeting)

*DINNER at museum, catered, if WTC trip is Saturday night. If WTC is Sunday, then programming concludes, members on their own.*

1930 –2130: September 11 Tribute Center curator's tour and World Trade Center memorial waterfalls tour  
(COULD MOVE TO SUNDAY)

**9/22 Sunday Schedule**

0800 – 0900 Assemble at Museum, light breakfast  
0900 – 1100 FDNY Fire Zone  
1100 – 1130 Rockefeller Center (photo op)  
1130 – 1430 Catered lunch and tour of "The Shops" in Long Island City, Queens  
1430—1730 FDNY Fireboat 343 cruise  
*1730 – 1900 Dinner (not included) at John J. Harvey fireboat (possible meeting with Harvey volunteer crew on maintenance, fundraising, etc.) or other location – weather dependent.*

**9/23 Monday: TBD**

Depending on interest and those staying for Monday programming, potential trips:

*Historic Richmond Town, Staten Island (curator's tour, collection of fire memorabilia)*

*MTA Transit Museum (curator's tour, large-scale vehicles, similar collection issues)*

*New York Historical Society*