

2014 Fire Museum Network Seminar

Jeffersonville, Indiana (across the Ohio River from Louisville, KY)

Schedule **(as of July 28, 2014)**

Unless otherwise noted, events take place at the Clarion Hotel, 505 Marriott Dr.,
Clarksville, IN; tel. 812-283-4411

Thursday, November 6

4:00 PM-6:00 – Fire Museum Network Board Meeting, Clarion Hotel

7:00-9:00 – Registration and Socializing, Clarion Hotel

- Hospitality room open 7:00-10:00.
- There is a full restaurant and a bar at the hotel. There are several good eateries along the river, in downtown Jeffersonville, in downtown New Albany, and in downtown Louisville.
- Derby Dinner Theatre, next to the hotel, will be presenting “The Game’s Afoot.” Doors open at 6 for a buffet dinner; curtain is at 7:45. \$41. Tel. 877-898-8577. Performances every evening and Sunday matinee; prices vary. (Discounts for AAA, military, and orders made through the Clarion.)

Friday, November 7

Breakfast on own

8:00 AM on – Registration (Hotel)

8:00 – Hospitality room open

9:00 – Welcome and Announcements

9:30 – “Running a Museum 101,” Sally Newkirk, Director, Carnegie Museum

10:45 – “Don’t Miss Out: Record Oral History,” Prof. Diane Reid, Indiana University Southeast, comments by Margaret Coghlan, Buffalo Fire Historical Society

12:00 – Lunch (provided)

1:00 – “Here’s What’s Happening: Reports from Fire Museums Around the Country,” 3-minute presentations from representatives of the Fire Museums (power-points, DVD’s, etc. welcome but not necessary)

2:30 – “Pull in the Motor Coaches: Do’s and Don’ts,” Nicole Twigg, Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau

3:45 – “Ahrens-Fox: Quite a Story!,” Matt Lee, Plymouth, MI

5:00 – Socializing in the Hospitality Room

Dinner on own

7:30 – Touring the Vintage Fire Museum and Safety Education Center (features the Fred Conway collection and several additions) and the Annex; presentation with questions and answers on the formation of the museum. 723 Spring St., Jeffersonville, IN

Saturday, November 8

Breakfast on own

8:15 – Leave from hotel on buses; some information provided on the buses

10:15 – Tour Cincinnati Fire Museum; presentation on the museum and on

Cincinnati firefighting history
11:45 – Lunch (provided) at the Cincinnati museum
12:30 – Travel by bus to Madison, Indiana
2:00 – Tour the new, privately operated Madison Fire Museum; presentation on the museum and local firefighting history
3:00 – Travel by bus to Louisville, KY
4:15 – Tour the Louisville Fire Museum; presentation on the museum and local firefighting history
5:00 – Return by bus to hotel
Dinner on own (hotel has a prime rib buffet that evening)
Evening free

Sunday, November 9

Breakfast on own
8:00 – Hospitality room open
9:30 – “Designing a New Exhibit: Basic Concepts,” Steve Heaver, Fire Museum of Maryland
10:30 – “Horses’ Tales/Tails: The Realities and Romance of the Fire Horse – A Program in Honor of Kentucky Horse Country,” David Lewis, Aurora Regional Fire Museum
11:30 – Brunch (provided)
12:30 – “Adding Motion and Interest to Your Safety Displays,” Bill Hall, Central Ohio Fire Museum
1:30 – “Using Your Fire Museum to Teach STEM,” Prof. James Hollenbeck, Indiana University Southeast
2:45 – “Ask People With Experience: Panel Discussion on Improving Our Museums”
4:30 – Walking the Big Four Bridge (optional); possible display of Ahrens-Fox engines at the Vintage Fire Museum
6:00 Dinner on own (hotel dining room might not be open)
Evening free

Monday, November 10

Breakfast on own
8:30 – Leave by bus for visit to a Kentucky Horse Farm and tour of two bourbon distilleries in the Frankfort area. Lunch provided. Special registration and fee required for this trip.
4:30 – Return to hotel

There are, of course, many other things to see and do while in this area. (Downtown Louisville is less than 10 minutes away by car.) Examples include the Louisville Slugger bat factory and museum, the Muhammad Ali Center/Museum, the Frazier History Museum, Churchill Downs (the fall meet will be in full swing; racing is at 12:40 PM Wed. through Sun.), the Churchill Downs Museum, the Howard Steamboat Museum, Falls of the Ohio, a nearby casino, several historical sites, and much more. There are also plenty of shopping opportunities including art galleries and antique stores.