



2019 Fire Museum Seminar Los Angeles, CA - September 26, 27, 28

GREETINGS!

The Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society is happy to host this year's annual Fire Museum Network Conference in Hollywood California! 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.

This year our programs will include discussions about the creation of the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), the History of St. Florian - the Saint of Firefighters, Hollywood and firemen, and computerized museum security. Additional programs are in the planning stage. Tours will include visits to the Los Angeles County Fire Museum, Long Beach Fire Museum – where we will have dinner, and a visit to LAFD Air Operations at Van Nuys Airport. A ride on Fire Boat 2 is still in the planning stage.

We hope that you will enjoy your visit to Los Angeles and the programs that we are preparing for you.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in September!

— Donald S. Dodd - Vice-President and Curator,
Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society,

YOUR HOST (LAFD HISTORICAL SOCIETY):

The Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society dates back October 13, 1960. Fireman Bob Foster was appointed the department's official historian by the Fire Commission. Foster dedicated himself to the history of the department and was effective in his position.

In 1981, Acting Chief Engineer Alan R. Evanson created a committee to support the history of the department. Two current members, Don Dodd and William Dahlquist were a part of that committee. The committee evolved into a formal organization, initially named "Olde 23s" based on the belief that the entity would be housed in old Fire Station 23. Early board meetings took place in City Hall East and minutes were delivered to the Chief Engineer, along with suggestions on action to be taken related to committee requirements and action. In 1998, Olde 23s (later renamed the Los Angeles Fire Dept. Historical Society) became a IRS (501c3) non-profit charity. In 2001, Fire Station 27, rebuilt following significant earthquake damage, was slated to become a community center. With some dedicated commitment on the part of a number of local officials, historical society members, and LAFD management, the Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society (renamed from Olde 23s) was given a long-term lease on the building by the city. In the years that followed, the LAFDHS developed an inventory of more than 30 pieces of LA-based firefighting apparatus, thousands of artifacts (some dating back to the 1880s), and hundreds of hours of film and video.

Today, the LAFDHS is home to the Fallen Firefighter Memorial, located in front of the Station 27 Museum in the heart of Hollywood, California. A second regional facility, Station 36 Museum, is based in San Pedro. The organization is also the caretaker of Old Fire Boat No. 2, the Ralph J. Scott, the longest serving piece of apparatus in the city's history at 77 years.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:

The recommended host hotel for this year's FMN Seminar is the Hampton Inn & Suites - Hollywood. They are the closest hotel (located ½ mile from our meeting place). Transportation will be provided for those unable walk that distance. A block of 30 rooms has been reserved with a reduced rate is \$195.00 per night, plus tax. This rate is good for three-nights (September 26, 27 and 28 – with check out on Sunday, September 29). You MUST BOOK YOUR ROOM BY August 25, 2019 to get this rate — after that, rooms will be at their normal rate.

To reserve a discounted room, call the Hampton Inn & Suites Hollywood at (323)-952-6900 and mention that you are with the, "**Fire Museum Network.**".

AIRPORT:

Hollywood is conveniently served by both Los Angeles (LAX) and Burbank (BUR) airports. A variety of airport shuttles (Super Shuttle, Prime Time) serve the hotel, and can be found outside the baggage claim area of the terminals. We would also recommend meeting up with others and ride-sharing with UBER or LIFT to the hotel.

QUESTIONS:

Any questions or registration issues, please call Don Dodd (LAFDHS) at: 1-626-716-7216

Tentative schedule for the 2019 Fire Museum Seminar in Los Angeles:

Thursday, September 26:

- 2 PM FMN Board Meeting in LAFDHS museum library
- 4:30 Welcome reception and registration at LAFDHS museum, a 1/2 mile (11 minute) walk from the hotel. Nametags and seminar packets can be picked up; food, drink, and networking space available; and a list of area restaurants will be provided.

Friday, September 27:

- Complimentary breakfast provided at hotel.
- 8:30 Continue with registrations and picking up packets at LAFD museum. Meeting will be on the Museums second floor (we have an elevator)
- 9:00 Welcoming members and announcements, including FMN President Bob Heckman, Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas, President and Vice President of LAFDHS and Tom McDonald on History of FMN and introducing special guests.
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 Annual FMN Membership Meeting
- 11:00 Bragging about what's new with members own organizations
- Noon Lunch (provided)
- 1:15 Presentation: Michael Kuk — The History of St. Florian
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 Presentation (TBD)
- 3:30 Break
- 3:45 Presentation (TBD)
- 4:45 Free time. Check list to see restaurant locations for dinner on you own. Museum open for Networking in evening until 10:00 PM

Saturday, September 28:

- 8:30 Welcome and Announcements
- 9:00 Presentation (TBD)
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Presentation: Frank Borden — The Father of the CERT Program
- 11:15 Early Lunch and networking (provided)
- 12:45 Board bus to Visit L.A. County Fire Department Museum in Bellflower
- 1:30 Visit both new and old locations of their museums
- 3:45 Bus down to Long Beach Fire Museum.
- 4:30 Early dinner at Long Beach Fire Museum
- 6:00 Bus over to location of LAFD Boat 2 at F.S. 112. Boat ride
- 8:30 Time for networking

Sunday, September 28

- 9:00 Board bus to Fire Station 114, Air Operations, to visit Fire Helicopters and how LAFD works with them.
- 1:00 Back to museum

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Name: _____ Name (on seminar tag): _____

Name of affiliated museum/org.: _____

Additional Name (partner/spouse): _____ Name (on tag): _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Cell phone (First Reg's) _____

“EARLY” Registration - postmarked BEFORE Aug. 20, 2019

[___] EARLY FMN-Member @ \$125 each = \$ _____

[___] EARLY Non-Member @ \$165 each = \$ _____

“LATE” Registration - postmarked after Aug. 20, 2019

[___] LATE FMN-Member @ \$150 each = \$ _____

[___] LATE FMN-Member @ \$190 each = \$ _____

Total Enclosed - \$ _____

Mail this completed registration form (with a check payable to the “Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society”) to:

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If you prefer to pay electronically, email this registration form to: denverfireman@hotmail.com, and send the total amount via the PayPal link on the home page.

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