



2018 Pennsylvania Association of Hazardous Materials Technicians

Annual Conference

August 23, 2018 – August 26, 2018

Attendee Information Sheet

2018 Conference Highlights

The 2018 Pennsylvania Association of Hazardous Materials Technicians Conference will be held August 23, 2018 through August 26, 2018 at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort and Conference Center at 777 Water Wheel Drive, Champion, Pennsylvania, 15622. We are looking forward to your participation in another great conference this year.

The conference registration site is not currently open but will be soon. A link to the conference registration site will be posted on the Pennsylvania Association of Hazardous Material Technicians website at www.PAHazMat.com once available.

Conference Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, August 22, 2018: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Early Registration (Get your registration packet before activities start on Thursday Morning)

Thursday, August 23, 2018: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Registration Open

Thursday, August 23, 2018: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Opening session and classes

Friday, August 24, 2018: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Classes

Friday, August 24, 2018: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Lunch in Exhibit Hall area

Friday, August 24, 2018: 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Vendor Area Open and Vendor Product Demonstrations/Presentations

Friday, August 24, 2018: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Dinner in the Vendor Area

Saturday, August 25, 2018: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Classes all day

Saturday, August 25, 2018: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Annual BBQ Dinner

Sunday, August 26, 2018: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM: Closing General Session and Breakfast

Full conference “Early Bird” registration fee is \$325.00 per person. Full conference registration after July 25, 2018 is \$375.00 per person. No refunds for cancellations after July 31, 2018** One day attendance is \$175.00 - regardless of the purpose for your visit.

Hotel Reservations

For hotel reservations, call the Seven Springs Resort and Conference Center 1-800-452-2223 and tell the agent that you are with the 2018 Pennsylvania Association of Hazardous Materials Technicians Conference to receive the discounted room rate or book online at:

<https://hotel.7springs.com/default.aspx?p=&arrival=08/22/2018&depart=08/26/2018&adults=2&children=0&rooms=1&group=8BI8H5&multirop=H&bookingstep=1>

Rooms are available at this rate until July 25, 2018 or the room block is sold out.



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Opening Key Note Speaker, Thursday August 24, 2018

Chief Rick Lasky

Chief Rick Lasky, a 37-year veteran of the fire service, served as chief of the Lewisville (TX) Fire Department for 12 years, prior to that as Fire Chief in Coeur d'Alene Idaho. Most recently, he was interim Chief for the Trophy Club (TX) Fire Department. Rick followed in his father's footsteps beginning his career as a firefighter in the suburbs on the southwest side of Chicago and while in Illinois received the 1996 International Society of Fire Service Instructors "Innovator of the Year" award for his part in developing the "Saving Our Own" program. Throughout his 30-plus years in the fire service he has served as a career and volunteer firefighter. He served as the co-lead instructor for the H.O.T. Firefighter Survival program at FDIC for over 10 years, is a long-standing editorial advisory board member for Fire Engineering Magazine and also serves on the FDIC advisory board. Rick is the author of the best-selling books "Pride and Ownership-A Firefighter's Love of the Job" and "Five Alarm Leadership: From the Firehouse to the Fireground" published by PennWell Books and is the co-host for the radio show "The Command Post" heard on Fire Engineering Talk Radio. In 2017, he was the recipient of the Tom Brennan Lifetime Achievement Award.

Closing Key Note Speakers, Sunday August 26, 2018

The HazMat Guys

The HazMat Guys will close our conference with the following presentation: The Haz-Mat Team Leader, Who's Laughing Now? Years ago, some of those in public safety as well as some in our military, looked upon the training in and response to, Hazardous Materials incidents as a burden, something we shouldn't be involved in and in some cases as a joke. Those who trained and dedicated themselves to the handling of these incidents were often ridiculed and made fun of. Well times have changed and due to recent events, many now realize just how invaluable those trained in Haz-Mat truly are in the protection of those we serve, not just in North America, but world-wide. So, who's laughing now?

Classes and Presentations this year:

The following is a snap-shop of classes and presentations for the 2018 conference. Full class descriptions will be available on the registration site.

- Five Alarm Leadership: Real Leadership with Real People, Chief Rick Lasky
- Hazardous Materials Operations Refresher – with Pro-Board Pilot Certification Exam, Office of State Fire Commissioner
- Ammonia Safety Program, David Binder
- Encapsulator Technology: Ron Lowery
- Advanced Air Monitoring: Office of State Fire Commissioner, instructor TBD
- Bonding Class, Mark Gutekunst
- SHRP National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training and PennTIME Overview, Todd Leiss



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- Hazardous Materials Incident Management: The Eight Step Process by Greg Noll
- High Flammable Trains: Facts, Myths and Realities by Greg Noll
- Field Identification of Explosives and Chemicals and Identification of the Unknown, Rick Houghton and Mike Nagle
- Connecting the Dots, from Carbon Monoxide to Fentanyl, Bob Coschigano
- Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center (IMAAC) Overview, Leonard Willitts, Jr.
- MC-306 and DOT-406 Cargo Tank Emergency Response, Michael Moore
- Compressed Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training (C-MERRTT), Mark Linsley
- Rail Car Incident Response for Crude, Ethanol and other Flammable Liquids, Findlay University
- Electrostatic Decontamination, Federal Resources
- Foam Technician Class, Office of State Fire Commissioner, instructor TBD
- Leak Mitigation using Emergency Water Injections, Ron Huffman
- Calibration with Pentane, Connor Hadaway and Steve Clark
- Lions, Tigers and Bears: The Problem with Post-Fire Air Monitoring, Connor Hadaway and Steve Clark
- From Meth Labs to Chemical Suicide, Are you Ready, Bob Coschigano
- Hazardous Materials Team Certification Directive Update, Mike Manley
- Planes, Trains and Automobiles, Frank Docimo
- Detection During Transportation Emergencies, Frank Docimo
- Norfolk Southern Update Session, Scott Duesch
- Case Studies and Lessons Learned, Drew McCarty