

South Dakota Firefighters Association Fall Fire Conference

**30 September – 2 October 2022
Fort Pierre, SD**

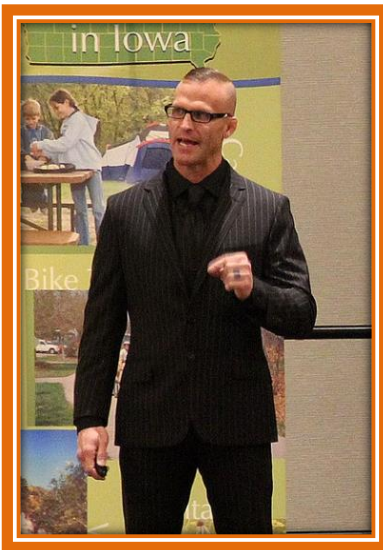


South Dakota Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service

**Sunday, 2 October 2022
Capitol Lake Memorial Site
Pierre, SD**



Our Sdfa Fall Conference Speakers



Dr. David Griffin, a native of Charleston, SC, and CFD Officer, has a Doctorate of Education in organizational leadership and development, training organizations across the globe on the importance of moving away from "**the way we've always done it**" mentality. He speaks about the Sofa Super Store fire and has helped with massive reforms in how firefighters are trained as well as how executives lead their teams. Griffin has dedicated his life to spreading the message of change to all types of organizations.



Jason Patton is a 12-year career firefighter/paramedic and creator of the video series Fire Department Chronicles which has amassed 1.4 million followers and over 150 million views. Patton is vice president of Fire Department Coffee and a board member and spokesperson for the Heroes Cup, which works with NHL teams such as the Boston Bruins and the Tampa Bay Lightning to raise money for first responders in need. He is an advocate for first responder mental health, attempting to **break the stigma associated with those seeking help** for mental health or substance abuse issues.



SDFA Fall Fire Conference Schedule

**AmericInn Hotel Conference Center
30 Sept – 2 Oct 2022 - Fort Pierre, SD**

All times Central Standard Time

Friday 30 September

0830 - 1200 SDFA Board of Directors meetings

100 – 330cst - Joint Council of Emergency Services Mtg – Conference Center

500-700pm - Registration at AmericInn Conference Center

600-800pm - **Meet and Greet** Sponsored Social (hors d'oeuvres & cash bar)
at Conference Center

Saturday 1 October

0800 Registration

0900 -1030 General Membership Meeting & Discussions

1030 -1045 Break

1045 -1200 Conference Center Sessions



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Fire Department Chronicles.**

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Dr. David Griffin, a native of Charleston, SC, and retired CFD Officer,

“Moving away from *the way we've always done it.*”

1200 -100 Dinner – (included with your registration)

100 - 230 Conference Center – Sessions Continue

230 - 245 Break

245 - 400 Conference Center Session continues

530 Dear Old Timers & Conference Social



Sunday 2 October

0800 - 900 Continental Breakfast (included with your registration)

0900-1030 Conference Center – Final Session and Membership Discussions

200pm CST Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service – Memorial Site at Capitol Lake/Rotunda



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Welcome to the South Dakota Firefighters Association Fall Conference

The South Dakota Firefighters Association Board of Directors welcome all of you to the SDFA Fall Fire Conference, General Membership Meetings, and Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service.

The idea of an emergency services conference had been a thought and discussion by the SDFA Board in past years. The intent is to bring speakers and sessions that will be meaningful to the challenges of emergency services.

We all know there is no one-size-fits-all solution to these challenges. But with the discussions they will be leading, just maybe, you'll find something that might be a good fit for something at your department.

This year's Fall Conference will have two gentlemen that bring their experiences with topics important to volunteer and career services. Dr. David Griffin and Jason Patten will discuss and demonstrate that lessons learned, from fortunate and unfortunate situations, need to be passed along.

I hope you all take part in the social events at the conference, as well as, take in some of what the Fort Pierre and Pierre area has to offer. Relaxing and socializing can be equally educational, entertaining, and memorable.

We will be concluding with the Fallen Firefighters Memorial service on Sunday afternoon at 200pm. The short service is to honor all of those who have fallen in the execution of firefighting duties in South Dakota.

The service takes place at the Memorial Site by Capitol Lake. In case of inclement weather, we will have it in the Capitol Building Rotunda.



I consider it a privilege to have met the people I have come to know through my time in the fire service. As my fire family continues to grow across our state and the country, I am thankful for the opportunities, friendships, and memories it has provided for my family and me.

Stay safe, and God Bless,
Charlie Kludt
SDFA President



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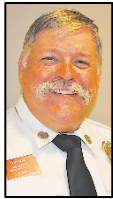
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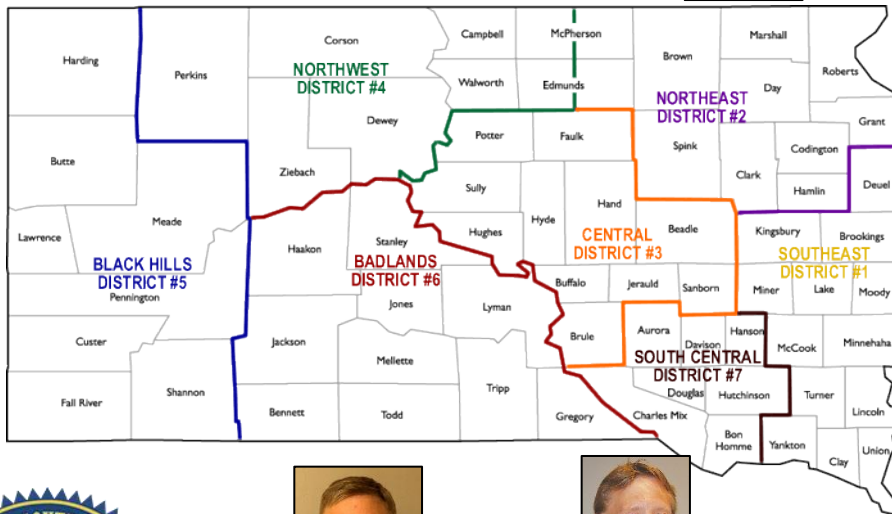
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SD Firefighters Association Membership

100% Department Membership - \$25.00 per member, per calendar year (Jan-Dec).

Please include a complete list of department members and their mailing addresses with your application for 100% membership.

Department Only Membership - \$100.00 / year

Individual Only Membership– \$50.00 /year

Mail to: Attn: Denny Gorton, Secretary
South Dakota Firefighters Assn.
PO BOX 1884
Rapid City, SD 57709



100% Department Membership provides the following:

- \$25.00 Per Rostered Firefighter
- SD Firefighter newspaper mailed monthly to each rostered member
- Voting Privileges at SDFA Membership meetings and elections
- Basic \$10,000 of Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) insurance. 24 hrs/day
- \$10K of Line of Duty Health and fire related health incidents, i.e. heart attack, stroke, others
- Purchase up to \$250,000 additional AD&D for \$45 per \$50,000
- *Discount registration to State Fire School*

DEPARTMENT ONLY

- \$100.00 per department
- 1 copy of the SD Firefighter newspaper mailed to the department monthly
- No Voting
- Allows individuals to purchase an individual membership and get basic insurance coverages

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

- \$50.00 per individual
- 1 copy of the SD Firefighter newspaper mailed to the individual monthly
- No Voting
- No Insurance eligibility (unless department is SDFA Department Only members)



SD Firefighter Newspaper

- We publish a monthly newspaper which keeps our 100% membership up-to-date on fire events throughout the State. The newspaper is sent to all State legislators, the congressional delegation, Governor, Secretary of Public Safety, and Secretary of Agriculture.
- Discount Drug Network card which can be used by you, family, friends, and neighbors.

See the SDFA website at www.sdfirefighters.org for the latest information



South Dakota Firefighters Lifetime Membership

Firefighter and Year the year their Lifetime Membership was Granted

Art Summer—1968 *
Gerald A. Brinkman—1987
A.E. "Murph" Anthony—1988 *
Joseph Egger—1988 *
Richard "Bud" Gould—1989
Lloyd Erickson—1990
Squire Broel—1990
James E. Tish—1993
Gail Johnson—1993
Patrick Smith—1996
Orlen Norgaard—1996
Oliver "Ole" Olson—1996
Dale Hartmann—2005



Don Opie – 2005
Russ Hendrix – 2008
LeRoy Koopman - 2010
Chuck Jarding – 2011
Ben Huber – 2011
Jesse Luce – 2011
Paul Smith – 2015*
Mike Ball - 2017
Duane Hofer - 2018
Dennis Gorton - 2018
Tarzan Mullinix - 2021
Glenn Sealey - 2022
Reuben Vollmer – 2022

*indicates awarded posthumously

See the SDFA website at www.sdfirefighters.org for nomination information

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The purpose of the South Dakota Firefighter Auxiliary shall be to promote friendship among the members of the South Dakota Firefighters, to counsel local auxiliaries and to cooperate with the South Dakota Firefighters Association and Annual State Fire School.

Auxiliary members are composed of all or any persons affiliated, associated or involved with active, retired or deceased firefighters.



Dear Old Timers

Dear Old Timers (DOTs) is a gathering of firefighters, husbands and wives, and families and friends of the fire service. Some with a few weeks, to over 50 years!

The DOTs Social will be held at the conference center Saturday evening after the sessions are complete for the day.

Everyone is invited. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be provided.



Come and enjoy new acquaintances, longtime friendships and reminisce at Dear Old Timers.

If you wish to be an official member or donate, \$10.00 Membership dues to DOT are used to assist funding the annual scholarship given to a high school senior.



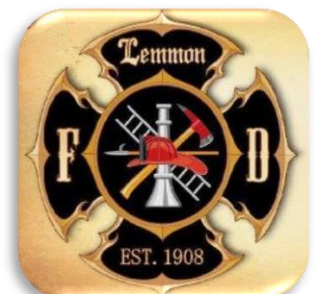
FUTURE FIRE SCHOOLS

The South Dakota Firefighters Association & Auxiliary
Watertown Convention & Visitors Bureau
and Lake Area Technical College

look forward to South Dakota State Fire School

in

Watertown, SD
June 15-16-17, 2023





SOUTH DAKOTA FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL SERVICE

October 2, 2022

Posting of Flags: Honor Guard and Pipes & Drums

Opening Prayer

Welcome: SDFA President

Remarks: SD Fire Marshal

Memorial Message

Roll of Honor and Placing of Roses

Moment of Silence in Respect and Honor

Reading of Firefighters Prayer

Benediction

Firefighter's Prayer

When I am called to duty God, wherever flames may rage,
Give me the strength to save some life,
Whatever be their age.

Help me embrace a little child before it is too late,
Or save an older person from the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me,
To guard my every neighbor and protect his property.

And if, according to my fate, I am to lose my life,
Please, bless with your protecting hand those who meant the
most to me, in my earthly life.

Amen



South Dakota Fallen Firefighters Memorial



Honor Roll of Those Who Have Made the Supreme Sacrifice



Oscar Pearson — Brandon Volunteer Fire Department

John J. Korpi — Lead Fire Department

Charles E. Larson — Sioux Falls Fire Department

Leonard Evans — Rapid City Fire Department

Elmer Pontius — Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department

Robert Stephens — Rapid City Fire Department

George Carter — Rapid City Fire Department

George Sumners — Rapid City Fire Department

Henry Tank — Rapid City Fire Department

William H. Walker — State Fire Marshal

Paul Babue — Rapid City Fire Department

Jim Thompson — Rapid City Fire Department

Ervin Voegele — Civilian Conservation Corp.

Alex Kiesz — Bowdle Volunteer Fire Department

William Earl Burd — Martin Volunteer Fire Department

Ellsworth Gussler — Miller Volunteer Fire Department

Seigfried Hoogestraat — Miller Volunteer Fire Department

Merle Juhl — Miller Volunteer Fire Department

Lyle Haigh — Miller Volunteer Fire Department

Ernest Watson — McIntosh Volunteer Fire Department

Tom C. Masters — Sioux Falls Fire Department



South Dakota Fallen Firefighters Memorial



Donald Marso — Pierre Volunteer Fire Department
Marvin Willey — Rapid City Fire Department
Richard McDonald — Rapid City Fire Department
Wayne Schlosser — Timber Lake Volunteer Fire Department
Curtis Dean Mikkelsen — Hurley Volunteer Fire Department
Robert Buhler — Delmont Volunteer Fire Department
Dave Martin — Opal Volunteer Fire Department
Roger McMillin — Martin Volunteer Fire Department
Nathan Hamro — Renner Volunteer Fire Department

Donald E. DeVries — Belvidere Volunteer Fire Department
Gerald “Jerry” Martinez — US Forest Service
Thomas “Emmett” Kuehl — Elkton Volunteer Fire Department
Leon James Lehmen — Cleghorn Volunteer Fire Department
Trampus Haskvitz – Hot Springs – SD Wildland Fire Suppression
William Waldner – Sunset Hutterite Colony
Jacob Waldner – Sunset Hutterite Colony

Lt Col Paul Mikreal – North Carolina Air National Guard
Major Joseph McCormick – North Carolina Air National Guard
Major Ryan Davis – North Carolina Air National Guard
SMSgt Robert Cannon - North Carolina Air National Guard
Dale Englund – Stockholm Volunteer Fire Department
Steven Ackerman – Valley Springs Volunteer Fire Department
David Ruhl – US Forest Service – Rapid City
Donny Manger – Presho Volunteer Fire Department
David Fischer – Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department
Dwain Hudson – Argyle Volunteer Fire Department



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