

“MONTANA STATE FIRE SERVICE: MOTIVATING FROM WITHIN”

Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department, Montana State Volunteer Firefighter’s Association, and Fire Service Training School, would like to invite you to attend the 2009 MSVFFA Convention being held in Hamilton on June 11th, 12th, 13th, 2009.

We have chosen the theme, “Montana State Fire Service: Motivating from within,” because we are attempting to use the resources available to us from within the State of Montana to motivate our own. The more we talked to our fellow firefighters around the State, in an attempt to find out interest levels of training, the more we realized we had everything we need right in front of us. Not only has there been interest in the highly skilled and respected educators at the Fire Service Training School, but also plenty of interest in some of the major incidents that have occurred across the State in the last year.

With that in mind, this year’s training is coming together quite nicely. We have talked to the Chiefs of some of the major fire incidents this last year, ie, Huntley High School, Bozeman downtown, Miles City downtown, Whitehall downtown, who are willing to come to our convention and share their experience. The tremendous interest comes from the fact that the common thread with most departments in the State is the fact that we all have a downtown or school structure to protect. These incidents, facilitated by John Culbertson, Central Valley Fire Dept. and FSTS, promise to be an exciting and fulfilling learning experience for all of us.

The construction of the new FSTS live burn trailer will be completed and will be making its debut in Hamilton. Make sure you bring your turnout gear to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity and be some of the first to try it out.

Additional training we are attempting to put together will include current 2009 legislative action, fire investigation, RIT training, basic land-based swift water rescue techniques, basic trench rescue techniques, and more. Add in some games, good food, good friends, and camaraderie, and you have the makings of one hell of a convention.

Further inquiries and registration forms can be obtained from our web page at www.hamiltonfire.net or call Troy Crawford, Convention Chairman, at 406-369-3118. **DON’T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET SOME GOOD TRAINING AND HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH FRIENDS FROM ACROSS MONTANA!!!!!!**

Thank you for your consideration in attending the convention. Hamilton Firefighters will do everything we can to make sure your stay in Hamilton is productive and well worth the money spent to attend.

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57th Annual State Volunteer Fire Fighters Convention

June 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2009 Hamilton, Montana

Thursday June 11th

12:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Registration at Fire Hall
 12:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. Golf Tournament at Hamilton Golf Club
 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Executive Board Meeting – Upstairs Fire Hall
 7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. B.B.Q. Get together at Hamilton V.F.D.- Sponsored by campaigning departments for next convention

Friday June 12th

6:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast at Hamilton High School
 7:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Registration at Hamilton High School
 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Executive Board Meeting (HHS Room TBD)
 9:15 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Welcome, General Business, Committee Meetings (at Hamilton High School Performing Arts Center)
 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Training Sessions
 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. Lunch with Vendors
 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Training Sessions
 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. No Host Cocktail at Bedford Building
 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Banquet at Bedford Building Sponsored by LN Curtis and Sons
 9:00 P.M. - ? Dance to follow Banquet at Bedford Building

Saturday June 13th

6:30 A.M. – 8:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast at Hamilton High School
 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. Business Meeting, Committee Reports (Location TBD)
 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Training Session
 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. Lunch with Vendors
 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Training Sessions
 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. General Meeting, Closing at HHSPAC
 6:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. Parade – route will be announced
 6:30 P.M. - ? Picnic, Water Games, Claudia Driscoll Park
 Picnic Sponsored by Rocky Mtn LP Association

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Convention Training and Speaker Agenda
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Hamilton, Mt
June 11th, 12th, 13th, 2009

Friday June 12th

10:00-12:00

RIT Training—Tools and Tactics
FSTS
Fire Investigation Class
--Dick Larson, Deputy State Fire Marshall
Highway Safety
--Brett Gregr, VFIS
Legislative Resolutions/Exec Board Mtg
--Leonard Lundby/Executive Board

12:00-2:00

Lunch with Vendors
Vendor Displays

2:00-5:00

2009 Montana Major Incidents
--John Culbertson, Facilitator
FSTS, Central Valley Fire
--Whitehall Main Street Fire
Chief Rick Straus, Whitehall Fire
--Huntley High School Fire
Chief Lance Taylor, Worden Fire
--Bozeman Main Street Fire
Chief Jason Shrauger, Bozeman Fire
--Miles City Main Street Fire
Chief Derrick Rodgers, Miles City Fire

Saturday June 13th

9:00-12:00

FSTS New Burn Trailer
----Craig Jeppson, FSTS

Land-Based Swift Water Rescue
-----Ravalli County Srch & Rescue

Trench Rescue—Tools & Tactics
-----Jason Caughey, FSTS

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