

**Program Schedule for the  
The Federation of Fire Chaplains 44th Annual Conference 2023**

**Host by**

**All First Responders Matter Foundation Cooperation**

**St. Petersburg, Fl.**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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**Pre-conference**

Friday (October 13): Instructor's Class & first day of CISM Class.

Saturday & Sunday (October 14 & 15): CISM, ASSIST & FFC Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy Class.

Sunday morning (October 15): Protestant Services and Catholic Mass

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Sunday evening: Traveler's Rest Reception at the hotel. Light dinner provided.

**Monday...**

8:15-8:45 Devotional

9:00-9:25 Executive Director Jimmie Duncan Welcome Address & Remarks

9:30-9:50 Sponsor's Spotlight

10:00-10:45 Welcome program by host committee.

11:00-11:40 Keynote speaker Chaplain Tommy Neiman. Saint Lucie County Fire Rescue. Author of Sirens for the Cross.

11:45-11:50 Instructions from host

**11:50- Load up on buses**

**12:15- Buses depart for Tarpon Springs Sponge Exchange**

**1:00-4:30 Networking and Visit to the Greek Town. Lunch on the Sponge Docks.  
(On your own.)**

**Walk, talk, shop or take a tour boat ride down the Anclote River into the Gulf of Mexico.**

**4:30 Meet at the bus for a short ride to dinner.**

5:00- 6:30 Dinner (**provided**) at First United Methodist Church, Tarpon Springs

6:30-10:30 Return to hotel. Hospitality room open.

## **Tuesday...**

8:15-8:45 Devotional

9:00-9:45 Cal. Fire Battalion Chief John Creaton presentation.

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

10:00-10:45 Breakout sessions 1

- A. The 2<sup>nd</sup>. Alarm Project presentation.  
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, (FAMU) Tallahassee, Fl.
- B. UCF Restores Program presentation.  
University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida

11:00-11:45 Breakout session 2

- C. First Responder Protocol. Andrea Preisler, LMHC, RN  
Hospital Corporation of America (HCA)
- D. The Franciscan Center- Operation Restores for First Responders  
Catholic Retreat Center, Tampa Fl.

## **11:45-1:00 Lunch-on your own. Hospitality room open 11:45-1:15**

1:00-1:30 Surfside Building Collapse. Chaplain Alex Trinchet, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue with Chaplain Joe LaCognata, Florida Safety & Health Collaborative Statewide Chaplaincy Coordinator.

1:30-1:55 Panel discussion on chaplain's response to the Surfside building collapse.

2:00-2:30 Presenter's Showcase. Walk & Talk.

2:30 Dismissed for Memorial Service Preparation. Please wear Class "A" uniform if you have one.

3:30 Buses leave to go to Memorial Service site at Curlew Hills Memorial Gardens 9/11 Memorial, Palm Harbor. This is an outdoor service.

4:15 Buses arrive at Curlew Hills.

5:00 Memorial Service

6:15 Buses leave for dinner at The Centre of Palm Harbor.

**6:30 Dinner- provided.**

7:30 Buses leave for return trip to hotel

8:15pm-10:30pm Hospitality Room open

### Wednesday...

8:15-8:45 Devotional

9:00- 9:45 Chaplain Dick Brown & Rodney. Therapy dogs in chaplaincy.

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

#### 10:00-10:45 Breakout session 3

E. The Pat Scanlan Story of Survival, Ret. Clearwater Fire Rescue.

F. Battle Buddies, Fl. & local Canine Therapy dogs. Chaplain Kennon Wiley & Dixie. Chaplain Danny Champagne & Harley.

#### 11:00-11:45 Breakout session 4

G. Chaplain Chris Ireland. Grief

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**11:45-1:00 Lunch on your own. Hospitality room open 11:44-1:15**

1:00-2:00 Chaplain's response to Hurricane Ian. Panel Discussion on chaplain's response to Hurricane Ian. Shared experiences. Lead by Chaplain Joe LaCognata,

Florida Safety & Health Collaborative Statewide Chaplaincy Coordinator and Chaplain Mark Goodman, South/West Chaplaincy Coordinator.

2:10-2:50 All First Responder's Matter Foundation Organization

\*\* With Chaplain Edward Kellum, Pinellas County 911 Dispatch Center. Chaplain embedded during the Hurricane Ian\*\*

3:00-3:30 FFC Conference information for 2024 & Regional Directors Meeting.

**3:30 Dismissed. Preparation for Founder's Banquet. Please wear Class A uniforms.**

6:30 Founder's banquet, silent auction etc. **Dinner provided.**

8:30-10:30 Hospitality Room open.

### **Thursday**

\*7:00am-8am Florida Chaplain's Breakfast meeting. All chaplains invited.

8:15-8:45 Devotional

9:00 FFC Business meeting, closing remarks etc.

11:00am Closing of the Federation of Fire Chaplain's Annual Conference.

***Have a safe trip home!!!***