



Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association 58th Annual Leadership Conference August 1 – 4, 2026

Embassy Suites, Murfreesboro, TN

Saturday, August 1, 2026 (Pre-Conference Training):

NFA: “ESS: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change” (Oakleigh C) 0800 – 1630

IAFC: “Helping Members Find Their Spark Through Mentoring” (Oakleigh A) 0800 – 1630

Sunday, August 2, 2026 (Pre-Conference Training/Exhibit Show):

NFA: “ESS: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change” (Oakleigh C) 0800 – 1630

IAFC: “Building Collaborative Teams” (Oakleigh A) 0800 – 1630

Medical CE Course (Broadlands AB) 1200 – 1500

Presented by Guardian Group

Exhibitor Registration and Exhibitor Setup (Mirabella Ballroom) 0700 – 1200

Tennessee Fireman’s Association Board Meeting (Wynthrope Board Room) 1000 – 1200

Lunch (On Your Own) 1200 – 1300

Membership Registration 1300 – 1700

Professional Development Committee (Cambridge AB) 1300 - 1600

Exhibitor and Equipment Display Opens (Mirabella Ballroom) 1300 – 1700

TFCA Board of Directors Meeting (Oakleigh B) 1500 – 1600

New Chief Officers and Attendees Networking Session (Oakleigh B) 1615 – 1700

Introduction for all new chief officers and attendees to network with
TFCA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

Welcome Reception for Vendors/Members (Hotel Lobby/Restaurant) 1730 – 1830

Networking Room Opens (Rm# 228) 2000 – 2230

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Monday, August 3, 2026

TN Fire Public Educators Association Meeting (Cambridge AB) 0800 – 1700

Exhibits and Equipment Display Opens 0800 – 1430

TN Fire Chiefs Opening Ceremonies (Oakleigh ABC) **0930 – 1200**

Chief Brian Biggs, TFCA President (Ashland City Fire Department)

Chief Mark McCluskey, Fire Chief City of Murfreesboro

Deputy Commissioner Chip Kain, TN Fire Marshal’s Office

Invocation

TFCA Chaplain David Woody

Presentation of Colors

Murfreesboro Fire Rescue Honor Guard

National Anthem

Battalion Chief Adam Brown, Murfreesboro Fire Rescue

Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Melvin Martin, TFCA 1st Vice President (Hardin County Fire Department)

Welcome to Conference

Chief Brian Biggs, TFCA President (Ashland City Fire Department)

Chief Mark McCluskey, Fire Chief City of Murfreesboro

Deputy Commissioner Chip Kain, TN Fire Marshal's Office

Memorial Service

TFCA Chaplain David Woody

Special Awards

Keynote Speaker Col. Stehpen Armes, retired U.S. Marine Corps Officer and combat veteran who was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor.

TFCA Board of Directors Nominations

Vendor Luncheon/Exhibitor Time (Oakleigh ABC) 1200 – 1430

“Developing Leaders of People: The Next Evolution of the Fire Service” (Oakleigh ABC) 1430 – 1530

Presented by Chief Frank Pappas

“Overview of Electric Vehicle Firefighting Tactics and NFPA Updates” (Oakleigh ABC) 1530 – 1615

Presented by Jeremy Criner, NFPA

“Overview of Overpriced Fire Truck Litigation” (Oakleigh ABC) 1615 – 1700

Presented by Jink Crow Law Firm

Reception for Members Sponsored by Safe Industries (Hotel Lobby/Restaurant) 1730 – 1830

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Networking Room Opens (Rm# 228) 1900 -2230

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Tuesday, August 4, 2026

TN Fire Public Educators Association Meeting (Cambridge AB) 0800 – 1700

TN Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative (TNPERI) Board Meeting (Wynthrope Boardroom) 1000 – 1200

Committee Chair Ken Tuggle

“Introduction to the New Program: Spanish for Firefighters” (Oakleigh ABC) 0900 – 1000

Presented by University of Tennessee CTAS/MTAS/Tennessee Language Center

Maya Campbell and Brian Barnett

“Beyond Accreditation: Why Every Department Benefits for Program Appraisals” (Oakleigh) 1000 – 1100

Presented by Jason Powell, Assistant Fire Chief Johnson City Fire Department

“Fire Chiefs: From the Perspective of the City Manager” (Oakleigh ABC) 1100 – 1200

Presented by Tony Massey, Cit Manger for the City of Columbia

TFCA Business Meeting/Election Luncheon (Oakleigh ABC) 1200 – 1500

“Mutual Aid Updates and Overview” (Oakleigh ABC) 1500 – 1600

TFCA Annual Banquet (Oakleigh ABC) 1800 – 2100

Fire Chief of the Year Awards Sponsored by Platinum Corporate Sponsor NAFECO!

Installation of Officers

(Dress Uniform or Business Attire)

Networking Room Opens (Rm# 228) 2030

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