

FIRESHOWSWEST

CONFERENCE & EXPO

**20
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SEPT 15 - SEPT 18
RENO, NV • CARSON CITY, NV

OFFICIAL PROGRAM GUIDE



THE TEAM BEHIND THE SCENES



BRYON HUNT PRESIDENT

Bryon is a 32 year student of the fire service. Bryon currently works for a municipal Fire Department as a Captain. Bryon has spent the last three years assigned to the training division and, in his 27 years with the department, has held the ranks of Firefighter, Firefighter/Paramedic, Driver/Operator, and Captain. Bryon has an unending passion for Training and Mentoring.

He teaches both firefighting and special rescue not just for his department but for numerous agencies in our region. Bryon takes great pride in keeping up with modern tactics and skills. His greatest passion has been teaching the future of the Fire Service thru the Capital City Regional Fire Academy. Bryon has been an instructor and Academy coordinator since 2002.

Away from the fire service, Bryon values spending quality time with his family, time on the water, and the great outdoors. That balance between dedication to the job and commitment to the people who matter most is an important part of who he is.



TRISH BONARI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY/TREASURER

Trish brings an uncommon blend of grit, versatility, and heart to her role as Executive Director of Fire Shows West. Her professional journey is marked by an extraordinary work ethic and a lifelong commitment to turning passion into purpose. From construction to marketing and real estate to event planning. Trish has consistently channeled her energy into roles that demanded accountability, adaptability, and relentless follow through.

Despite that success, she felt a deeper calling. That calling emerged when she was invited to assist with FireShowsWest. It was during this experience that she found her true purpose, supporting those who dedicate their lives to serving others.

Trish immediately fell in love with the fire service, its culture, and its people. She recognized the profound impact that high quality training, education, and community have on firefighter safety, effectiveness, and career longevity. Through her leadership, FireShowsWest has grown not only in scale and success, but in meaning.

While Trish's work is largely behind the scenes, her impact is unmistakable. She has played a pivotal role in shaping FireShowsWest back into a nationally respected conference that directly contributes to firefighter readiness and ultimately, community safety. The success, sustainability, and mission driven focus of FireShowsWest are a direct reflection of her leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to serving those who serve.



JESSE HORTON EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Jesse Horton is a Captain with the Carson City Fire Department in northern Nevada with more than 20 years of experience in public service and public safety. Throughout his career, he has remained deeply committed to the craft of firefighting and to the belief that preparation, competence, and a relentless pursuit of improvement matter when people are counting on us most.

His passion for the fire service extends well beyond his own firehouse. Jesse is a co-owner and instructor with Hortons & Hunt, where he has taught firefighters across the country. His approach to training is built around practical fireground experience, strong fundamentals, and challenging firefighters to take ownership of their craft.

Jesse is a published author whose work has appeared in Firehouse Magazine and the Fire Department Training Network, and he co-hosts the Undisclosed Agents Firefighter Podcast, where honest conversations about leadership, mentorship, and operational competence are at the center of the discussion.

At the core of everything he does is a simple goal: be prepared for your finest hour, invest in the people around you, and leave the fire service better than you found it.

EVENTS SCHEDULE

2026

REGISTRATION DESK HOURS:
WED 9/16 - FRI 9/18 | 7AM - 7PM

**CLASS
SESSIONS**

Tues. 9/15 8:30am - 5pm
Wed. 9/16 8:30am - 5pm
Thurs. 9/17 8:30am - 5pm
Fri. 9/18 8:30am - 5pm

**EXHIBIT
HALL HOURS**

Wed. 10/1 4pm - 8pm
Thurs. 10/2 8am - 8pm
Fri. 10/3 8am - 4pm

KEYNOTE & OPENING CEREMONY
SILVER STATE PAVILLION - 10:30 am

CORLEY MOORE
DOWN & DIRTY FIREGROUND
DECISION MAKING



**BITES, BREWS &
RAFFLE DRAWINGS**

THURS. 9/17 5PM - 8PM
Must be present to win:

- 1 Ticket = \$5
- 6 Tickets = \$20
- 20 Tickets + Beer Cup* = \$50



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UNTIL THE KEGS
RUN OUT.**



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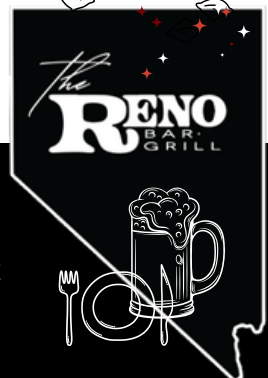
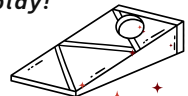
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HANDS-ON TRAINING

9/15 & 9/16 | 8:30AM - 5PM

CARSON CITY REGIONAL TRAINING FACILITY:

2400 E. College Pkwy. Carson City, NV 89706

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Hortons & Hunt Journeyman Irons	N6 Fire Tactics Access Granted: Firefighter Lockpicking	
HARDKNOX Marcos Orozco Firefighter Survival	Nevada State Fire Marshal Live Fire Attack: Tactics in a Multi-Level Training Environment, NV Fire Marshal	

REGIONAL PUBLIC TRAINING SAFETY CENTER

5190 Spectrum Blvd #3903, Reno, NV 89512

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WED. SEPT 16 - SESSIONS

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SESSION 1 - 8:30 AM

TYPE	CLASS	
LEADERSHIP	ANTHONY KASTROS - Calm the Chaos (4 Hour Workshop; 8:30am-12:30pm)	 HAZMAT APPROVED
TRUCK	BRASS SHAMROCK - Know the Building, Own the Fight (4 Hour Workshop; 8:30am-12:30pm)	

SESSION 2 - 10:30 AM

TYPE	CLASS	
LEADERSHIP	BRETT PORTER - The Designated Adult	
HAZMAT	RANDY PERLIS - Dangerous Properties of Hazardous Materials	 HAZMAT APPROVED
HAZMAT	JON BAKKEDAHL - Radiological Patient Handling & Pre-Hospital Preparations	 HAZMAT APPROVED

SESSION 3 - 1:30 PM

TYPE	CLASS	
TRUCK ENGINE	CLARK LAMPING - Big Box, Big Problem (4 Hour Workshop; 1:00pm-5:00pm)	
LEADERSHIP	NICK WAY - Volunteer Recruitment & Retention	
HEALTH & WELLNESS	DEREK REID - When the Cost of Caring Comes Due	
HAZMAT	BOB SULLIVAN - Latest from NFPA for Fires Involving Lithium-Ion Batteries	 HAZMAT APPROVED

SESSION 4 - 3:30 PM

TYPE	CLASS	
HAZMAT	BOB SULLIVAN - NFPA Standards and OSHA Regulations	 HAZMAT APPROVED
HAZMAT	RANDY PERLIS - Organic Chemistry for HAZMAT Responders	 HAZMAT APPROVED
HAZMAT	JON BAKKEDAHL - Transport of Safeguards (Secret Shipments)	 HAZMAT APPROVED

THURS. SEPT 17 - SESSIONS

SESSION 1 - 8:30 AM

TYPE	CLASS
TRUCK ENGINE	JUSTIN LORENZEN - On-Scene Decision Making: Prioritizing the Search
TRUCK ENGINE LEADERSHIP	FAST RESCUE SOLUTIONS - Normalization of Deviance
HEALTH & WELLNESS	MARCOS OROZCO - Performance Under Pressure

SESSION 2 - 10:30 AM

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CORLEY MOORE
DOWN & DIRTY FIREGROUND
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SESSION 3 - 1:30 PM

TYPE	CLASS
LEADERSHIP	CORLEY MOORE - The 9'Ls (4 Hour Class; 1:00pm-5:00pm)
LEADERSHIP	ANTHONY KASTROS - Mastering Fire Service Leadership (4 Hour Class; 1:00pm-5:00pm)
TRUCK ENGINE	GRIT FIRST FIRE TRAINING - Seven Deadly Sins

SESSION 4 - 3:30 PM

TYPE	CLASS
ENGINE	STEVE ROBERTSON - Stretching For Success
LEADERSHIP	CORLEY MOORE - The 9'Ls (<i>continued</i>)
LEADERSHIP	ANTHONY KASTROS - Mastering Fire Service Leadership (<i>continued</i>)

FRI. SEPT 18 - SESSIONS

SESSION 1 - 8:30 AM

TYPE	CLASS
TRUCK ENGINE	DENNIS REILLY - Tactical Excellence: It Doesn't Just Happen
LEADERSHIP	MICAH RAINS - Detailed Leadership & Aggressive Tactics
TRUCK ENGINE LEADERSHIP	MICKEY FARRELL - Fire Academy to the Fire Floor; Why the Disconnect?

SESSION 2 - 10:30 AM

TYPE	CLASS
TRUCK ENGINE	CLARK LAMPING - Redefining the Commerical Fireground Mentality
TRUCK ENGINE	ROB BACKER - The Art of Reading Smoke
ENGINE	STEVE ROBERTSON - Midrise Mayhem

SESSION 3 - 1:30 PM

TYPE	CLASS
ENGINE	KYLE ROMAGUS - Cruel Intentions (4 Hour Class; 1:00pm - 5:00pm)
LEADERSHIP	ANTHONY CLINKER & DR. BOULLION - Firefighter Well-being, Leadership & Retention
HEALTH & WELLNESS	CORY WHITLOCK - The Firefighter's Guide to Peptides: Hype, Help & Hard Truths

SESSION 4 - 3:30 PM

TYPE	CLASS
ENGINE	KYLE ROMAGUS - Cruel Intentions (<i>continued</i>)
LEADERSHIP	BOB RYSER - Assess, Mess, Reassess
TRUCK ENGINE	HORTONS & HUNT - Luck Favors the Prepared

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FireShowsWest is not owned or supported by any publication or outside exhibition management group. It is strictly a nonprofit corporation that supports the continuation of educational opportunities and skill enhancement for our first responders. The FireShowsWest team of chief officers, highly-respected industry professionals and many volunteers have been working together since 1997 delivering an outstanding program year after year. Our mission is dedicated to maintaining the highest training standards as we prepare the fire service for tomorrow's challenges.



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NOTES

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THE UNDISCLOSED AGENTS
PODCAST WHERE WE TALK TO INDUSTRY
PROFESSIONALS AND TELL THE TRUTH
(SOMETIMES THE UNPOPULAR TRUTH)
ABOUT THE GREATEST JOB
IN THE WORLD.”**



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