



# THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS, INC

“Honoring Our Past, Respecting Our Present, and Shaping Our Future”

## Golden Anniversary Convention

**HARTFORD, CT AUGUST 22 – 26, 2022**

### Sunday, August 21, 2022

11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Registration

### Monday, August 22, 2022

7:00 am

Registration opens

9:00 am

Opening Ceremony

Honor Guard – Presentation of Colors

Black National Anthem

Invocation

Greetings

- Regional Director
- Chapter President
- Guest Dignitaries
- Libations – Bro. Oshiyemi Adelabu

10:00 am

Rules of Order – IABPFF Sgt-At-Arms Reed

IABPFF Business Meeting – Executive Director Freddie Brooks

Roll call of Officers and Delegates

Reading/adoption of minutes

Report of Officers

Report of Committees

*PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION*

12:00 pm

(Lunch on your own)

*PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION*

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

IABPFF Business Meeting continued

2:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Regional meetings

**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Workshop**

**“In-Basket and Assessment Centers”**

**Bro. Myron King, Retired Division Chief**

**Mobile Fire and Rescue Department**

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Host night reception

9:00 pm

Hospitality – *PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION*

### Tuesday, August 23, 2022

7:00 am

Registration opens

*PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION*

9:00 am General session  
Unfinished business  
New business  
Constitution – Constitution Chair., Bro. Kenyatta Smith

**8:00 am – 5:00 pm Election of Officers**

12:00 pm *PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATIONS*  
(Lunch on your own)

1:30 pm *PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION*

General session continued  
Constitution continued  
Naming Place of Next Meeting  
Announcements  
Benediction

**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Workshop**  
**“In-Basket and Assessment Center”**  
**Bro. Myron King, Retired Division Chief**  
**Mobile Fire and Rescue Department**

8:00 pm Hospitality

**Wednesday, August 24, 2022**

7:00 am Registration & ticket sales

8:00 am Line-up Dress Blue/Business or Professional Attire

8:30 am Memorial March from Marriott to Faith Congregation Church  
2030 Main St. Hartford, CT *Rev Cleo Graham, Pastor*

9:45 am - 11:15 am Memorial Service  
Master of Ceremony – Vice President Gary Tinney  
  
Rev. Jeff Powell, Phoenix Society  
Pastor, New Antioch Baptist Church

11:30 am – 12:00 pm IABPFF Membership Commemorative Photo at the Capitol

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm Midweek Anniversary Luncheon  
  
IABPFF Special Recognition and Awards  
  
Master of Ceremony Keith Kountz – Anchor “*Good Morning Connecticut*” and the Channel 8 News at noon  
  
Words of Hope and Inspiration  
Robyn Porter, Connecticut State Representative  
  
Keynote Speaker – Scott X. Esdaile, President  
CT State NAACP

**3:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

**IABPFF Past Presidents' Roundtable**

*(In consideration of the relationship you had with the founders of the IABPFF, what would be an action, activity, strategy, policy, or message that you would like to ensure would be part of any succession plan document that will help future presidents move the IABPFF forward in the next 50 years).*

**Facilitated by Bro. George Collins, IABPFF Historian**

**Presidents:**

- **Sis. Carrie Edwards-Clemons, President**
- Bro. Addington Stewart 2016-2020
- Bro. James Hill 2012-2016
- Bro. Joseph Muhammad 2008-2012
- Bro. Johnny Brewington 2002-2008
- Bro. Theodore O. Holmes 1998-2002
- Bro. Oshiyemi Adelabu 1996-1998
- Bro. Romeo O. Spaulding 1988-1996
- Clarence Williams 1984-1988

**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Workshop**

**“In-Basket and Assessment Center”**

**Bro. Myron King, Retired Division Chief  
Mobile Fire and Rescue Department**

8:00 pm

Hospitality

**Thursday, August 25, 2022**

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Ticket sales

**9:00 am - 10:30am**

**Workshop**

Director Tanya Hughes,  
Director at the Commission on Human Rights  
Attorney Cheryl A. Sharp

**10:50 am - 12:20 pm**

**Workshop**

Dr. Portia Rawles – “Exploring the Complexities of Mental Health Challenges Among BIPOC Fire Serve & EMS Personnel”

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

(Lunch on your own)

**1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Workshop**

Donna Gayden  
Financial Literacy

**3:10 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Workshop**

Clifford Beers – “The Fire Within”  
JoAnne Wilcox  
Tirzah Kemp, Vice President of Community Service  
Christine Montgomery, Vice President of the Guidance Clinic

8:00 pm

Hospitality

**Friday, August 26, 2022**

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Ticket sales

**8:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Workshop - Track I**

“Firefighter Personal Safety and Bailout”

CT Training Academy | #1 Fisher Rd. Hartford, CT 061220

“Air Management, hoisting attack lines, rescue, and escape training “contact Sharon Mattis, Training Committee Chair.

**9:00 am - 10:30 am**

**Workshop - Track II**

“Press kit 101”

Sis. Regina Wilson FDNY

**10:45 am – 12:00 pm**

**Workshop - Track II**

“Navigating the internet (social media, IABPFF website, and internet pitfalls)

Bro. Darren Hyson, Retired Chief

**There will be a special area for the IABPFF Retirees.**

12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Community Service Event and Lunch

YMCA (Attire: IABPFF, Region, Chapter T-Shirts)

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**President's Reception**

8:00 pm- 11:00 pm

Golden Anniversary Celebration

**Master of Ceremony Lew Brown,**

Radio Personality

*PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION*

**Greetings - Letitia James,**

Attorney General State of NY

**Greetings Ned Lamont,**

Governor State of Connecticut

**Words of Hope and Inspiration,**

JoAnne Price, Owner Fairview Capital

**Keynote Speaker Donna Gayden**

City Manager, Long Beach, NY

**Guest Convention Soloist - Princess Brooks Chattanooga, TN**

Nelson Carter, Retired Chief Hartford, CT

**Special Presentation – Carl Childs, Columbia Southern**

University

**Convention Photographer – SER David Brooks**

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **Saturday**

Car Show at the Phoenix House

### **Sunday**

Church Service – Personal Choice

Yard Goats Game – Yard Goats Stadium

### **Monday – August 22, 2022**

Host Night Reception

Hospitality – NEW HAVEN AND BRIDGEPORT, CT - SPONSOR

### **Tuesday – August 23, 2022**

IABPFF Guests Day at the CASINO (11a-6p)

Hospitality – RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS OF LAS VEGAS - SPONSOR

### **Wednesday – August 24, 2022**

Hospitality – SOUTHEAST REGION

### **Thursday**

Ebony Horse Women, Inc. – Healing Horses Therapeutic Center – Horseback Riding

New York – MJ The Play

Hospitality – DIITECH COMPUTER LLC

### **Friday**

IABPFF Community Event at the YMCA – THE CLOUD - SPONSOR

PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

Hospitality - OPEN

**PHOENIX SOCIETY CLUBHOUSE WILL BE OPEN EACH NIGHT**

**5:30 pm – 2:00 am**

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS, INC.



IABPFF Retired Firefighters of Las Vegas, Nevada