



2023

Convention

NIAGARA FALLS

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 10-12



FASNY

Firefighters Association
of the State of New York



PRESIDENT'S INVITE



EDWARD TASE, JR.

With the memories of a successful Anniversary celebration still in mind, the Convention and

Exhibits Committee is looking forward to our 151st Convention in Niagara Falls. The event is slated for Aug. 10-12 and will be held at the Niagara Falls Convention Center.

The Board of Directors and I hope to see you at our most important annual event. Please remember, individual participation is the foundation upon which a membership organization is built. Attendance at our 2023 Convention is an excellent opportunity to network, train, and to provide input into decisions affecting the operation of your Association.

We hope the information in this brochure helps you plan your trip to Niagara Falls. If you should have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact our staff at (518) 434-0987.

Sincerely,



Edward Tase, Jr.
PRESIDENT



2023 CONVENTION AGENDA*

8/8/23 TUESDAY GOLF

- 12 p.m. Golf Tournament @ Hyde Park
- 6 p.m.-12 a.m. Hospitality @ Sheraton Ballroom

8/9/23 WEDNESDAY DAY OF MEETINGS

- 7-9 a.m. Breakfast @ Convention Center
- 12-2 p.m. Lunch @ Convention Center
- 6 p.m. Past Presidents' Dinner @ Frontier Fire Company
- 9 p.m.-12 a.m. Hospitality @ Sheraton Ballroom

8/10/23 THURSDAY OPENING DAY

- Special Exhibitor hours throughout the day at exhibitors' discretion
- 7-9 a.m. Breakfast @ Convention Center
- 9 a.m. Memorial & Heroes Awards
- 11 a.m. Introductions
- 12-2 p.m. Lunch @ Convention Center
- 12-2 p.m. Presidents Lunch @ Sheraton Jade Ballroom
- 2-3 p.m. Keynote Speaker
- 3-5 p.m. Business Session
- 6 p.m.-12 a.m. Complimentary Block Party with food trucks, live music, and other surprises

8/11/23 FRIDAY

- Special Exhibitor hours throughout the day at exhibitors' discretion
- 7-9 a.m. Breakfast @ Convention Center
- 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Business Session
- 12-2 p.m. Lunch @ Convention Center
- 1-2:30 p.m. Training Session Classroom Portion
- 3-5 p.m. Training Session Hands on Portion
- Transportation to Niagara Training Tower – Tom Miller
- 1:30-3 p.m. 2% Training
- 5-7 p.m. LAFASNY Installation / Cocktail event
- 7 p.m.-12 a.m. Scholarship Reception

8/12/23 SATURDAY

- 7-9 a.m. Breakfast @ Convention Center
- Youth Day Training (at Wheatfield Training Center)
- 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Voting
- 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Business Session
- 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Training Session – Chief Robert Fling
- 3 p.m. Reconvene for Results of voting
- 5 p.m.-12 a.m. Testimonial Dinner @ Sheraton Ballroom
- Dress code: Coat and Tie
- 5-5:30 p.m. Cocktails
- 5:30-5:45 p.m. Seated & Welcome
- 6-7:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:30-9 p.m. Program
- 9 p.m.-12 a.m. Dancing

8/13/23 SUNDAY

- 7-9 a.m. Breakfast @ Convention Center
- 9 a.m. Re-org Meetings with BOD & BOT

*Times and locations are subject to change.

TODAY'S FIRES.

yesterday's tactics



In this two-part presentation, Chief Fling walks you through the difference between the fires we experience today and the fires Robert confronted years ago. There is a difference! They burn hotter, faster and produce a toxic environment for firefighters like we have never encountered before. Learn tips and tricks on size up, ventilation, line selection, thermal imaging and more as they all play a major factor in success on today's fireground. Part two explains how every fire can be considered a HAZMAT incident, as what you are exposed to can have catastrophic effects on your health.

CHIEF ROBERT FLING BIO

Robert Fling has more than 25 years of experience in the fire service and currently is an ex-chief with the Dix Hills Fire Department on Long Island. He has written articles for many fire service publications and is a nationally recognized speaker. He is also a board member with Project Kill The Flashover and is the western Suffolk County advocate for the National Fallen Firefighter's "Everyone Goes Home" program. He holds several fire service accreditations, is a New York state-certified Emergency Medical Technician, NFPA-1403 Live Fire Instructor, AHA CPR Instructor, and CEVO Instructor. Additionally, he is a member of the NFPA, Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council, Town of Huntington Fire Chiefs Council, International Association of Fire Chiefs, and FASNY. Chief Fling was the recipient of the 2015 *Firehouse Magazine* Outstanding Leadership Award. He can be reached at robertdfling@gmail.com.

2% TAX FORUM

The 2% Tax Forum provides members of fire departments and chartered benevolent associations the opportunity to listen to speakers from various New York state government agencies who will present an overview of 2% Tax usage and distribution pertaining to their areas of expertise. Speakers will answer questions submitted by forum attendees. A certificate of attendance will be provided to all attendees.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES *and how to respond*

As the number and types of electric vehicles on the roadways and in commercial applications increase, it is important for first responders to understand how a response involving these types of vehicles is different than those with an internal combustion engine. This two-hour awareness course, made possible thanks to the National Volunteer Fire Council, equips first responders with the core knowledge and tools to respond more safely when an electric vehicle is involved in an incident.

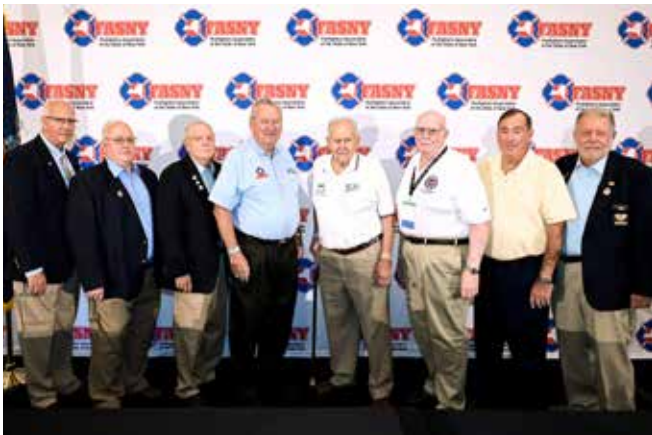


**TOM MILLER,
MA, LPC,
ALPS BIO**

- Certified Fire Instructor III — Hazardous Materials Technician/Incident Commander
- WV Director to the National Volunteer Fire Council
- NVFC Hazardous Materials Response Committee Chair/Pandemic Task Group Chair
- TRANSCAER Coordinator State of West Virginia
- Principal, NFPA 470 Technical Committee



EVENTS



PAST PRESIDENTS' *dinner*

For more than 71 years, Convention attendees have had the opportunity to mix and mingle with our past presidents. On Wednesday, Aug. 9 from 6-9 p.m at Frontier Volunteer Fire Company (2176 Liberty Drive, Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14304), that tradition will continue at our popular annual Off-Site Past Presidents' Meet and Greet. You can register for the event through FASNY registration. Tickets are \$45 per person and include dinner, beer/wine, and soda. A cash bar is available for all other drinks. Dress is casual. Transportation will be provided to and from the hotel.

1st Annual FASNY TESTIMONIAL DINNER

On Saturday, Aug. 12 at 5 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel Ballroom, join us as we honor and celebrate the accomplishments of three outstanding FASNY board and trustee members: Director Laurie Hance, Trustee Michael DeVittorio, and Trustee Gerard Owenburg. The evening will begin with a cocktail hour starting at 5 p.m. Welcome and dinner service starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by dessert and speeches. Please register for the event through FASNY registration. The event costs \$25 per person, and includes dinner, beer/wine, and soda. Dress code is coat and tie.

HONOREES



Director
LAURIE HANCE



Trustee
MICHAEL DEVITTORIO



Trustee
GERARD OWENBURG



BLOCK PARTY

Join us for a Block Party honoring "you," our members and volunteers, with a night of live entertainment, food, and drinks! We have lots of surprises in-store. You will not want to miss out on this complimentary night of fun!

WHEN Thursday, Aug. 10

TIME 6 p.m.-12 a.m.



Join us for a day of fun, food, drinks and good conversation, as well as a round of golf! The FASNY golf event will be at the Hyde Park Golf Course, which is only four miles from the Sheraton Hotel and a short 12-minute drive. We'd love to see you there!

WHAT Golf (Scramble Format)

WHEN Tuesday, Aug. 8

REGISTRATION TIME + LUNCH 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

GOLF TEE TIME 12 p.m. Shotgun Start

WHERE Hyde Park Golf Course,
4343 Porter Rd, Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14305

HOW DO I PURCHASE A TICKET

Through FASNY registration

COST \$125/person (\$30 dinner only)

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Golf (18 holes + cart) | Lunch | Dinner | Prizes

HOUSING

SHERATON NIAGARA FALLS *USA*



Whether you are looking for an adventure or longing for some sightseeing, Sheraton Niagara Falls, USA makes a smart home base for exploring all the area has to offer. The hotel is conveniently located in the heart of the Niagara Falls tourist district, just steps from the brink of majestic Niagara Falls and directly connected to the thrills at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino through tunnel access.

DINING

Experience an exciting range of unique dining from your favorite national brands, including Rainforest Cafe® and Starbucks. For local fare, the grab and go Corner Deli Restaurant serves up Niagara Falls' best deli sandwiches. Whatever your choice, you'll enjoy creative comfort food served in a relaxing atmosphere. The best part, you'll never have to leave the hotel to experience them all!

FEATURED AMENITIES

- Restaurants
- Fitness Center
- Spa
- Indoor Pool
- Hot Tub
- Meeting Space
- Activities for Kids
- Casino
- Game Room
- Convenience Store
- Dry-Cleaning Service
- Laundry
- Daily Housekeeping
- Kitchenette

We Can't Wait to See You!

We are looking forward to hosting you at the upcoming FASNY 2023 Convention.

We Are Now Accepting Reservations!

Through the web link below you can book, modify and cancel your hotel reservations at any time and receive updated information about the event.

Please Visit:

sheratonatthefalls.com/group/fasnyaugust2023 to begin your reservation process.



HOTEL CODE

USE DISCOUNT CODE: **FASNY General Block**

The Discount Code will automatically apply room discounts for all FASNY room reservations.



**Scan for quick
link to hotel:**

1

When is the last day to register? And can I register online?

The last day to pre-register for FASNY's 2023 Convention is July 1. For those who have missed the cut-off date, registration will be available at the Convention Center on the day of the event for a \$50 additional fee.

REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AT
FASNY.com/events/fasny-annual-convention

2

When is the last day to book hotel reservations using FASNY's codes?

All housing codes will expire on July 10, after which all attendees will be responsible for securing their own accommodations.

3

What are some local tourist attractions in Niagara County?

According to ILoveNY.com, "The main attraction is thundering Niagara Falls. See it via boat rides, walking tours, restaurants and other marvelous vistas in Niagara Falls State Park. And there are many more Instagram worthy sights: the awesome 17-mile-long Letchworth Gorge, the Erie Canal's flight of five locks, jet boat tours on Niagara Gorge, and two



Great Lakes with world-class fishing and boating. You can also hike amid a vast wildlife refuge or take a wild ride at an amusement park."

From wine-tastings to museums to national parks, learn more about Niagara County's local tourist sites at: iloveny.com/places-to-go/niagara

QUESTIONS?

EMAIL US AT
CONVENTION@FASNY.COM
OR CALL (518) 434-0987

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Will there be transportation to The Past Presidents' Dinner?

Yes, transportation from the Sheraton Hotel to the Past Presidents' Dinner will be provided. Most planned events will take place within walking distance to the hotel and Convention Center.

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How do I get my certificates of attendance?

Certificates can be found online at FASNY.com through the log-in portal. For further questions, please reach out to FASNY staff.

EXPLORE

EXPLORE MORE WHEN VISITING *Niagara Falls*

If you've never been to Niagara Falls USA before, you're in for a real treat! In addition to visiting the world-renowned Falls, there are so many other fascinating things to see during Convention. Here's a snapshot of some of the area's most popular attractions:



Aquarium of Niagara

Located just a short walk from the Maid of the Mist, the Aquarium of Niagara boasts more than 120 species, including playful penguins, rescued seals and sea lions, mesmerizing jellyfish and more! In addition to hands-on animal interactions with sharks and stingrays, watch daily feedings and educational presentations, sea lion shows, and expert talks.

DETAILS aquariumofniagara.org

Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum

Almost half of the hand-carved wooden carousels still working in the U.S. and Canada trace their origins to the Herschell Carrousel Factory. Learn all about the beginnings of amusement parks and the history behind it at the Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum in North Tonawanda. The museum features vintage carousels and 1950s-era rides with cars, fire trucks and helicopters.

DETAILS carrouselmuseum.org



Old Fort Niagara

Tour the grounds of the original Fort Niagara, where Native American, French, British and American soldiers lived and worked from the 18th to the 20th centuries. Old Fort Niagara offers living-history programs and special events, and features original 18th-century stone fortifications, including the "French Castle," the oldest building on the Great Lakes.

DETAILS oldfortniagara.org

The Niagara Power Vista

With the latest hands-on interactive technologies, multi-sensory 4D theatre, large touch screens, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) exhibits, redesigned floor layouts and new elevator to enhance accessibility, the Niagara Power Vista is action packed.

DETAILS nypa.gov/communities/visitors-centers/niagara-power-vista



Rainbow Air

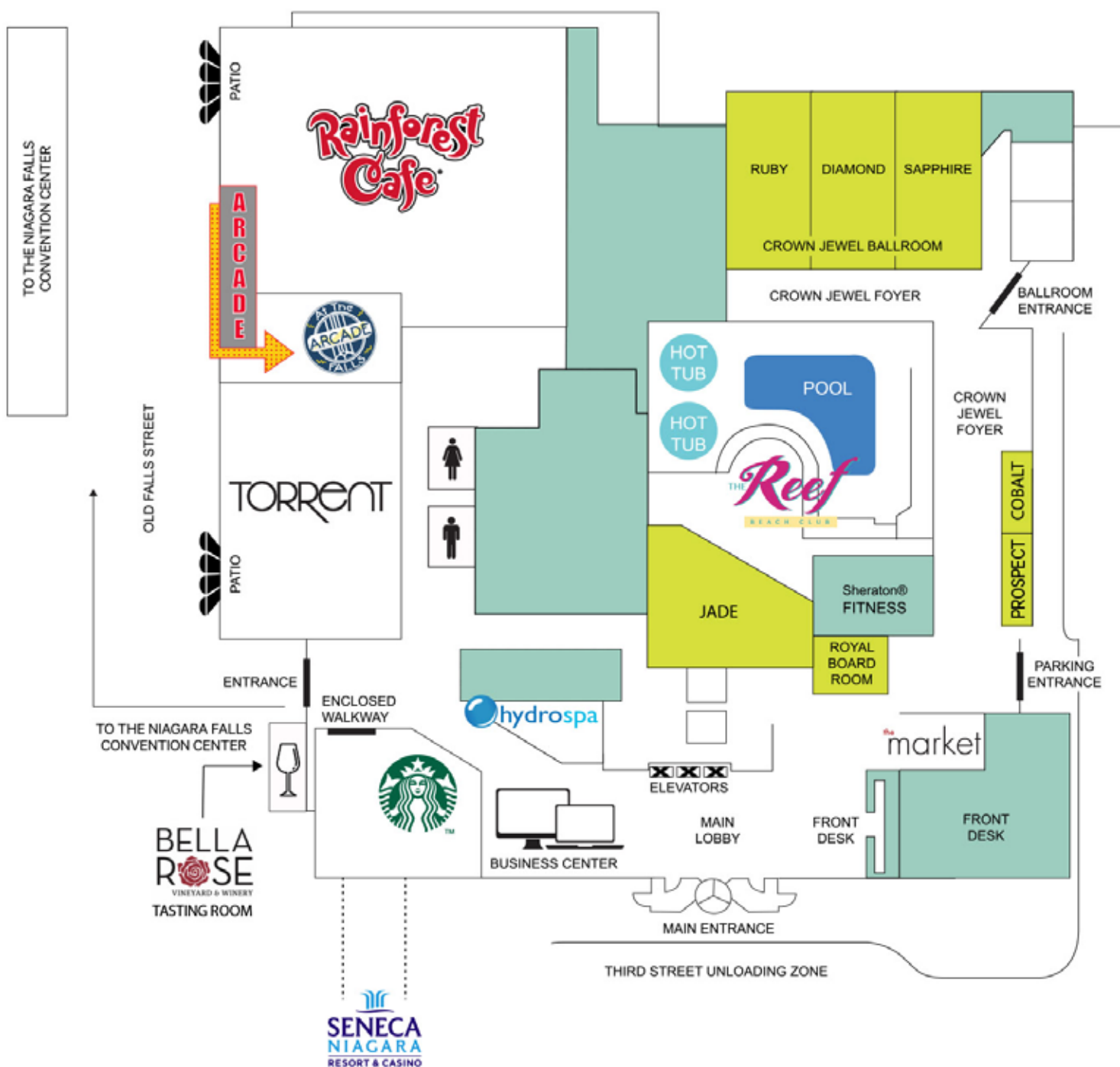
Enjoy the majestic power and beauty of Niagara and the Horseshoe Falls from incredible vantage points aboard a quiet turbine engine helicopter! Create memories and capture photos of a lifetime aboard your "limousine in the sky!" Helicopter rides last eight to 10 minutes and climb up to 3,000 feet.

DETAILS rainbowairinc.com

SHERATON HOTEL

300 3rd Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14303

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VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING. RECRUITING AND EDUCATING THE FUTURE.



ABOUT US WHO WE ARE

The Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY) has been dedicated to informing, educating and training the volunteer fire service since 1872.

Like the fire service sister and brotherhood, FASNY membership comes with privileges designed to support those who dedicate their lives to this noble community service. FASNY benefits range from an Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) insurance policy to exclusive discounts for retailers and service providers.

Our greatest commitment to the volunteer fire service, however, comes by way of programming and materials that inform, educate and train.

BECOME A MEMBER FOR JUST
\$15 ANNUALLY, AT:

MEMBER.FASNY.COM



FINANCIAL

Accidental Death & Dismemberment

This 24-hour, \$10,000 group policy covers any loss resulting from a bodily injury to a FASNY member.

FASNY Federal Credit Union

These financial services are delivered with the volunteer first responder in mind, including unique borrowing opportunities like the Advanced EMT Certification Loan.



EDUCATIONAL

\$1,500 Scholarships

Recognizing 25 exemplary FASNY youth in the fire service.

HELP Program/Tuition Reimbursement

Offering up to \$1,500 of tuition reimbursement at New York community colleges for active volunteers.

Trainings Across The State

Addressing important topics with field experts at emergency service sites.




MAGAZINE

The Volunteer Firefighter Magazine™:

Bi-monthly Publication that includes volunteer fire service and FASNY news, legislative updates, insightful commentary, upcoming training opportunities and more.

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