KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

BRIGADIER GENERAL
PATRICK MICHAELIS
46th Commandant, Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, United States Army Brigadier General (Ret)
Competency as a Leadership Philosophy

DAVID COATNEY
Agency Director, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service

DOMINIQUE ARTIS
Chief, Dallas Fire (TX)
Creating an Accessible and Sustainable Mental Health Program Overview

JESSICA BUCHANAN
Teacher, Author, Humanitarian,
Speaker, Founder, Survivor
Impossible Odds: A Story of Strength and Survival

CHRISTIAN “BOO” BOUCOUSIS
Speaker / Author
How to Think Like a Fighter Pilot!

JAY JUNKINS
Vice President, Oshkosh Corporation; Colonel U.S. Air Force (Retired)

DARRYL STRAWBERRY
Speaker, Major League Baseball Player (Retired)
Surviving and Thriving

BREAKOUT SPEAKERS

**BRIAN BRAUER, PhD
Emergency Mgr., First Responder, and Educator; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The Trinity Model: How Communication, Culture, and Decision-Making impact your Leadership

LANDON CHURCHILL
Dep. Chief, Strategic Svcs; Spring FD (TX)
The Next Generation Company Officer: Leveraging your most powerful Influencers to Create the Future

TRISH CONNOLLY
Deputy Chief, Bend Fire Rescue (OR)
What is Your Culture Currency?

RHEA COOPER
Interim Fire Chief, Boerne FD (TX)
In the Blink of an Eye: Critical Decision Making in Extreme Emergencies

ELIZABETH FLETCHER, PhD
Captain, Cypress Creek (TX) VFD / Harris County (TX) ESD 13
Wounds of the Spirit: Moral Injury and Mental Wellness in Firefighters

CHANCE FREEMAN
Health and Human Service Commission, Director, Disaster Behavioral Health Coordination
What do we Do Now? Caring for First Responders after a Disaster or Mass-Casualty Incident

LEE GODBOLD
Assistant Fire Chief, Azle FD (TX)
It’s Not the color of the Helmet that Counts

SCOTT HEMBREE
Regional Manager, Western U.S.; Austin FD (Ret.); ALERRT
United Command for Active Attack—Beyond ICS

**KERRY HENDERSON
Battalion Chief, James City Co. FD (VA), H&M Leadership Concepts
These aren’t just Safe Space Words

RUSSELL JACKS
Regional Mgr. (Texas) Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT)
United Command for Active Attack Beyond ICS

LINDSAY JUDAH, PhD
Consultant
Action, Alliance, and Awareness: The 3 As needed in today’s Fire & Emergency Services

CHRISTOPHER KAHL
Captain, Portland (TX) FD
Mental Health—Are we doing our Part?

DANNY KISTNER
Consultant; Fire Chief (Ret.), DTX Consulting, LLC
Adaptive Changes in the Fire Service — Where are we Now?

DANIEL KRAMER
Assistant Fire Chief, Schertz Fire Rescue (TX)
Generational Differences in the Fire Service: A Millennial Chief’s Perspective

**KYLE MATOUSEK
Lieutenant, U.S. Coast Guard (Ret.), Oak Brook FD (IL), H&M Leadership Concepts
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WENDY NORRIS
CEO, Texas Line of Duty Death Task Force
What do we Do Now? Caring for First Responders after a Disaster or Mass-Casualty Incident

JOHN RAY, PHD
ILEPSE Division Director, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)
The Ethical Leadership Inventory; Conducting an Honest Self-Assessment

RUSS HOWARD
Assistant Fire Chief, Oshkosh FD (WI)
It’s Chess, not Checkers—Utilizing Strategic Thinking to Achieve Goals

**J.T. TORGESON, PhD
Assistant Chief of Operations, MCLB Barstow Fire & Emergency Services
Forging a Team: Demystifying Team Development in the Fire Service

JEREMY VANAUSDALL
Battalion Chief, New Braunfels FD (TX)
Engagement: Deployment of Contemporary Leadership Models for the Modern Fire Service

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