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International Association of Fire Chiefs

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IAFC Celebrates 150th Anniversary at Southwestern Division Annual Meeting

Engaging Dialogue Will Delve into the Future of Fire and Emergency Services and Local Community Concerns

Baton Rouge, LA – The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) is excited to announce the celebration of its 150th anniversary at the upcoming IAFC Southwestern Division Annual Meeting, set to take place on October 17-20, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Chief John S. Butler, IAFC President and Fire Chief of Fairfax (VA), expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "This anniversary marks a historic moment for the IAFC. For 150 years, we have been committed to ensuring the safety of communities across the nation. Our anniversary celebration is a testament to the dedication of fire chiefs and first responders, who have continually risen to the occasion. We are excited to gather in Baton Rouge to honor this legacy."

Chief Roy Robichaux, Director of IAFC's Southwestern Division and Fire Chief, of Belle Chasse Volunteer Fire Department (LA), added, "The Southwestern Division is proud to host this milestone event. We are looking forward to celebrating this extraordinary anniversary with IAFC members and recognizing the IAFC's ongoing impact on fire and emergency services."

This event will serve as a reflection of the organization's rich history and a reaffirmation of its commitment to the safety and well-being of communities. The IAFC community eagerly anticipates commemorating this significant milestone.

Local media is invited to join us and learn about the future of fire and emergency service and issues directly impacting their local community:

October 20, 2023

8 – 10 AM

Baton Rouge Marriott

Baton Rouge, LA

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The [IAFC](#) represents the leadership of firefighters and emergency responders worldwide. IAFC members are the world's leading experts in firefighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous materials response, natural disasters, search and rescue, and public safety legislation. Since 1873, the IAFC has provided a forum for its members to exchange ideas, develop professionally and uncover the latest best practices and services available for first responders. In 2023, the IAFC proudly commemorates its 150th anniversary.