



# International Association of Fire Chiefs

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### IAFC BOARD UNVEILS 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PLANS

**McLean, VA** – The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Board of Directors will unveil its plans to celebrate the IAFC's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 2:45pm (Eastern), at the IAFC Board of Directors meeting in McLean, Virginia. The ceremony will be streamed live at <https://www.youtube.com/live/bmIBV54dt64?feature=share>.

Please join our IAFC 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Co-Chairs, IAFC President Chief Donna Black, Duck (NC) Fire Department, and IAFC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President John Butler, Fairfax County (VA) Fire and Rescue Department, as they unveil the IAFC's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary insignia and announce the series of commemorative actions and events the IAFC has planned for the coming year, beginning at the annual IAFC conference to be held this year in Kansas City, Missouri, August 16 - 18, 2023.

The IAFC was founded on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1873, in New York City and is one of the oldest national fire service organizations in the United States. Today, the IAFC has over 11,000 members from 26 countries worldwide, proudly representing fire chiefs and fire officers of all ranks and department types. As we celebrate our sesquicentennial anniversary, we honor our tradition but are embracing innovation.

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#### ***About the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)***

*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.*