



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AGENDA 2026 METRO FIRE CHIEFS CONFERENCE Milwaukee, WI

Tuesday, June 9, 2026	
0830 - 0835	General Announcements <i>Metro Executive Secretary Otto Drozd III</i>
0835 - 0845	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Metro President John Butler</i>
0845 - 0910	Sponsor Presentations (Chief Butler)
0910 - 0930	National Fire Protection Association Update <i>Jim Pauley, President & CEO</i>
0935 - 0955	International Association of Fire Chiefs Update <i>Chief Trisha Wolford, President & Board Chair</i>
1000 - 1045	Inspiring Success <i>Bob Norton, CEO/Norton Development Group</i>
1045 - 1100	Break
1100 - 1130	Sponsor Presentations
	Module I - Leadership
1130 - 1200	Your Future: Transitions, Options and Opportunities <i>Dr. Denis Onieal</i>
1200 - 1245	Lunch
1245 - 1300	Sponsor Presentations
1300 - 1330	New Fire Chiefs Panel <i>Chief Jamie Moore, Chief Lauren Johnson, Facilitator Chief Trisha Wolford</i>
1330 - 1350	Metro Leadership Development - What I Wish I Knew. <i>Chief John Butler and Chief Dennis Compton</i>
1350 - 1420	Strategic Leadership and Unified Advocacy <i>Managing Director (Former Fire Commissioner) Adam Theil</i>
1420 - 1430	Sponsor Presentations
1430 - 1445	Break
1445 - 1630	Metro Business Meeting I



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Wednesday, June 10, 2026	
0830 - 0835	General Announcements <i>Metro President John Butler</i>
0835 - 0905	Sponsor Presentations
	International Association of Fire Fighters Update <i>Edward Kelly, General President</i>
0905 - 0925	United States Wildland Fire Service Update <i>Brian Fennessy, Director/Fire Chief</i>
0925 - 0945	United States Fire Administration Update <i>U.S. Fire Administrator - Paul Matheis</i>
0945 - 1030	What I wish I knew - Breakouts
1030 - 1045	Break
1045 - 1130	What I wish I knew - Reports
1130 - 1200	UL FSRI Update <i>Dr. Steve Kerber, VP/Director</i>
1200 - 1245	Lunch
1245 - 1325	Sponsor Presentations
1325 - 1405	High-Performance Intelligence: Applying Formula 1 AI Lessons to the Fire Service <i>Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell, Manager, Former U.S. Fire Administrator</i>
1405 - 1435	2026 Early Career Fire Service Research Scholar Award Presentation - Health Hazards during EV Firefighting <i>Dr. Richard Kesler, Research Engineer - Fire Safety Research Institute</i>
1435 - 1500	Sponsor Presentation
1500 - 1515	Break
1515 - 1700	Metro Business Meeting II



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Thursday, June 11, 2026	
0830 - 0835	General Announcements <i>Metro President John Butler</i>
0835 - 0855	Sponsor Presentations
0855 - 0910	National Fire Chiefs Council, United Kingdom Update <i>CFO Phil Garrigan, OBE - Chair</i>
0910 - 0925	Federation of European Fire Officers Update <i>CFO Stephan Wevers, President</i>
0925 - 0940	CTIF International Association of Fire & Rescue Service Update <i>CFO Milan Dubravac, President</i>
0935 - 0950	Organization de Bomberos Americanos (Organization of American Firefighters) - OBA Update <i>Andrea Rojas Van Dyck, Executive Director</i>
0950 - 1005	Asociación de Jefe de Bomberos Mexicanos <i>Jefe Marco Antonio Sánchez Guerrero - President</i>
1005 - 1020	Sponsor Presentations
1020 - 1035	Break
1035 - 1105	The Pitfalls of Being a Bison <i>Sara Jahnke, Ph.D. -Director & Senior Scientist Center for Fire, Rescue & EMS Health Research</i>
1105 - 1135	Turning PFAS Research into Action: What Fire Service Leaders Need to Know <i>Dr. Jeff Burgess, Professor and Director, Center for Firefighter Health Collaborative Research, University of Arizona</i>
1135 - 1200	Sponsor Presentations
1200 - 1300	Lunch



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1300 - 1330	Behavioral Health in Today's Fire Service <i>Kristin Cox, Behavioral Health Coordinator for Seattle Fire, and Chief Harold Scoggins</i>
1330 - 1410	Sponsor Presentations
1410 - 1510	Point, Counter Point – Single Stairwells and the Fire Service -Presentations and Panel Discussion <i>Alex Horowitz Project Director, Housing Policy, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Jeremy Criner, Regional Director, NFPA, Chief Harold Scoggins, Seattle - Facilitators Chief Aaron Lipski and Gabriela Domenzain, Manager, Communications The Pew Charitable Trusts</i>
1500 - 1515	Break
1515 -1630	Metro Business Session III (If needed)