Dear Fire Ops 101 Participant,

Congratulations! You are registered for the IAFF Fire Ops 101 event in Richland, Washington. We are thrilled that you have agreed to join us for an experience you will never forget. Your mission (and you chose to accept it!) is to live a day in the life of a firefighter and paramedic. On March 20, you will wear turnout gear and an air mask, conduct a victim search, feel the heat of a flashover, perform defibrillation on a victim of cardiac arrest, and much more. Sound exhaustive? It is! Each adrenalin-filled moment will give you a small taste of a firefighter’s and paramedic’s day on the job.

Thursday ~ March 19, 2020
In order to participate in Fire Ops 101, you must attend a mandatory Welcome Reception/Registration at the Volpentest Hammer Training and Education Center on Thursday, March 19. Registration is between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., and the reception is from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. This new time was instituted last year, so please plan to be at the registration at no later than 4:00 p.m. This event also includes a briefing of Friday’s schedule and hors d’oeuvres. SPECIAL NOTE RE: MASK FIT-TEST: You must come to the mandatory reception with your mask already fit-tested—there will be no opportunity to do this at the event.

**PLEASE BRING THE SIGNED GENERAL RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT AND MEDICAL HISTORY FORMS WITH YOU AND PRESENT THEM AT THIS REGISTRATION EVENT. YOU MUST ALSO BRING THE BUNKER GEAR AND FIT-TESTED MASK FOR YOUR PARTICIPANT TO THIS EVENT**.

Friday ~ March 20, 2020
Please arrive at the Volpentest Hammer Training and Education Center at 7:00 a.m. and proceed to the registration desk. Note: The HAMMER facility is not a place for children—for their safety and yours, please leave your children at home.

What To Bring
You may bring any personal items you will need for the day. Do not bring computers, cameras or other valuables that need to be secured. Any guest you bring MUST check in for the event. Bystanders/observers for this event will be limited to the Press and authorized individuals only.
What To Wear
You should wear lightweight cotton clothing. Do not wear polyester, rayon, nylon or other similar materials. Shorts or pants and a lightweight shirt are best. Your shirt may be short- or long-sleeved. Wear comfortable shoes and heavy cotton socks. You will be provided boots for most of the day. Note about prescription eyewear: You will not be able to wear eyeglasses during the flashover event, as they will not fit behind the mask. You may wear glasses at events where masks or protective eyewear are not required. Contact lenses are permitted; please bring extra solution with you in case your eyes experience some drying.

What To Eat and Drink
For a week before the event and the day before the event, you should drink plenty of water so that your body is sufficiently hydrated. A continental breakfast will be provided upon arrival at the Volpentest Hammer Training and Education Center. Plenty of water, electrolytes, and appropriate snacks will be available to all participants throughout the day. Instructors will ensure that you remain sufficiently hydrated throughout the event. Lunch will be provided in the afternoon, prior to conclusion and final presentation ceremony.

Well, that’s it - you’re ready to begin! Should you have questions that we failed to answer, please contact your assigned Shadow.

We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

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