

# 2026 National Capital Region Fire Health & Safety Symposium

**FRIDAY,  
MARCH 13  
2026**

## Agenda

### **TRACK 1: OPERATIONAL SAFETY/ TACTICAL DECISION MAKING**

6:30 - 7:45 A.M.	<b>Coffee/ Light Breakfast / Vendor Setup</b>
7:45 - 8:00 A.M.	<b>Welcome / Elevator Pitch from LION (Vendor) / Introduction to Morning Keynote Speaker</b>
8:00 - 9:00 A.M.	<b>Opening Keynote: Dena Ali - Prevention by Design: Engineering Better Solutions to Wicked Problems</b> Battalion Chief with the Raleigh (NC) Fire Department
9:15 - 10:00 A.M.	<b>Speaker: John Tippet - ORIENTING: Rewiring the officer's thought process to resolve acute crises effectively</b> Director of Fire Programs for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
10:15 - 11:00 A.M.	<b>Speaker: Daniel Shaw (Ret.) - Safe is Not a Strategy.... Redefining Risk and Achieving Excellence</b> Former Asst. Chief, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and Technical Editor for Fire Engineering Magazine
11:15 - 12:00 P.M.	<b>Speaker: Joshua Burchick - The RIT Operation for the Line Duty Death of Lt. Nathan Flynn</b> Captain with Howard County (MD) Department of Fire & Rescue Services, Truck Company 7
12:00 - 1:15 P.M.	<b>Lunch and Vendor Time</b>
1:15 - 2:00 P.M.	<b>Speaker: Anthony Kelleher - Safety Through Operational Efficiency</b> Assistant Fire Chief of Operations for the DC Fire and EMS Department
2:15 - 3:00 P.M.	<b>Speaker: Dr. Daniel Madrzykowski - NFPA 1700 &amp; the Interactive Fire Ground</b> Senior Director of Research for the Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI)
3:05 - 3:15 P.M.	<b>Elevator Pitch from First Due (Vendor) / Introduction to Afternoon Keynote Speaker</b>
3:15 - 4:15 P.M.	<b>Closing Keynote: John Donnelly - Potomac Air Crash</b> Fire and EMS Chief, DC Fire and EMS
4:30 - 6:00 P.M.	<b>Social Reception &amp; Vendor Time</b>