



# Maryland Fire Chiefs Association

## Presents

### Pride and Ownership: Real Leadership with Real People

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- Date:** Saturday, April 14, 2018
- Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. *(Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided)*
- Location:** Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire Department  
73 Glymont Road  
Indian Head, MD 20640
- Featuring:** Chief Rick Lasky, Fire Chief (Retired)  
Lewisville (TX) Fire Department



**Presentation:** The fire service is a very special organization and one that is second to none. As a matter of fact, there are many in the private sector, many corporations, who wish they could model themselves after it. It has been said for years that there are Fortune 500 companies that would kill for the marketing advantage the American fire service has, and that's mainly due to that fact that the public trusts us. They trust us with everything! At a time when the American family is struggling with divorce, abuse, and a lot of other problems, the fire service continues to serve as a role model for honesty. So many of our firefighters and officers have worked hard to get the fire service to where it is at today; for that very reason, we need to protect it. We're all about family. We're all about taking care of people. We're all about supporting and promoting family values. We need to protect what we're all about.

But for us to continue this journey well into the future and to protect it for future firefighters, we need to ask ourselves some questions.

- Who owns your fire department?
- It's been said for years that being a firefighter is the best job in the world. Why is it the best?
- What kind of a leader does it take to provide that feeling?
- Just as important: What kind of firefighter does it take?
- Do you own your fire department?
- Do you know where it all started and why?
- Do you have that pride; that love for the job, or do you just show up?

We need to be honest with ourselves. The reality is that some people are not cut out for the fire service. They just can't seem to make the commitment that is needed. But that's okay,

because it's not for just anybody. It's for those who can commit to core values such as Pride, Honor, and Integrity. It's for those who can commit to a life of selflessness, to their brothers and sisters, and to the public. If this is you, welcome. I promise you it will be the best career choice you could have made. If you're already one of us and just need a shot in the arm to reenergize you or a "systems check" when it comes to you and the fire service, we will move you in the right direction.

**Registration:** Advanced registration closes April 11, 2018. Registration is open to all interested persons, but will be limited to 120 registrants. Register on-line at [www.mfri.org/seminars](http://www.mfri.org/seminars). For special accommodations, questions or a need to cancel, please email [seminars@mfri.org](mailto:seminars@mfri.org) or call 301-226-9971 (1-800-275-6374, ext. 9971).

**Hotel:** Individuals who travel greater than 50 miles may submit for one night of hotel reimbursement from the MSFA/MFCA SAFER Grant at a rate not to exceed \$93.00. (Instructions will be provided the day of the training for those wishing to submit for reimbursement). Hampton Inn Waldorf, 3750 Crain Hwy, Waldorf, MD 20603, (301) 632-9600. Use Code: MFCA 2018.

**Hotel Registration Link:**

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