

2019 6th Biennial Fire PPE Symposium

Call for Presentations Submission

March 11-13, 2019



PRESENTATION PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

F.I.E.R.O., host of the premier fire PPE conference in the country, is looking for cutting edge presentations for the 2019 symposium. We are looking for presenters and presentations that will help us create a conference that engages, challenges and educates the fire service in all things related to fire PPE. We are especially interested in hearing from:

- Members of the fire service who have gone through the gear selection process and can discuss the process, challenges and successes they encountered
- Experts in science and research related to fire PPE
- Advocates for PPE-related topics

If you or someone you know of can be a resource in helping your colleagues prepare for the future, submit a proposal via email to info@fieronline.org by August 31, 2018. In particular, we're looking to showcase innovative programs with proven, practical, and replicable results that address:

- PPE program management
- Selection
- Risk assessment
- Developing a request for bids/proposals
- Inspection
- Cleaning and drying
- Retirement
- Recent research projects
- Selecting an ISP
- Cancer awareness and cancer prevention as it relates to PPE
- Health and safety issues as they relate to PPE
- PPE limitations
- Understanding certification and verification
- Innovations in the fire service
- NFPA PPE Standards updates and issues being addressed

Presentation rules:

- Content: F.I.E.R.O. seeks to educate its audience and **not promote any specific products**. Exhibit space is available for all promotional activity. Only presentations that are product-neutral will be considered. Presentation selections will be made based on desired topics, flow of content, educational value and understanding of the content. Speakers cannot be an employee of a fire PPE manufacturer, service provider or dealer.
- Agenda schedule: F.I.E.R.O. will set the day and time for each presentation, in order to optimize the sequencing and flow of content and tracks. Speakers will be required to stay in their allotted time (sessions are 30, 40 or 45 minutes with the length to be determined by F.I.E.R.O. upon selection of presentations.)

Questions? Contact: Robert Tutterow, F.I.E.R.O. President, info@fieronline.org

If mailed, Call for Presentations submissions must be POST MARKED no later than August 31, 2018. Please email your submission form no later than August 31, 2018 to info@fieronline.org or mail your completed form to:

F.I.E.R.O.
c/o Robert Tutterow
1029 Lansdowne Road
Charlotte, NC 28270

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL

- Complete the attached two-page form.
- Submissions must be typed or reproduced on a computer.
- Email your photo, in .jpg format, for inclusion in the attendee resource guide.
- Submit the completed form post marked no later than August 31, 2018 to: F.I.E.R.O.; c/o Robert Tutterow; 1029 Lansdowne Road; Charlotte, NC 28270. It is recommended that proposals be sent via Federal Express, UPS or Certified Mail so you can track it if you require confirmation that we received it. Please do not call us to confirm receipt.
- Notification on the status of submission will be mailed directly to the proposing speaker no later than October 1, 2018. If you are submitting a proposal on behalf of someone else, please check with him or her regarding receipt of the decision.

PROPOSAL REVIEW. Members of the Selection Committee will review all complete proposals. Final selections will be made by the conference program organizers from those proposals accepted. Notification of acceptance will be sent no later than October 1, 2018.

A NOTE CONCERNING HONORARIA. The 2019 F.I.E.R.O. Fire PPE Symposium has a tradition of using educational conference sessions as a platform for innovation in the field of fire PPE management. We look for contributors who are willing to share their expertise WITHOUT expectation of payment in the spirit of networking, a purpose for which F.I.E.R.O. was founded.

EACH SESSION WILL LAST 30-45 minutes at the discretion of the F.I.E.R.O. planning committee.

The Selection Process. We strive to offer a balanced program of educational sessions by selecting proposals that best fit within the framework of the conference. Speakers cannot be an employee of a fire PPE manufacturer, service provider or dealer.

Practical Application. Sessions conducted by practitioners that include practical, immediately applicable work tools will be given preference. The conference committee seeks presentations that will provide our attendees with information that will improve their effectiveness on the job.

Proven Speaking Ability. The conference committee seeks experienced presenters with proven speaking ability. Those with a track record of speaking and performing well at large conferences will be given preference.

Proof of Performance. Please list the three most recent venues where you have presented and include how many people were in attendance for your presentation.

We expect presenters to:

- Meet all deadlines;
- Stay within given presentation timeframes (do not go over your allotted time)/adapt your presentation to the time allotted without complaining to the audience that you were only given a certain amount of time;
- Not add a co-presenter or change the identity or number of presenters without permission;
- Honor our commitment to provide education by not showcasing or promoting the speaker's practice, services or products, and
- Respect the 2019 Fire PPE Symposium as the sponsoring organization with either positive or neutral comments from the platform.

In return, we will:

- Provide a complimentary registration for the conference, including admission to the exposition, educational programs and social events.
- Grant you valuable professional exposure.
- Provide you with your evaluation scores and feedback after the conference.

About F.I.E.R.O.

F.I.E.R.O. (Fire Industry Education Resource Organization) was founded in September 1990 and is based in the southeastern United States. The organization was modeled after the SAFER (Southern Area Fire Equipment Research) organization in Southern California. The original purpose of F.I.E.R.O. (like SAFER) was to network fire service personnel and fire equipment manufacturers/distributors/dealers about firefighting equipment and firefighter safety. As fire service members started communicating with each other, they realized they had many common equipment and safety problems. F.I.E.R.O. and SAFER were able to open lines of communications with dealers and manufacturers to solve many problems.

As the decade of the 1990's progressed, communications within the fire service improved. With the emergence of the internet and its many fire service websites and blogs, however, the need for face-to-face networking waned. F.I.E.R.O. realized that the fire service needed information about design and construction of fire stations. In March 2000, F.I.E.R.O. offered its first Fire Station Symposium—the first of its kind anywhere. The response was so overwhelming that it has become an annual event. In 2007, F.I.E.R.O. saw a need for a PPE Symposium. With the growing complexities of Personal Protective Equipment, especially after 9-11, an educational task group within the PPE project of the National Fire Protection Association worked with F.I.E.R.O. to develop the first ever PPE Symposium in March of 2009. Currently, this symposium is a biennial event. In 2014, F.I.E.R.O. conducted its first regional Fire PPE Workshop—a venue focused on selections, care and maintenance of turnout gear (NFPA 1851)—at the DFW Fire Training Research Center.

F.I.E.R.O. is a not-for-profit, organization under the guidance of a Board of Directors. Its purpose is to improve firefighter health and safety through providing educational conferences.

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Your name (as you wish it to be published): _____

Organization name: _____

Organization website: _____

Job title: _____ Department: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ email address: _____

Phone number: _____ Fax number: _____

Describe your work history, projects, awards, education, etc.:

Will you have a co-presenter? Yes No If yes, please duplicate this form for you co-presenter and attach the completed form with your own submission.

If necessary, will you agree to give this presentation twice on the same day? Yes No

Proposed Title

Presentation Description

What is the primary learning objective of your presentation? List two or three session outcomes for the learner. (By attending this session, the participant will be able to:)

Describe audience engagement including the delivery format:

Please list the last three venues (with dates) where you were a presenter and the number of people present for each presentation:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Which level best describes who would benefit most from attending the session? Please select one:

Presentation Skill Level:

- Level One: for participants with limited knowledge of the topic to be covered
- Level Two: for participants with general knowledge of literature and professional practice within the content area
- Level Three: for participants with a thorough knowledge of literature and professional practice within the areas covered
- Level Four: General Audience

By signing this proposal I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL NOT RECEIVE AN HONORARIUM. If I have a co-presenter, he or she will not receive an honorarium. If selected, I agree to adhere to the deadline schedule furnished by conference organizers. I understand that my conference presentation is not a showcase for promotion of my business, practice or product, and I will not sell my products or services from the F.I.E.R.O. speaker platform. I also understand that I will be notified about the status of my proposal by mail no later than October 1, 2018.

Signature

Date