



Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department

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TO: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

FROM: Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department

Reference: Online Action Training

Date: September 14, 2026

The Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department is requesting permission for the following members to attend the 2026 SD Firefighters Association Annual Conference in Piedmont. The conference will be between October 2-4, 2026, and the following members are requested to attend:

1. Sarah Van Tassel
2. Jeremy Van Tassel
3. Melanie Bond
4. John Beck
5. Mike Klamm

The conference is \$20 per person and there is no lodging necessary for the training. Requesting to allow members to also utilize truck 4 if necessary. A copy of the sign-up sheet and event details have been included. A check for \$100.00 is requested prior to the conference as payment will be delivered the day of the conference. Please make checks payable to SD Firefighters Association.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brandy Lechner

Deadwood Volunteer Fire Department

Administrative Assistant

2026 SD Firefighter's Association Annual Conference

October 2-4, 2026 at the Pete Lien & Sons Shooting Sports Complex in Piedmont, SD

MONDAY

Sign up by noon on ~~Wednesday, September 10th~~ 14

Speakers:

Calen Maningas - Bridging the Gap: Connecting, Training & Leading Every Generation in the Fire Service

Shawn Fischer - Through the Smoke: A Family's Journey After Line-of-Duty Death

Tom Merrill - Forged by Fire

Schedule: See posted flyer

Sarah Van Tassel

Jeremy Van Tassel

Melanie Bant

John Beck

Mike Klam

2026 SD Firefighters Association Annual Conference – Piedmont, SD

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. SDFA Board of Directors Meetings
- 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Joint Council of Emergency Services Meeting
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Registration Desk & Vendors Open

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

- 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens
- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. General Membership Meeting & Discussions
- 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Bridging the Gap: Connecting, Training, and Leading Every Generation in the Fire Service - *Calen Maningas*
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch (provided with registration)
- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Through the Smoke: A Family's Journey After Line-of-Duty Death - *Shawn Fischer*
- 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Conference & Dear Old Timers Social
(hors d'oeuvres & cash bar)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Forged by Fire - *Tom Merrill*
- 12:00 p.m. SDFA General Membership Meeting & Discussions



INVOICE 101-4221-427
SD FF ASSOC. Conference



2026 SDFA Fall Conference and Membership Meeting - (7th Annual)

October 2, 2026 5:00 PM - October 4, 2026 12:00 PM
(MDT.((GMT-07:00) Mountain Time))

Description

PETE LIEN & SONS SHOOTING SPORTS
COMPLEX – PIEDMONT, SD

The 2026 South Dakota Firefighters Association Annual Conference is coming to Bidart
See More ...

Congratulations! Your registration is complete!

Attendees

Thank you for registering for SDFA Fall Conference and Membership Meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the Event! Keep an eye on your in-box and our website for any last minute changes or news regarding the Fall Conference.

If you haven't setup a Login to our SDFA Members Section - Info Hub, now would be a great time to do so. Having a login is the best way to ensure you get appropriate member discounts, additionally there is a great deal of information available to you in the Info Hub, including the ability to view, download and re-print attendance certificates as well as other member benefit items. Its much easier to register for an event from our members section as once your logged in, all of your information will pre-fill. Also if you are a 100% Department member you may post events, post news, post fundraisers, post Fire Service related items for sale, etc...directly to our website WHAT'S NEW section. Visit our homepage at www.sdfirefighters.org ([//www.sdfirefighters.org](http://www.sdfirefighters.org)) click the Yellow Login button and if you don't have a login click the **RED TEXT that says Create One. (note: your email address must be in our system in order to create a login)**

PS. You can keep an eye on future Fire Service events in South Dakota by visiting the EVENT CALENDAR (<https://members.sdfirefighters.org/event-calendar>) on the SDFA Website. Additionally on the SDFA Website there is a WHAT'S NEW - NEWS (<https://members.sdfirefighters.org/news>) section that you can subscribe to and you will be automatically notified via email when NEWS/EVENT items are posted.

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION AND INVOICE BELOW

Thank You!

The SDFA Board



(<https://www.sdfirefighters.org/>)

Attendee Name	Registration Type	Status	Total
Melanie Bond	SDFA Conference Registration- Standard Attendee	Registered	\$20.00
John Beck- Bronikowski	SDFA Conference Registration- Standard Attendee	Registered	\$20.00
Jeremy VanTassel	SDFA Conference Registration- Standard Attendee	Registered	\$20.00
Sarah Van Tassel	SDFA Conference Registration- Standard Attendee	Registered	\$20.00
Michael Klamm	SDFA Conference Registration- Standard Attendee	Registered	\$20.00

Total: \$100.00