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Submit Your Presentation for the 2020 NVFC Recruitment & Retention Experience

Proposals due by February 1, 2020

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) will host its inaugural NVFC Recruitment and Retention (R&R) Experience on September 25-26, 2020, in Cleveland, OH. The NVFC is now accepting proposals from qualified instructors and speakers for presentations to educate first responders about critical staffing issues in the volunteer fire and emergency services. <u>Submit your proposal</u> by February 1, 2020.

The 2020 NVFC R&R Experience theme is "A Forum for the Future." The new R&R-focused event will be an opportunity for fire and EMS personnel from across the country to participate in valuable classroom training as well as exchange ideas and best practices with their peers. The conference is open to all first responders nationwide but will be targeted toward department leadership and recruitment officers. Eight breakout sessions will be offered; each will be 90 minutes in length.

Examples of relevant presentation topics include, but are not limited to:

- Diversity & inclusion
- Working intergenerationally
- Work-life balance
- Marketing your department
- Finding funding
- Reputation management
- Department culture
- Youth development
- Supporting your volunteers

Applications must be submitted by February 1, 2020, at <u>https://nvfc.wufoo.com/forms/2020-nvfc-rr-experience-call-for-presentations</u>. A peer review team will evaluate all presentation proposals. Selections will be made based on quality, relevance, focus, practical application, and the presenter's experience and credentials. Selected presenters will be notified by February 28.

The NVFC will cover travel expenses and provide a stipend for the selected presenters. Teaching teams are welcome to apply, but only one instructor per course can receive travel reimbursement/stipend. Please note, while organizations can apply to share their subject matter expertise, all courses must be educational in nature.

Learn more about the NVFC R&R Experience at <u>www.nvfc.org/experience</u>. Questions? Contact Rachel Buczynski, conference planner, at <u>Rachel@nvfc.org</u> or 202-887-5700.

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About the NVFC

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is the leading nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. The NVFC serves as the voice of the volunteer in the

national arena and provides invaluable tools, resources, education, programs, and advocacy for first responders across the nation. Find out more at <u>www.nvfc.org</u>.