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**June 25,
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**Get Your Bids In for the Silent Auction at the NASFM
Annual Conference!**



2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA

NASFM will be holding a silent auction at the Annual Conference and 25th Anniversary Celebration in St. Pete Beach, Florida. Several collectible and valuable items will be auctioned off, including the following:

A Henry .22 customized
NASFM/Firefighter Edition collector rifle.



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2014: Last
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A guitar autographed by Kix Brooks, the American country music artist, actor and film producer best known for being one-half of the duo Brooks & Dunn and host of radio's *American Country Countdown*.



A diecast #22 Car donated by Shell, with the NASFM logo on the deck lid and autographed by driver Joey Logano.

For those not familiar with how silent auctions work, bidding in a silent auction is done privately via clipboards or on sheets of paper set up at tables; bidders may bid on multiple items at once.

Afterward, the written bids are examined and the person who bid the highest for each item claims and pays for that item.

The items up for auction will be displayed at the NASFM table during the Exhibit on the afternoon of Monday, July 28, and during the Luau scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, July 29. Winners will be announced at the Luau. Proceeds of the auction will go to the NASFM Fire Research & Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.

Any questions about the Conference, please contact: Peggy Beiling, NASFM Director of Internal Operations, (202) 393-1129; pbeiling@narvaassociates.com. Information about the Conference can be found on the NASFM website at <http://www.firemarshals.org/events/events.html>.

Looking forward to seeing you in July!

**NASFM Annual Conference Will Feature Keynote,
"Observations from 30,000 Feet"**



Attendees of the NASFM 2014 Annual Conference are in for a motivational wake-up call during the first-day Opening Ceremony on Monday, July 28. Timothy E. Sendelbach, Editor-in-Chief of FireRescue Magazine and FirefighterNation.com, will be delivering the keynote address, entitled, *Observations from 30,000 Feet - Challenges and Opportunities for the Modern Fire Service*.

"As members of the fire service, we oftentimes view the problems we face day-to-day as local or unique," says Sendelbach. "But the reality is that most of the problems we face in the fire service are shared by firefighters, fire marshals and chief officers throughout the nation." Sendelbach's high impact, high-energy presentation will highlight

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the challenges being faced by firefighters and fire marshals throughout the nation while sharing critical insight as to the opportunities these challenges bring to current and future leaders of the fire service. The program promises to be a no-holds-barred presentation designed to uphold the mission of the fire service profession while challenging the daily routines and decisions that accompany them.

Sendelbach is a 27-year student and educator of the fire and emergency services. He is a past president of the International Society of Fire Services Instructors (ISFSI) and has served as an Assistant Fire Chief with the North Las Vegas (NV) Fire Department, as the Chief of Training for Savannah (GA) Fire & Emergency Services, and as Assistant Fire Chief for Missouri City (TX) Fire & Rescue Services. He earned a master's degree in Leadership from Bellevue University, bachelor's degrees in Fire Administration and Arson, and an associate's degree in Emergency Medical Care from Eastern Kentucky University. Sendelbach has also served as the editor of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI) publication *The Instructor*, and as a contributing author to numerous other publications including: *The Volunteer Voice*, *Firehouse.com Members Zone*, *National Fire & Rescue*, *The Atlantic Firefighter*, and the *Fire & Emergency Television Network (FETN)*, for which he was the writer/developer of the featured "SURVIVAL!" program.

In addition to his numerous accomplishments as a writer, Sendelbach has been a featured speaker in 46 U.S. states, and six Canadian and two Australian provinces. Sendelbach also has received recognition that highlights his skills as a trainer and the respect with which he is held in the field of firefighter health and safety. In July 2002, he was awarded the prestigious Innovator of the Year Award from the International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI) for his innovative training ideas and concepts in the area of firefighter safety and survival. In 2001, He was awarded the George Hughes Award from the Texas Association of Fire Educators for his accomplishments as a speaker and trainer in the state of Texas. In 2007, he was selected to serve on the City of Charleston Post-Incident Assessment and Review Team following the tragic loss of nine firefighters in the Sofa Super Store Fire.

Report on "Today and Tomorrow's Fire Data" Workshop Available

On March 26, 27, 2014, in Gaithersburg, MD, NFPA's Fire Analysis and Research Division, in cooperation with the National Institute of Standards and Technology, facilitated a workshop to bring together the research community and major fire organizations in the United States who are leaders in the collection and use of fire experience data, including NASFM. Its goal was to review how we currently gather, analyze and use fire loss data and explore how we might work together to make all those processes more effective.

The workshop began with a basic overview of the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) and the analysis methods used by USFA, NFPA and

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CPSC to develop national estimates of fire loss based on this data. The insurance industry and IAFC presented on other fire loss data collection activities, and a group of presentations on wildland urban interface data collection was made. Representatives of federal, state and local fire agencies then described how they use this data for decision making on resource allocation, program priorities, etc.

On the second day, several current research projects designed to enhance data collection were described, as well as NFPA standards development activity relevant to this activity. Next, a series of discussion sessions on data needs and gaps and enhanced data gathering were conducted. A final discussion session painted a picture of the future of fire loss data collection and analysis and outlined steps toward that vision. Following the workshop, participants identified their priorities for future activities designed to ensure a robust national fire data collection and analysis program that continues to meet the evolving needs of the fire community.

This Report is a summary of the workshop presentations and discussions. Appendix A consists of the participant list, agenda and presentations; Appendix B describes the detailed outcome of each of the discussion sessions on the second day of the workshop.

Finally, the report includes priority strategies identified by participants after the workshop.

Download a copy of the Today and Tomorrow's Fire Data Workshop report (PDF, 6 MB)

from <http://www.nfpa.org/~media/Files/Research/NFPA%20reports/Workshops/WorkshopTodayandTomorrowsFireData.pdf>.

Roundtable: Discussion about Recent Fires in Buildings under Construction

The International Code Council, National Association of Home Builders and National Multifamily Housing Council members, stakeholders and others with technical expertise in the built environment will come together to review fires in buildings under construction that recently caused severe property damage and personal injury. The initiative will seek to identify causes and publish its findings to provide an opportunity for code and fire officials, architects, engineers, builders, construction workers, manufacturers and others to collaborate on recommendations for prevention, mitigation and safety.

Using a roundtable, open discussion format, participants will meet on July 31 for a day-long session at the ICC Governmental Affairs Office in Washington, D.C., and deliver its findings by Sept. 15. Retired California State Fire Marshal Ronny J. Coleman will be the moderator.

"We have noted a series of recent fires that have struck buildings under construction," said ICC Board President Stephen Jones, CBO. "Once we

identify common causes, participants will explore strategies so the building industry might prevent or mitigate the primary causes of these incidents."

Under construction building sites can have large amounts of combustible materials that create risks for onsite construction workers, the structure and first responders who may have to battle a fire or other man-made disaster. Both the 2012 International Building Code and 2012 International Fire Code address safety during construction, including mitigating fire hazards, standpipes, water supply for fire protection, precautions against fire, owner's responsibility for fire protection, fire reporting, access for firefighting, portable fire extinguishers and safeguarding roofing operations.

"While the codes address safety measures for buildings under construction, code development and code compliance are ongoing improvement processes," Jones said. "Eliminating unsafe worksite practices in the built environment, improving contractor and worker competencies through training programs aimed at compliance with current ICC building and fire codes, applicable federal and state fire protection requirements, and identifying best practices can help prevent future incidents."

Roundtable participants will review the official report of cause for major under construction fires as determined by the local investigating fire and/or building department or any other official agency. The group also will work with site owners and contractors to examine the relevant information about each incident in developing any recommendations for improving safety at construction sites.

Interested participants can get details by calling 888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), ext. 6235. An executive report will be made available in the fall.

Please note: The next NASFM News will be a combined July/August issue that will contain a report on the NASFM Annual Conference