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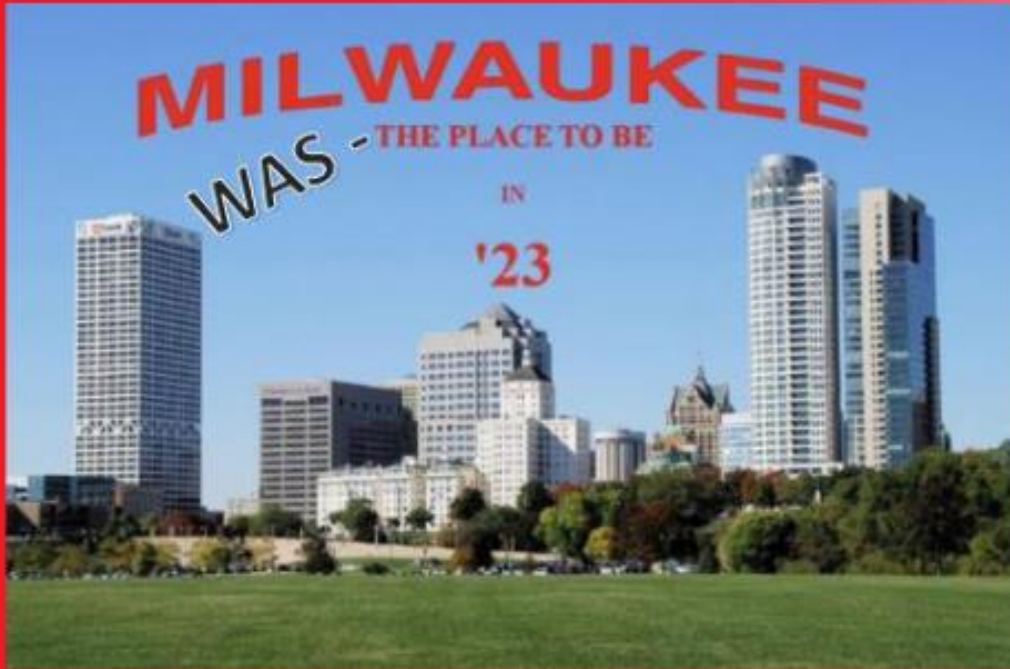
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Sunday August 13, 2023

Welcome



Here is a recap of the 2023 IFBA Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this past August. Pictures and comments are from several attendees. We've included examples of the professional, educational, and social aspects of the convention, as planned by the committee.



IFBA President Robert Ristic and his wife Tanya, welcome Mark Cohen. (Louisville, Kentucky)



A local TV station interviewing some of our attendees.



Micah Bodford, from Winston-Salem, NC, was one of a dozen first time attendees to an IFBA Convention.



Ron Hornik, Bob Ristic, and Bob Warner Milwaukee Fire Bell Club Members



Ralph Decker from Tacoma, WA is welcomed by Milwaukee Fire Bell Club members Ashley Ristic and Bill Mokros.
"I am so grateful that I was able to attend the convention. You and your committee did a great job and thanks."



Executive Board





Monday August 14, 2023

Ceremonies



THE MILWAUKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD

The opening ceremonies included the singing of the National Anthem and Canadian Anthem sung by Milwaukee Fire Department Survive Alive Board member Neil Boettcher and accompanied by Vickie Mokros. The necrology and ringing of the bell in honor of past members concluded the ceremony.



IFBA President Bob Ristic



Executive Vice President
Steve Garnett

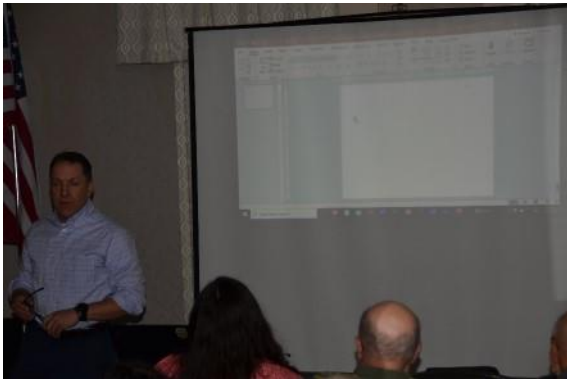


Bill Mokros
Tolling the Bell

Welcome



Milwaukee Fire Chief
Aaron Lipski



Fitchburg, WI Fire Chief
Joe Pulvermacher



Retired Oak Creek Police Captain
Mike Bolender

Peaceful Warriors: Prepare, Prevent, Respond

PICTURES BELOW ARE OF ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES HE HAD US PRACTICE.



Tracey Brighten, Montreal Canada

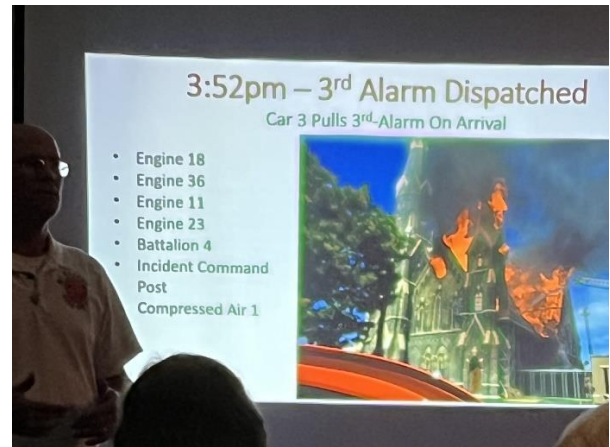


Bob Ristic, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

We were taught a way to protect ourselves if in a dangerous situation but using head mannequins instead of a real person. Ask those that were there what it was like. *"It was a very creepy feeling. But if needed, I would be able to defend myself."* (Vickie Mokros, Milwaukee)

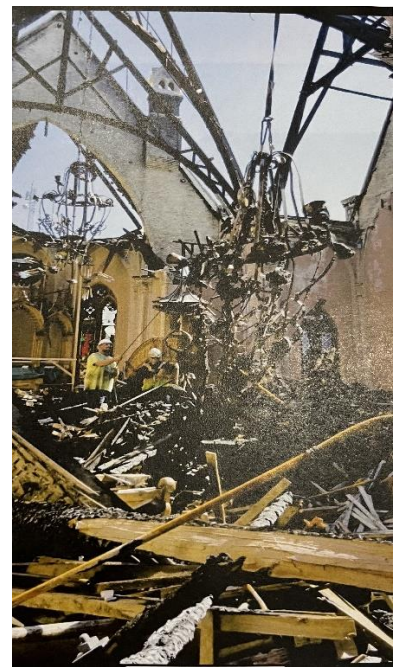
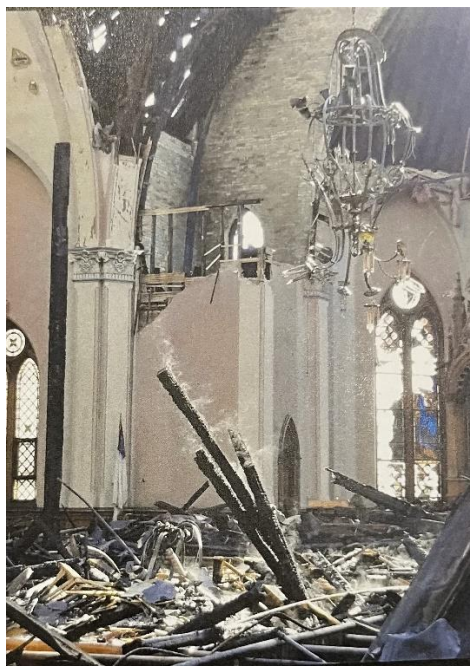
CHIEF AARON LIPSKI, MILWAUKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT

“CONTROLLING THE DISASTER”



HISTORIC TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH FIRE

Several Trinity Church members were with us as Chief Lipski shared the details of this fire. The pastor of the church was inside and saw the start of the fire. Both Chief Lipski and the members felt like they could finally have some closure after this presentation. We then took a quick ride over to the church to look at the restoration process which is ongoing.





Main level, looking up into the balcony.



The lower level of the church was completed first.



Battalion Ride-A-Longs



Battalion Responses



Stations & Companies



Fire Alarm

EVENING ACTIVITIES

Twenty-eight of the convention attendees took part in rides with Milwaukee Fire Department Battalion Chiefs beginning Sunday evening through Wednesday night. Each ride was a minimum of two hours. Some riders were treated to dinner at stations, all responded to calls, and some of those saw firefighters in action.

"The real highlight for me was spending over three hours riding with MFD Battalion 10. Even though we had only 1 run and it was just a few blocks from MFD HQ, it was a thrill, nonetheless. And being fed a spaghetti dinner at the fire house was an added bonus." Rick Loiselle, London, Ontario Canada

DoubleTree hotel's downtown location gave guests easy access to numerous events in the area. Several guests visited the Milwaukee Fire Bell Club's quarters, plus, the Milwaukee Fire Historical Museum was also open.

Every fire station was open to all guests and MFD headquarters was within two blocks of the hotel and as reported to us, visited by many.



Milwaukee Fire Department Battalion Chief Ronald Fimrohr and Rick Loiselle (Photos Rick Loiselle)

COMMENTS FROM SOME OF THE ATTENDEES

"I had a great time at this year's convention in Milwaukee. It gave me a chance to connect more with buffs from across the country while also learning more. I also had amazing experiences like riding along with a MFD Battalion Chief or buffing the city with other members." (John (JJ) Hooper. Derby, Kansas)



Milwaukee Station 13. (J.Hooper)



MFD Truck 2, Rescue 1 and Rescue 4
(J.Hooper. At Harley Museum)



Tuesday August 15, 2023

Venerable Fire Museum



Richfield Fire Department



Holy Hill Basilica



TUESDAY FIELD TRIP

As we loaded up the buses Tuesday morning, the hotel staff handed me bags of DoubleTree Cookies to pass out to everyone during the day. (Yummy!) Our first stop was to the Venerable Fire Museum in Slinger, WI, where Mary Franz and her staff welcomed us. From there we went to the Richfield Fire Station for lunch, a chance to listen to and talk with Chief Tony Burgard, and time for taking apparatus pictures. Our last stop then was to Holy Hill, Basilica and National Shrine. Many of us climbed the 178 stairs to the top of one of the towers. The views there are breathtaking, and it was well worth the huffing and puffing (for some of us). The following pictures are from each of the places we visited.



Venerable Fire Museum Collection



"The visit to the Venerable Fire Museum was incredible. I do not believe that I have ever seen such an amazing collection of vintage fire apparatus and equipment." Rick Loiselle, London, Ontario Canada



Richfield Fire Department



Chief Tony Burgard



Lunch and the Chief



Yes, it is yellow!



Richfield's Antique Fire Truck is located in the lobby of their newest station. Steve Hansen Picture

National Shrine of Mary



Looking up



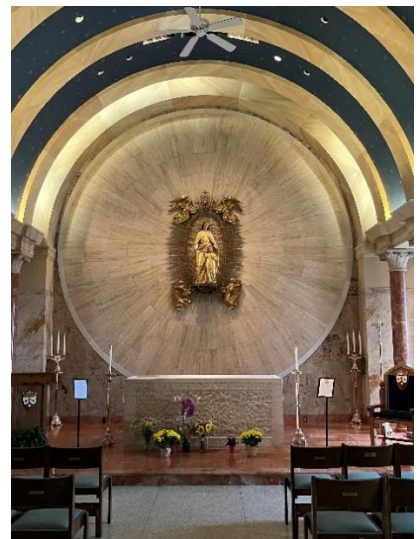
Steve Hansen picture



Looking down from after climbing the tower.
(Vickie Mokros)



The view from the steeple



Altars and Sanctuary



Wednesday August 16, 2023

Annual Meeting



Seminars



Local 215 / House of Harley



WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

After a delicious all you can eat buffet breakfast, the first order of business was the IFBA's annual business meeting.

Following that, we had three speakers. Retired MFD Captain Jim Ley (Milwaukee, WI) and Iggy Kapalczynski (West Hartford, CT) shared their passion for writing. Scott Carnahan (Milwaukee, WI) then shared his photographic knowledge and help to take the best picture possible.



Jim Ley, Author



Scott Carnahan, Photographer



Ignatius 'Iggy' Kapalczynski, Historian

Following those presentations, we boarded a coach bus for a quick ride to House of Harley to join the Milwaukee Professional Firefighters Local 215 as they honored their retirees at an annual picnic. Some of the food choices included Wisconsin's favorite bratwurst, plus refreshing liquids to wash it down. Apparatus from three communities were present for pictures. Here are a few pictures from Wednesday's activities.



Huge tents provided shade. The lines were long but worth the wait! And it was all you can eat!



Hospitality



The hospitality room at the hotel was located on the main level by the restaurant and meeting rooms and had many people in throughout the evening. Raffles were held each night at 9:30 p.m. to make room for more items. A silent auction was held with the closing occurring before the banquet and winners announced at the end of the banquet.



Thursday August 17, 2023

Seminars



Harley Davidson Museum



THURSDAY ACTIVITIES

Thursday, the last day of the convention, included presentations by John Drengenberg (Safety Researcher from Underwriters Laboratory in Illinois), Grafton Fire Chief Bill Rice (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System-MABAS), North Shore Fire Chief Bob Whitaker (Shared Services), and Retired MFD Deputy Chief Neil Lipski (Deep Tunnel Rescue). Each of these speakers shared their expertise in their related fields. John Drengenberg was joined by Milwaukee Fire Department Lt Jeffrey Freitag in a discussion about the research UL completed in Milwaukee with houses that were built with knee walls. Racine Fire Chief Steve Hansen, an IFBA member, added comments to both Chief Rice's and Chief Whitaker's presentation. Neil Lipski, father of current MFD Chief Aaron Lipski, brought back memories for Bill Mokros when he needed to go into the tunnels in Milwaukee as a photojournalist. All of these presentations were extremely interesting.



Lt Freitag and John Drengenberg



Chief Bill Rice and Chief Bob Whitaker



Retired MFD Deputy Chief Neil Lipski

Following the seminars, we enjoyed a deli style lunch, and then took the hotel shuttle to the Harley Museum. While there, the Milwaukee Fire Department had several apparatuses on display and later, as a surprise to all of us, the Milwaukee Fire Department Fire Boat (Phoenix) arrived in the canal. The short five-minute ride back to the hotel gave guests time to relax before the banquet.





Buffing



First due photography
by Daniel McCarthy
NYCFire.net, riding
with the Milwaukee
Battalion Chief





Milwaukee Apparatus



The IFBA group toured the Harley-Davidson Museum on Thursday, August 17, 2023. We were welcomed to the museum by the Milwaukee Fire Department, Special Team units. Located below is the Structural Collapse unit of the Heavy Rescue Urban Team (HURT) and the new HazMat 1 rig.



Located below is the MFD, Incident Command Post and Dive Rescue boat, called the Phoenix.



Here is the Dive Rescue's fire boat, the Phoenix. They are flowing water in the Menomonee River right next to the Harley-Davidson Museum and just south of downtown Milwaukee.



Brad Gruenewald



Quote from JJ Hooper (Kansas) to me (Vickie Mokros): *"I never dreamed I would be able to get on a fireboat!"* Happy for him that this surprise worked out.





Banquet





CLOSING BANQUET

The closing banquet was held the evening of August 17, 2023. Social time included an assortment of appetizers, plus plenty of time to continue reminiscing. Our MC for the night was retired MFD Deputy Chief Mike Payne. (He was helped by retired MFD Deputy Chief Neil Lipski.) The two of them had everyone laughing and begging for more stories. The dinner was followed by a 'help yourself' dessert bar.



Mike Payne and Bob Ristic



DC Neil Lipski (ret) and DC Mike Payne



Vickie Mokros, Neil Lipski, Mike Payne

The Firefighter of the Year Award, in honor of long-time IFBA member Ira Rubin, was presented to MFD (retired) Lt Brent Jones.



Joe Sullivan from Atlanta, GA was bestowed the honor of Fire Buff of the Year.





Officers



The swearing in of officers for the 2023-2024 term was led by Executive Vice-President Steve Garnett. Outgoing President Robert Ristic spoke before handing over the badge and gavel to incoming president Steve Korb from Richmond, VA, host of the 2024 Convention.

Here is an assortment of pictures from the Banquet:



Steve Garnett, Steve Korb, Bob Ristic



Joe Sullivan, Bob Rupert, Dennis Ahrens, Dan Wolfe



Gordie Kirkpatrick, Oshawa, Ontario CA



Recognition



Bob Ristic



Scott Pedersen



Tom Bilbrey



Steve Korb



Carolyn Wignall

PICTURES ON THE NEXT TWO PAGES WERE TAKEN BY CHIEF STEVE HANSEN, RACINE,WI FIRE DEPARTMENT



MC Mike Payne



Outgoing President Robert Ristic



Steve Korb receives the badge and gavel



Lt Brent Jones, Firefighter of the Year



Neil Lipski, Steve Garnett, and Mike Payne



Executive Vice President Steve Garnett, Joe Sullivan, recipient of Fire Buff of the Year award, and Stuart Nathan, Chairman of the Fire Buff of the Year Award Committee.

The evening ended with newest MFBC member, Ashley Ristic, announcing the winners of the Program/Ad Book Contest and the Silent Auction winners.

And the Winners are...



FIRE BOAT 1ST PLACE AD BOOK



DIVE RESCUE 2ND PLACE AD BOOK



SOUTHSIDE COWBOYS 3RD PLACE AD



Convention Committee



.....and that's a wrap! Some of the planning committee members and extra helpers. Thank you ALL!

On behalf of the entire 2023 IFBA convention planning committee, I would like to thank you for attending the 70th Anniversary Convention in Milwaukee. It is somewhat surreal that three and a half years of planning came to fruition last week, but all good things must come to an end. We were glad to see that many of you took opportunities to visit venues in the City of Milwaukee and surrounding areas. Keep those pictures coming please, whether on your personal Facebook pages, the IFBA Fire Buffing Community Facebook page, or the IFBA website.

Having a number of younger IFBA and non-IFBA members attend, whether for the entire convention or a day or two, is indicative of the interest in our organization and a promise that there will be a new generation to continue our legacy. It was a joy to meet those of you first timers. Please remember two of the challenges I mentioned at the banquet, and hopefully Richmond Metro Flying Squad will see 2-3 times more attendees than we had in Milwaukee.

1. Talk about your experience at the convention.
2. Bring someone along with you to Richmond that wasn't at the convention this year.

Take care everyone and as the saying around here goes: "God willing and the lake don't rise, I'll see you next year."

Vickie Mokros and the entire team.

"A couple of 'under the radar' items: The skills and attitude of the hotel staff. They were prepared, no doubt to the relationship built between the Convention committee and hotel management. The integration of younger members into the Milwaukee Convention committee to assure spectacular conventions in the future." (Joe Sullivan, VA)



First Convention

First Impression

70th Annual IFBA Convention in Milwaukee

- By *Ryan Olsen*

Rachel and I took a quick drive over to Milwaukee in mid-August for the 70th Anniversary of the International Fire Buff Associates Convention. Rachel and I decided to head down a day early to run down to Chicago to visit one of her friends from when they were in the ARMY together, as they hadn't seen each other in a few years. Amongst all of the clouds, we toured Millennium Park, saw the Bean, and walked across a really neat bridge out to the waterfront. We then stopped at one of our favorite restaurants, BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, located in Orland Park, IL. We arrived at the host hotel around 2100 hours, got checked in, and turned in for the evening.



Chicago's Millennium Park

Monday, we were presented with an amazing program from Milwaukee Fire Department Chief Lipski on the Trinity Church Fire in downtown Milwaukee. This fire reached five Alarms, and the photos and commentary were simply stunning. At the conclusion of the power-point presentation, we boarded shuttle buses and went over to the church to see the progress as they re-build. The artwork and build of these old churches simply can't be matched with today's standards. It is so amazing to see just how tall the ceilings are, and the amount of work that goes into building such a massive building, but to try and re-build such an old space years later.



Interior of Trinity Church



Interior of Trinity Church

The evening consisted of buffing with friend Mark Stampfl from Milwaukee, WI., and Micah Bodford from Winston-Salem, NC. Although we didn't catch anything, it's always fun to go out and buff with friends you don't get to see everyday.

Tuesday, we took a trip out to Slinger, WI. to visit the Venerable Fire Museum. This museum featured rigs of all ages, sizes, and types. One of my favorites was the 1935 Mack Pumper/Tanker from the Milwaukee Fire Department. The museum featured all kinds of memorabilia ranging from Fire Alarm boxes, gear, life nets, along with a Fire Bell from 1888. Out back, a new pole building housed a few pieces, and behind that, outside housed Engines along with an old MFD Tiller. It was really too bad to see these rigs sit out in the elements, but hopefully they'll go back into the new pole building that was being completed.



Venerable Fire Museum's ex-Madison, 1930's Seagrave 750

From the Extra Alarmer of the Extra Alarm Association of the Twin Cities, in it's 50th year of publication!



Venerable Fire Museum



Liberty Engine 1, 194x Seagrave 750



Milwaukee's 1935 Mack 750/2000 tanker- ex Town of Lake



An unmarked Mack CF parked in a storage building



Sheboygan, 1951 FWD 750/250



Former Milwaukee Engine, 1955 Pirsch 1000/250



Wawatosa Engine 101, 194? Mack 1000



A 1950's style Pirsch 100' TDA protected by a tarp



New Orleans 1914 ALF model 30-4 85' Water Tower

A luncheon at the Richfield Fire Company along with a photo-shoot of Station 1's Apparatus sure did please all of us photographers.



Richfield VFC Engine 1961 - 2012 Pierce Impel 2000/1000



Richfield VFC Rescue 1950, 198x Spartan Big Easy



Richfield VFC Tanker, 1992 Mack MC 3000-gallon

We then made our way to the Holy Hill Basilica to see the impressive shrine and go up in the tower, which was 178 steps to the top!



Holy Hill Basilica



Holy Hills Basilica Worship Area



*The sign on the door leading to this stairway says
"The tower has 178 steps. Good luck!"*



The special view from the Holy Hill Basilica

The evening consisted of a trip to the Milwaukee Fire Museum to tour and see the old Quarters of Engine 23 and Truck 14. The Historical Society has taken great strides to preserve the Station to its original form, and they truly have done an amazing job. They have cases in the main bunk room, and they rotate the displays every so often, so that you always have new artifacts to see and things to learn about the Department. I really would have liked to see how tight the bay would have been with a current Engine and Truck housed back in there. Those bays don't offer a lot of wiggle room for maneuvering.



The Milwaukee Fire Department Museum occupies old Engine 23 and Truck 14's quarters



Milwaukee Fire Department Time-Line



The old "coupe" or office at the station



The old apparatus bay

and it's a bittersweet time. The 2024 IFBA will be held in Richmond, VA. and a drawing was held at the end of the dinner. We all got a ticket, and of course I didn't think I'd win. The first prize was for free registration, and what do you know, they pulled my name! I guess that means that I have to go to the convention, even though our wedding is a week after we get back, we will make it work. The convention committee did an outstanding job of making a great convention.

I look forward to next year in Richmond, Virginia!



Ryan and Rachell before the banquet



Ryan Olsen's interesting photo of Milwaukee Station 26.

Wednesday we had multiple different presentations, including one from fellow friend and buff, Scott Carnahan on Fireground Photography. Scott got into detail on his camera equipment, his style of photography, background as a whole, as well as his experience in Minneapolis and then when he came to Milwaukee. I hope Scott can come to one of our meetings sometime, and give a similar presentation to our club. For lunch, we headed out to Greenfield, WI. for the Local 215 luncheon. A few local Departments came out and showed off their rigs, however the sun wasn't in the best place for photos. The evening consisted of buffing with Scott, Micah, and John. We took in a garage fire in the Old North section of Milwaukee that we were only a few minutes down the street from.



The garage fire that we ran into



Milwaukee Engine 36, 2020 Pierce Enforcer 1500/1000

Afterwards, we headed over to Rescue 2's Quarters as Scott had to drop some stuff off. We got a tour of Rescue 2, and we all told the Firefighter about our Rescue Squads back home, and the differences between them. A quiet evening was had after that, and we turned in earlier than planned.

Thursday, the final day of the Convention, was held at the Harley Davidson Museum. MFD had rigs rotating throughout the day, and we were able to position most of them in the sun for some really nice photos.



Milwaukee Engine 12 - 2014 Pierce Arrow XT 1500/500



Milwaukee Engine 23, 2020 Pierce Enforcer 1500/500



Milwaukee Hazmat 1, 2021 Pierce Enforcer



Milwaukee Rescue 1, 2008 Pierce Dash (walk-around)



Milwaukee Truck 2, 2021 Pierce Velocity 7000 6x4 100' Ascendant Twr

I had almost forgotten at one point that we were there to see the museum as well. We decided to head in and see all that it had to offer. While I am not much of a motorcycle guy, it did have some really neat history including motorcycles from the Military, Police, and all kinds of other types. It's crazy how small they used to be, and now how big they are. I guess that's how everything is nowadays. The annual banquet signifies the end of the convention,

"The topics and speakers which spoke at the Convention were very interesting to listen to. Different topics than usual. It is always nice to come to Milwaukee and visit their club headquarters (Sta 25). Very good group of people and a great facility. The numerous tours were different and very interesting. Got to see a lot of the different areas and buildings in Milwaukee and surrounding areas. A lot of history." Dennis Ahrens, (pictured below), Crystal Lake, Illinois

"This was the best conference I have ever been to and the speakers and planned outings were so awesome." Dan Wolfe (pictured below), Tacoma, Washington.



Dan Wolfe waiting for the festivities at the banquet.
(Dennis Ahrens in background-blue shirt.)

"Congratulations, what an outstanding convention. It couldn't have been more perfect. Renate and I had a great time. One of the best things was the timing of the events. They were arranged so that even us older folks didn't get worn out. That was especially appreciated. The venue choices that the committee picked couldn't have been better. No long bus rides.

The entertainment at the banquet was perfect. What a combination those two were (Retired Deputy Chief Mike Payne and Retired Deputy Chief Neil Lipski.) The treats available in the hospitality room were just the right ones for this crowd.

The selection of DoubleTree for the convention couldn't have been better. It was first class all the way. The food and food choices and staff interactions were outstanding.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts." Chuck and Renate Liedtke, Milwaukee, WI

From the viewpoint of first time attendee

I want to say thank you for hosting a great convention, was a little nervous at first not knowing what to expect. But that quickly faded as I was welcomed with open arms. I met a lot of new faces but the faces became those of friends as I was welcomed in the family of buffs. Memories of this trip will last a lifetime, Thank y'all again!!

Definitely see y'all in 2024!!!

*Bobby O'Brien
Box 55
Nashville, TN*

From another new attendee,

I was also at first nervous, as didn't know what to expect and only knew a few people from online meetings. I was also nervous as first time IFBA region 7 vice president attending first in-person meeting.

That quickly went away when Vickie greeted me in the lobby, she's someone I've talked to quite a bit via email and text.

But soon I was treated like I wasn't new by the entire convention committee and seasoned IFBA members attending convention.

I sat with different people at the meals, presentations and in the hospitality room. I was expecting to have fun and that was it. But I learned so much from all sorts of attendees.

I had a lot of fun and learned things to do different next year, like learn how to use my new camera before going, get out and about with other fire buffs around town and fire buff around city, not just go to scheduled events.

I've made alot of new friends, that's for sure.

I'm excited for next year. I work at high school and school starts in September, so I have a year to make up excuses to be gone for 4 days, so any help with excuses would be greatly appreciated, JK.

Dan Wolfe

"Box 55 Nashville was excited to have 3 members attend the Milwaukee Convention. It was exciting to see old friends and meet so many new ones! A big Highlight was the engaging conversations with all the leadership and members of the Milwaukee Fire Department: Looking forward to Richmond and many more conventions in Milwaukee"

*Thank you,
Be well and safe,
Rick Short
Board President
Box 55 Association*



Candid Moments



Baltimore 414'ers



Mary Franz – Welcome All



Apparently not afraid of heights!



VENERABLE FIRE MUSEUM



Ryan Olsen checking out parts



Steve & Mary Korb at the gongs



Books, anyone?



If you sit by the water long enough, you may see a fireboat.



Gee Dad, did all those guys come out to see our kayacanoë?



Wait 'til the Racine convention!
Vickie Mokros and Scott Pedersen



Here's the plan. Vickie, you climb the steeple. We'll watch you.



Scott Pedersen and Trevor Burgess
(Racine, WI)



Towerladder Rescue Squad



Wait 'til the kids see this.



Anyone see the trumpet?
Stu Nathan



Just like managing a classroom.
Tanya Ristic



Ashley Ristic and Mark Cohen



Buff vs Boat
Master Stream Competition



Shooting the rigs and shooting the breeze



Unlimited desserts!



Tell me more about the
1963 Convention
Iggy Kapalczynski and Bernie
Grandjany (Rego Park, NY)