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SUBJECT: Media Advisory: Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association Conference being held at DECC; DFD Fire Chief Shawn Krizaj and MnFIRE Board President George Esbensen available at select times for media interviews

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Media Advisory

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Thursday, October 19, 2023 | DECC Pioneer Hall Exhibit Rooms | 11 AM until 6 PM

[DULUTH, MN] The Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association Annual Conference is being held at the DECC in various rooms beginning October 18 and running through October 21. The conference agenda can be viewed here for detail: https://msfca.memberclicks.net/assets/23_/23_MSFCABrochure_100423.pdf.

Duluth Fire Department Chief Shawn Krizaj and MnFIRE Board President George Esbensen will be available for media interviews between the hours of 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Thursday, October 19 during the exhibit in Pioneer South. Should you wish to interview Chief Krizaj and President Esbensen, please RSVP via email to klatuska@duluthmn.gov or via text or call to 218.206.5066 to confirm time and location.

MnFIRE is a nonprofit 501c3 agency that advocates for Minnesota's firefighters, providing them the tools they need to prioritize and protect their health and well-being. You can learn more about MnFIRE at <https://mnfireinitiative.com/>.

MnFIRE board president George Esbensen began his career as a volunteer firefighter in 1986 with the Eden Prairie Fire Department. He has held the positions of firefighter, Squad Lieutenant, and Assistant Chief of Operations, being named the city's first full-time Fire Chief /Director of Emergency Preparedness in September 2002. He has held numerous local, state, and regional leadership roles in the fire service. Chief Esbensen has also had a successful career in the private sector as an entrepreneur involved in successful initial public offerings and expanding the sales and profitability of other organizations. He retired from the fire service in 2018 and currently is an Outreach Liaison with Hennepin Healthcare for their Trauma Services.

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