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**National speakers to gather for Northwest Indiana's  
1<sup>st</sup> Fire Service Leadership Seminar**

On Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the MAAC in Valparaiso, company officers and chiefs are gathering to discuss the critical issues and concerns that are facing America's firefighters. A cadre of experienced presenters are coming to share their perspectives and thoughts and to listen to ours. The state of the profession on operations, cancer, training, mental health and how these all blend into a firefighter's day to day mission will be reviewed. This is a unique opportunity and one that will provide insight, propose solutions, challenge assumptions and most importantly create a new professional network for all who attend.

"The caliber of speakers lined-up under one roof for this day-long fire service leadership seminar exceeds anything that we've experienced before in our region," Chief Tom Fieffer of Portage Fire Department stated.

The space is limited to only 100 on a first come, first serve basis. All participants will be able to have ample time to interact and build the foundation for the direction and course of the fire service locally and beyond.

**Saturday, December 9, 2017**

**8:30 AM - 3:00 PM CST**

**The MAAC**

**4203 Montdale Park Drive**

**Valparaiso, Indiana 46383**

**Bobby Halton** Chief (Ret.), FDIC Education Director, and Editor in Chief, Fire Engineering and Fire Apparatus & Emergency Equipment. For more information visit: <http://www.fdic.com/speakers/a-h/robert-halton.html>

**Billy Goldfeder**, EFO, a firefighter since 1973, serves as Deputy Fire Chief of the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department. For more information, visit: <http://www.firehouse.com/contact/10456051/billy-goldfeder>

**Stewart McMillan**, Chief and CEO of Task Force Tips. For more information, visit: <http://www.tft.com/Company/employees/stewart.cfm>

**Dan DeGryse**, Chief and Director, Rosecrance Florian Program. For more information, visit: <http://www.rosecrance.org/substance-abuse/florian-firefighter-paramedic-police-military-treatment-center/>

**Joe Martin**, Griffith Fire Department.

**About the MAAC Foundation:**

The Multi Agency Academic Cooperative (MAAC) has developed a state-of-the-art campus to serve as a leading provider of safety, emergency preparedness, and response training. Established on 4.5-acre parcel in Valparaiso, Indiana, we strive to meet the training requirements and objectives of departments locally, regionally, and statewide.

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