

***Meet your Conference Presenters:***

**JIM KNOWLES**

James Knowles, III has been in the fire service for 29 years and is a 27-year veteran with the City of Fond du Lac (WI) Fire / Rescue, currently serving the role of Assistant Fire Chief. He obtained his Associate's Degree in the Fire Protection Technician Program at Madison Area Technical College and earned his Bachelor's Degree in the Fire and Emergency Response Management Program at UW-Oshkosh. He also completed various certification courses through the Wisconsin Technical College System, National Fire Academy, and ISFSI. He has over 20 years of adjunct fire instruction and continues his passion with the fire service through teaching and sharing the skills / knowledge that he has experienced.



**ANDY AIRD**

Andrew Aird has been involved in fire/EMS for 20 years and is a 14-year veteran of Fond du Lac Fire/Rescue currently serving at the rank of Lieutenant. He obtained an A.A.S in the Fire Protection Technician Program at Fox Valley Technical College as well as a B.S. in Fire Administration/Fire Investigation and M.S. in Executive Fire Leadership/Public Administration from Columbia Southern University. He has also completed many certification courses through the Wisconsin Technical College System, the National Fire Academy, and ISFSI. He is also an adjunct instructor at Moraine Park Technical College.



Jim and Andy will be co-presenting their workshop – **NFPA 1403: Building the Instructor Cadre** – as part of the Saturday Instructor Development track at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Instructors Conference, February 16-18, 2024, at Blackhawk Technical College, Janesville, WI.

See you there!