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**MAYOR MINER ANNOUNCES NEW YORK STATE FIRE
CHIEFS CONVENTION WILL COME TO SYRACUSE IN 2019,
2020, AND 2021, BRINGING 15,000 VISITORS INTO
DOWNTOWN SYRACUSE EACH YEAR**

*Conventions Will Welcome Thousands of Firefighters, Vendors, and their Guests
from Across the Northeast into Downtown Syracuse*

*Miner: Syracuse Is Thrilled to Welcome Thousands of Firefighters for Three
Annual Conventions, Boosting the Economy of Downtown and Introducing our City
to New Visitors*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner announced today that the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs has chosen Syracuse as the site of their conventions in 2019, 2020, and 2021. The annual convention brings together leaders of fire departments from across the Northeastern United States to exchange best practices and view the latest in firefighting equipment and technology.

“The city of Syracuse is thrilled to welcome thousands of firefighters for three annual conventions. This will be a great boost to the economy of downtown and introduce our city to thousands of new visitors,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “This convention convenes hard-working public safety and emergency response leaders in the Northeastern United States to learn how to best protect their cities. Syracuse will be proud to host this event and welcome thousands of visitors to our city.”

The city of Syracuse Fire Department has an Insurance Service Organization (ISO) Class I rating – one of only a handful of departments in New York State to have this distinction.

Mayor Miner added, “It is not only an honor to our city, but to the men and women of the Syracuse Fire Department, that we have been selected as the host city for this convention. This recognizes their commitment to successful firefighting and excellence in public safety.”



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This annual convention is the premiere exposition and training session for emergency responders in the Northeast. It features more than 300 exhibitors each year and more than 35 firefighting and emergency medical services training courses during the convention.

The Association of Fire Chiefs has been holding its convention annually across the state since 1906. The inaugural president of the Association was Syracuse fire chief John Quigley. The city of Syracuse was a finalist alongside the cities of Buffalo and Niagara Falls. The 2018 convention will be held at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino in Verona.

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