

The Rome / Floyd County Fire Department – The City of Rome / Floyd County welcomes YOU to beautiful Rome, Georgia.

For your enjoyment, while at the 2021 Joint Fire Conference, The Rome / Floyd County Fire Department has arranged the following entertainment events during your stay.

**You will find in your conference bag an armband. This armband is very important, so have it with you at all times. The armband will be required to receive beverages and food at all the following events. * If you need assistance during the conference, please locate one of our many volunteers dressed in the Red Rome Fire Department shirts and they will be glad to assist you.*

Wednesday, September 8 -1700 to 1900 hrs. – Welcome Reception at The Hawthorne Suites

Stop by The Hawthorne Suites this evening and enjoy the music of a local favorite Kevin Allen. Kevin will be playing your favorite tunes while you meet old friends and make new acquaintances. A light menu will be available free of charge. And if you desire an adult beverage, go to the bar, present your armband and receive a Budweiser product or a glass of wine for \$1. Free Coca Cola products will be available with the armband as well.

Thursday, September 9 – 1900 to 2100 hrs. – Concert on Town Green (next to the Forum)

Rome offers a wide variety of restaurants, and many are located within walking distance of the Forum. So, after the conference, we encourage you to explore Rome this afternoon and enjoy your dinner. After your meal, we invite you to attend a free concert on Town Green (front of Forum) featuring northwest Georgia's favorite "Real Country Band" Babes Bayou! This is a beautiful location where friends and families come to socialize and watch the Oostanaula River flow by. Step inside the front doors of The Forum, present your armband, and receive free Budweiser products, wine or Coca Cola soft drinks. Another local favorite will be onsite to help cool you off, The Kona Shaved Ice Truck. Again, present your armband and receive a free 3-ounce Kona Ice.

Friday, September 10 – 0930 to 1300 hrs. – Spouses Excursion

Come experience history, education, and fire safety at historic Oak Hill at Berry College. Martha Berry began reading to economically deprived children in a childhood playhouse. Today, the playhouse has grown into the world largest college campus consisting of over 27,000 acres which is dedicated to her approach to education that combines work and study to promote character development, spiritual growth and commitment to serving others in addition to academic success. Visit her home, Oak Hill, walk the gardens and visit the museum. Reserve your space for this incredible experience. Guests will be picked up at 9:30 am at your hotel lobby by the Rome / Floyd County Fire Marshall who herself is a Berry Alumna. Vans will take you to Oak Hill and the Martha Berry Museum. Guests will be divided into two groups for the two-hour experience that includes Oak Hill Home, the Museum, gardens and the original

Cabin. When the experience concludes, guests will board the vans for a driving tour of Berry College so you can see for yourself the beautiful campus. Lunch will be provided by Chicken Salad Chick during the excursion.

Friday, September 10 – After the FF Competition to 2100 hrs. – Dinner and Live Entertainment at The Forum

Immediately after The Firefighters Competition, walk over to the Forum, present your armband and enjoy a fully catered meal compliments of The Rome / Floyd County Fire Department. After your meal, stick around, we have Mark Ware and Shiloh performing a live concert just for you. Mark and the band play a variety of music, and if we make enough noise, maybe they will play their hit song "Southern Ways". Budweiser products, wine, and Coca Cola soft drinks will be available free of charge with proof of your armband.

Saturday, September 11 – 0830 – 0930 hrs. - September 11th Remembrance Service at The Rome / Floyd County Firefighters Memorial Plaza

On September 11, 2001, at 0845 am, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al Qaeda hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon just outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Almost 3,000 people were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks including 343 firefighters. Make sure you attend this hour-long remembrance service to honor the lives lost on this most dreadful day. Rest assured, this service will be a fitting tribute to the many Firefighters, Police Officers, and Emergency Medical personnel that gave their lives to help others. After the service, please stay and visit our Firefighters Memorial Plaza. You will see the names of Firefighters from across our great nation on the nearly 600 brick pavers that line the floor of the Plaza. These Firefighters will be remembered for "service to their community" for the remainder of time.

Note: If you wish to purchase a brick paver with your name or department name on it, please see a representative that is on site to help with your brick order. Pastries, coffee, and soft drinks will be available after the service, free of charge.