

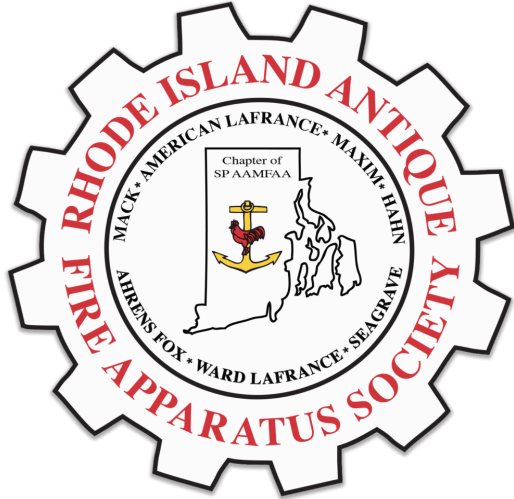
**Welcome to Rhode Island  
home of the**

**SPAAAMFAA**



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**SUMMER CONFERENCE AND MUSTER  
July 11th to the 15th  
Crown Plaza Hotel Warwick**



The Rhode Island Antique Fire Apparatus Society is pleased to host the SPAAMFAA summer 2023 National Conference and Muster. We have a full schedule of tours, activities, and seminars planned that will interest everyone. In addition, you will sample delicious New England food and beverages all week and conclude on Saturday with a muster, swap meet, and banquet. So, get ready for 4 days of Friends, Fun, and Fire Trucks.



The Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick (Airport) is our convention headquarters hotel and is located at 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886. The hotel is only an 8-minute ride from Rhode Island TF Green International Airport (PVD) and offers a complimentary shuttle.

Room rates: are \$149.00 per night with **Continental breakfast** (coffee, tea, Danish, muffins, fruit) and includes (2) breakfast vouchers daily,

or \$139.00 per night **without Continental breakfast**.

If **calling directly**, (401) 732-6000 reference group code for your choice to include (or not include) continental breakfast: \$139 rate **no** breakfast (Group code SPA) or \$149.00 rate **with** breakfast (Group code SPB).

You may also **register online**, you may also use one of the following booking links to reserve:

[SPAAMFAA](#) -

[SPAAMFAA w/breakfast](#) -

When using the link, you **only need to input the dates** you are looking to stay as the **group code is automatically loaded** for you. For questions email:

[groupreservations@crownehotelwarwick.com](mailto:groupreservations@crownehotelwarwick.com) or call Kelly O'Brien 401-681-4723

The hotel also features The Crossings Restaurant & Bar, a newly renovated 84-seat restaurant that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner with an American Cuisine menu. Complete with an oversize bar and several TVs throughout the restaurant. In addition, Alfred's Lounge features premium beer, wine, cocktail bar, appetizers and late-night dining options. There is also an indoor pool.

**Hotel Courtesy Shuttle:** After claiming your luggage, you can call the Crowne Plaza front desk at 401-732-6000 for the Hotel Courtesy Shuttle which will transport you from the airport to the hotel.

**Air Transportation:** Rhode Island TF Green International Airport (PVD) is located one mile from our host hotel.

**Car Rental:** After collecting your luggage, the "Interlink", an elevated glass-enclosed Skywalk, will bring you to the rental car facility.

**Fire Apparatus:** There is a \$20.00 fee to register your apparatus for the muster. Please pre-register so we can plan accordingly. Owners registering their apparatus by May 31st receive a complimentary convention challenge coin. SPAAMFAA safety rules will be in effect and proof of insurance is required. If you need storage for your tow vehicle or special accommodations, please contact us. Apparatus will be parked in a paved lot in front of the hotel. If needed, a truck washing station will be set up on site. Also, overnight security will be provided.

**Merchandise:** We are offering convention t-shirts for \$20. The 100% cotton t-shirts are blue and feature the SPAAMFAA logo on the left front and an assortment of RI Chapter rigs on the back. The challenge coins are 2" diameter custom limited edition in full color, and cost \$10 each.

**Wednesday – Newport Mansion Tour** - This will be a “trolley” bus trip to Newport that will feature a one hour driving tour of points of interest including Hammersmith Farm (the “Summer Whitehouse” for President John F. Kennedy), Fort Adams, and Bellevue Ave. After the driving tour, the trolley will stop at “The Breakers” Mansion for an indoor audio tour (app can be downloaded to your phone). After the mansion tour, the bus will bring you for lunch (included) at the Wyndham restaurant. After lunch, wine tasting at the Newport Vineyard. **This trip is limited to the first 35 attendees who sign up. If this trip sells out, we will start a waiting list for a second trolley bus.**

**Thursday – West Bay Fire Museum/Station Tour** will be a bus trip to the Greenwood Fire Museum in Warwick that houses a 1955 Maxim and 1945 Mack pumpers, the Cranston Volunteers Museum that houses a 1938 REO and 1976 Hahn, East Greenwich Museum that houses several Mack fire trucks from 1938 to 1963. Lunch is included and will be served next door in the East Greenwich Veterans Firemen’s Hall. After Lunch, the day will conclude with a tour at the Rhode Island TF Green International Airport Fire Station.

**Thursday Afternoon - “Newport Night Excursion”** We will board buses at the hotel and head over to Jim Hildebrand’s and Ron Chace’s “Wires & Fires” Antique Fire Truck Museum on Aquidneck Island. You will be able to view Jim and Ron’s collection of 20+ trucks and antique fire apparatus and enjoy an outdoor St. Louis Ribs and Chicken BBQ. The Newport Fire Department will also have some of their fire trucks on display. There will be "old time" music!

**Friday - East Bay Fire Museum Tour & Waterfront Fireboat Demo** - First stop will be the Central Volunteer Fire Museum in Seekonk, MA with complimentary coffee and donuts provided by the Museum. Next stop will be Seekonk Fire Headquarters, then Jim Viara’s Restoration Shop and fire apparatus collection. Lunch is included and will be held at the Narragansett Beer Brewery. A buffet featuring assorted deli meats, salads, and a RI favorite known as “Stuffies” will be served with a cash bar. After lunch we will walk across the street to India Point Park and observe a demonstration by the Providence and East Providence Fireboats.

**Friday Afternoon - “Providence Night Excursion”** – We will board buses and head to the Providence Firefighter’s Hall for an outdoor steak fry with a cash bar. You will be able to relax and enjoy your refreshments on the back deck. As a special added attraction, you will be enjoying the tunes of the “Heavy Rescue Band.” This popular band, made up of all Providence firefighters, started off by jamming at the firehouse during their down time. Their music includes R&B, classic and contemporary rock, and dance and funk. They will be performing a mini outdoor concert.

**Evening Seminars** – We have an interesting variety of seminar topics for both nights.

On **Wednesday**, retired Deputy Asst. Chief Bill Giannini will be giving a presentation on the **1989 Riverside Mill Fire**. This was a five-alarm fire that raged through an old factory complex engulfing buildings in a seven-block area as firefighters struggled in bitter cold weather to contain the flames. The Providence Fire Department called in all off-duty firefighters and requested mutual aid from local departments across the state and as far away as Boston in an effort to keep the flames from spreading beyond the area.

On **Thursday**, retired and active members of the Providence FD will give a presentation on the **History of the Providence Special Hazards Unit**. This 1981 Mack R-Model was the first Heavy Rescue of its kind in the State of RI. The unit was donated by the City to the RI Chapter last year and is presently under restoration.

**Muster and Flea Market** – Static display only

**Banquet** – We wrap up the convention Saturday evening with a choice of Grilled NY Sirloin Steak, Chicken Francaise, or Baked New England Scrod.

## Schedule

### **Wednesday, July 12, 2023 (Day 1)**

7:30am Registration Opens

8:30am Trolley leaves for **Newport Mansion** Tour.

**9:00am SPAAMFAA Committees Meeting**

**11:45am SPAAMFAA Board of Trustees Luncheon**

**1:00pm-5:00pm - SPAAMFAA Board of Trustees meeting**

7:00pm Seminar #1 – Riverside Mill Fire – PFD Deputy Asst. Chief Bill Giannini

8:00pm – 11:00pm Opening Night Meet & Greet in Hospitality Room

### **Thursday, July 13, 2023 (Day 2)**

7:30am Registration Opens

7:30am Bus leaves – “**West Bay Fire Museum/Station Tour**”

2:30pm Buses Return from museum day tour.

4:00pm Begin boarding buses for “**Newport Night Excursion**” to Wires & Fires Newport Museum with **outdoor BBQ**.

7:30pm Bus departs Newport for return to Crowne Plaza

8:00pm Seminar #2 – History of Providence Special Hazards Unit

8:30pm – 11:00pm Hospitality Room

### **Friday, July 14, 2023 (Day 3)**

7:30am Registration Opens

7:30am Bus leaves – “**East Bay Fire Museum Tour & Waterfront Fireboat Demo**”

2:30pm Buses return from day tour.

4:00pm Begin boarding buses for “**Providence Night Excursion**” **Outdoor Steak Fry** at Prov. Firefighter’s Hall.

7:45pm Bus begins boarding to depart Providence FF’s and return to Crowne Plaza

**8:30pm SPAAMFAA Membership meeting**

**9:30pm Chapter Presidents meeting**

9:30pm - 11:00pm Hospitality Room

### **Saturday, July 15, 2023 (Day 4)**

8:00 Registration Opens

9:00 Muster begins

10:00am Opening Ceremony

3:00pm Muster ends

**6:00pm Cocktail Hour (cash bar)**

**7:00pm Banquet**

**2023 SPAAMFAA NATIONAL CONVENTION & MUSTER JULY 11-15, 2023  
CROWNE PLAZA PROVIDENCE-WARWICK (AIRPORT) CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

**Checks should be Made out to RIAFAS with a memo: 2023 SPAAMFAA Summer Convention. No refunds after May 31, 2023. Hotel Can be booked by calling 401-681-4723 *Please use Group Code SPA (no breakfast) or SPB (with breakfast) so that we meet our quota, and you get your low rate***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred name for conference badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
SPAAMFAA Chapter Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Apparatus Registration:** number of pieces registering \_\_\_\_\_ @20 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Use additional pages if necessary.
- SPAAMFAA Safety guidelines in effect at the muster.
- Proof of insurance required.

Apparatus year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Specify:      Pumper      Aerial      Rescue    Support Vehicle    Hand Pumper  
               Steamer    Other – Specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
               Privately owned      Department owned  
               Original              Restored  
               Centrifugal pump      Rotary Pump          Piston Pump  
               Hand drawn          Horse drawn          Motorized  
               Driven to the convention \_\_\_\_\_ miles, OR  
               Trailered to the convention \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

**Convention Registration:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of additional persons in your party: \_\_\_\_\_

**Flea Market Vendor:** spaces 20' x 20' \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention T-shirts:**  
\_\_\_Sm \_\_\_Med \_\_\_Lg \_\_\_XL \_\_\_2XL \_\_\_3XL \_\_\_4XL             @ \$20 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Challenge Coins** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Trip to Newport Mansion– (Wednesday)** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$80 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**West Bay Fire Museum Tour – (Thursday)** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**BBQ @ Newport Museum (Thursday Afternoon)** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**East Bay Fire Museum Tour (Friday)** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Steak Fry @ Providence FF's Hall (Friday Afternoon)** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet (Saturday)** \_\_\_Steak \_\_\_Chicken \_\_\_Fish             \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail this form and your check to:**  
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