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# STEP CONFERENCE 2026

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FRIDAY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

Hilton Garden Inn  
30 Celebration Drive  
Rochester, NY



We're turning up the heat on emergency services education!

Dynamic hands-on training (HOT) for firefighters will be held at the Public Safety Training Facility on Friday, while EMS offerings will be held at the hotel. Classroom-based offerings for all first responders will be held at the hotel on Saturday.

Registration:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/7mnmrxx>

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For information about hotel rates (up to April 10<sup>th</sup>) vendor opportunities or other conference-related questions, contact Sharon Chiumento: [Sharon.chiumento@stepcouncil.org](mailto:Sharon.chiumento@stepcouncil.org)

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Information on nominations for the Lloyd Leve or Joanna awards or the Chloe Alexon scholarship can be found on the STEP website: <http://stepems.org/awards.html>  
Deadline for nomination letters is April 10th

# Schedule of Events

## Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

8:00-8:30	<b>Registration / Breakfast - Hotel</b>		
	<b>HGI Ballrooms</b>		<b>PSTF</b>
<b>Plenary 1</b> 8:30-9:30	<b>Beyond Cincinnati</b> Dr. Maia Dorsett		<b>Fire Hot Training</b>  Topics include: <b>Man-in-Machine</b> <b>Elevator Rescue</b> <b>Search - Occupied by</b> <b>Fire or Firefighters</b> <b>Standpipe Operations</b>
9:30-9:45	<b>Break</b>		
	<b>HGI Ballrooms</b>		
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	
<b>Workshop 1</b> 9:45-10:45	<b>Moulage &amp; Scenario</b> <b>Training for First</b> Bobbie Merica	<b>Spinal Trauma</b> Dr. David Paul	
<b>Workshop 2</b> 11:00-12:00		<b>C</b>	
		<b>Adaptability in a Wilderness</b> <b>Setting</b> Derek Weese	
12:00-1:00	<b>Lunch</b>		
	<b>HGI Ballrooms</b>		
<b>Plenary 2</b> 1:00-2:30	<b>Dealing with Gender-Based Violence</b> NYS Office for the of Domestic Violence		
2:30-2:45	<b>Break</b>		
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<b>Workshop 2</b> 2:45-4:00	<b>Capnography &amp;</b> <b>Advanced Airway</b> Peter Bonadonna	<b>Orthopedic Trauma</b> Dr. Catherine Humphrey	

# Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2026

8:00-9:00	<i>Registration / Breakfast - Hotel</i>		
<b>Plenary 3</b> 9:00-10:30	<b>Line of Duty Death</b> Irmo Fire Department		
10:30-11:00	<b>Break / Vendor</b>		
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<b>Workshop 3</b> 11:00-12:00	<b>Obstetric Emergencies</b> Pat Capelazzi, RN	<b>Pediatric Sepsis</b> Dr. Elizabeth Murray Dr. Elise Van der Jagt Dr. Art Cooper	<b>Fire Topics</b>  <b>Buckets to Bots (AI in the Fire Service)</b> <b>Mastering Fireground Size-Up</b> <b>Modern Fire Service Leadership</b>
12:00-1:00	<b>Lunch / Announcements - Hotel</b>		
<b>Plenary 4</b> 1:00-2:30	<b>Pediatric Patient Out of Control, Now What?</b> Sharon Chiumento, BSN, EMT-P		
2:30-2:45	<b>Break / Vendor</b>		
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<b>Workshop 4</b> 2:45-4:00	<b>Organ Systems-Based Approach to Falls Assessment</b> Melodie Kolmetz	<b>Surviving An Active Shooter &amp; Bleed Control</b> Jim Walker	