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# FALL SYMPOSIUM



**Thursday  
Sept. 3, 2026**



**8:00-8:30 Sign-in &  
Breakfast Buffet  
8:30-8:45 Brief Meeting  
8:45-12:15 Program**



**The Empress  
200 E. Lake St  
Addison, IL**



**"Fire Service Research & Innovation"** Dr. Sara Jahnke, PHD, Senior Scientist and Director of the Center for Fire, Rescue & EMS Health Research in Leawood, KS is back. She will present updates on her research findings and information on turning these findings into practical, real-word solutions for firefighters, positively impacting firefighter safety.



**"The Radiological Assistance Program (RAP)"** RAP is a premier first-response resource for advising emergency responder decision-makers on steps to take to evaluate and minimize the hazards of radiological or nuclear incidents. Representing RAP, Lieutenant-Colonel Chad Wester, Regional Operations Manager for RAP Region 5 at Argonne National Lab and the Commander of the 44th Chemical Battalion, will educate us on the RAP and the resources available to us during emergencies.



**"The attorneys are back!"** Management attorney Steve DiNolfo and labor attorney Jerry Marzullo will present their views – and provide point-counterpoint – on current fire service issues and concerns related to collective bargaining and labor-management relations.



**\$35 for attendees from agencies with a Metro Chiefs Member  
\$45 for other attendees**

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