

A festive holiday-themed graphic featuring several gold ornaments and stars. At the top, two gold stars are suspended by thin gold chains. Below them, a horizontal gold bar spans the width of the central text area. On either side of this bar, a large gold sphere ornament hangs from a chain. Further out, two smaller gold sphere ornaments also hang from chains. In the center, a large, multi-pointed gold star ornament is suspended. The entire scene is set against a dark background with diagonal gold stripes.

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Holiday Chapter Event

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

9am - 1pm

THE VILLA OF ORANGE
510 E. KATELLA AVENUE
ORANGE, CA 92867

Meeting Agenda

8:00 - 9:00AM REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 - 9:15AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

9:15 - 10:15AM THE TRAGICALLY COMMON PAIRING, ALCOHOL & PTSD - AND A REMARKABLE WILL TO HEAL AND RECOVER

Presenters:

Gus Moreno, Police Officer, City of Fontana

Tiffany Atalla, Director, First Responder Wellness

Moderator: DeAnna Soria, Risk Manager, City of Huntington Beach

Policing is an essential occupation to preserve the rule of law, and those who dedicate their lives and family life to serve in law enforcement deserve proper protection from the mental strain associated with this task. Gus Moreno, 22 year Fontana Police Officer, will say it is a matter of resiliency, psychological survival, and will openly share his challenges of mental strain and the stress of on and off duty life. His discussion will include critical incidents, traumatic calls for service, child abuse investigations, fatal motor vehicle accidents, homicides, coping with officers killed in the line of duty, co-worker suicide due to alcohol and drug abuse, as well as surviving the largest mass shooting in modern history, the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas. Hear first-hand how Officer Moreno successfully embraced the lifesaving benefits of professional help and peer support to continue his career with the Fontana Police Dept. He is currently working in Administration Personnel and Training division, overseeing Fleet Operations.



Gus Moreno has proudly served the City of Fontana as a Police Officer for approximately 22 years. While at Fontana Police Department, he has had the opportunity to be in various special assignments. These assignments include Patrol, Detective Unit, Traffic/Motors and is currently in Administration in charge of PD Fleet Operations. Prior to becoming a Police Officer, Gus attended California State University Long Beach and obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Investments. His hobbies include exploring the outdoors, off-roading, live country music, spending time with his family and his dog-buddy "Duke". Gus strives to share his experiences with other first responders and friends to make a difference with those struggling with their mental health.



Tiffany Atalla is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with over 17 years of professional experience. She is the Director of Clinical Development and Training at First Responder Wellness. She is passionate about educating and helping First Responders and their families to improve their lives through wellness therapy and empirically based trauma treatment. Tiffany is a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional and a Nationally Certified First Responder Counselor. Before joining the treatment team at First Responder Wellness, Tiffany worked as a clinician for the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team in San Diego. She earned her B.A. in Psychology and M.A. in Marriage Family and Child Counseling from the University of San Diego.



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DeAnna Soria, Risk Manager for City of Huntington Beach, will be Moderator for this session. She has extensive experience in Risk Management, Insurance, Safety, Workers' Compensation and General Liability. She is best known for revamping risk management programs that result in successful outcomes. DeAnna has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and holds an ARM designation.

10:15 - 10:40AM BREAK AND NETWORKING

10:40 - 11:40AM THE BOYD STREET FIRE – HEROISM, RECOVERY & RETURN TO WORK

Presenters:

Victor Aguirre, Captain – L.A. Fire Department

Kevin Davis, Captain - L.A. Fire Department

Moderator: Tyrone Spears, Chief, Workers Compensation Div., City of L.A.

On May 16, 2020, Capt. Victor Aguirre was critically burned during the Boyd Street, Los Angeles incident. During this tragic incident, 12 members of the LAFD were injured or burned as a result of this fire and subsequent explosion. Capt. Aguirre was the Task Force Commander of Fire Station 9 at the time and was the last member off of the roof.....making sure that all members were accounted for prior to exiting himself. As a result, the fire engulfed him on the aerial ladder as he descended to safety. As the incident unfolded, the injured members including Captain Aguirre were transported via LAFD to LACo+USC Burn Center where Aguirre continued ongoing care for his critical burns to both hands. Join us as we engage with Capt. Aguirre's story of passion and commitment to fully recovering from his injuries to continue providing the highest service to citizens of Los Angeles. As of April 10, 2022, over 2 years since the Boyd Street incident, Capt. Aguirre has returned and is now assigned to Metro Fire Communications.



Captain Victor Aguirre has been employed with Los Angeles Fire Department 23 years. He completed Paramedic School in 1998 and worked as Firefighter Paramedic until 2005. He promoted to Apparatus Operator, and again promoted to Fire Captain in 2015. Finally, in 2017 Victor was promoted to Captain II. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. In May, 2020 Captain Aguirre was injured in the Boyd Street Fire and is currently still going through surgeries and recovering. Victor successfully returned to work in the Los Angeles Fire Department Dispatch center as a Fire Captain I.



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Captain Kevin Davis was a Firefighter for the Los Angeles County Fire Department from 1999-2002. He was hired as a Los Angeles City Fire Department Firefighter in 2002. Kevin was promoted to Fire Captain in April, 2016. In March 2020, Kevin was assigned to Special Duty at Medical Liaison (MLU) working on LAFD Workers' Compensation. In May 2020, the Boyd Incident occurred resulting in the injuries of 12 LAFD Firefighters. Captain Davis took on the role of managing the medical care for all 12 members...including Captain Aguirre. Captain Davis continues to work with these brave members on work assignments and their medical care. He graduated from Antelope Valley College with an Associates Degree in Fire Technology (1998) and completed paramedic training at UCLA (1999).



Tyrone Spears, Chief of Workers' Compensation Division for City of Los Angeles, will be Moderator this session. Tyrone manages the day-to-day operations of their Workers' Compensation program, and brings 23 years of comprehensive experience in this field. He holds a Bachelor's in Human Resource Management, Executive MBA in Management, and a Doctorate in Theology. He also holds the WCCP, ARM-P, and IPMA-SCP designations.

11:40AM - 1:00PM BREAK AND NETWORKING

DATE: DEC. 6, 2022
TIME: 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
LOCATION: THE VILLA
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