



2026 OFCA Winter Symposium

collaboration for a stronger future

Tuesday, March 10th

- 1:00 p.m.** **Symposium Opening and
Welcome from Sponsor, Cenovus**
Chief Joe Kitchen, OFCA President
Mitch Beekman, VP, Health, Safety, Environmental, and Regulatory, Cenovus Energy
- 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.** **Effective Collaboration within Local Government**
Strategies for inter-agency cooperation
Panelists: State Representative Cindy Abrams, City Manager Jonanthan Westendorf, City Manager Kurt Althouse, City Administrator Brian Uhl, Director Brian Baldridge
Moderator: Administrator Steve Kelly
- 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.** **Property Tax Reform in Ohio**
Understanding the implications for fire departments
Panelists: State Representatives Thomas Hall, Bill Roemer, and David Thomas
Moderator: Chief Steve Agenbroad
- 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.** **Community Paramedicine Update**
Expanding access to healthcare through innovative programs
- 4:15 - 4:30 p.m.** **Legislative Update**
Key legislation impacting fire services
Speakers: Chief Steve Agenbroad and Executive Director Michelle Fitzgibbon
- 4:55 - 6:30 p.m.** **Statehouse Legislative Reception**
Networking with legislators and colleagues

Wednesday, March 11th

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.** **Networking Breakfast**
- 8:30– 10:00 a.m.** **OFCA Hot Topics Panel**
Discussion on current challenges and opportunities
Panelists: Chief Steve Agenbroad, Chief Nicholas Hosford, and Chief Bradford Shull
Moderator: Chief Joe Kitchen
- 10:00– 11:30 a.m.** **HR Issues Update**
Best practices in human resources management
Speaker: Jonathan Downes, Attorney with Zashin & Rich