



# 2026 OFCA Winter Symposium

*collaboration for a stronger future*

## Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

- 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*  
Panelists: UA Cares Program Manager Christine Leyshon, Assistant Chief Will Mueller, Chief Chase Bryan  
Moderator: Retired Chief Mike Little and Retired Chief Deputy Rick Vober
- 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 11<sup>th</sup>

- 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