



# 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 Jonathan 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