## **MEGA-WAREHOUSE SEMINAR**

Frontline Leadership Lessons Learned from a Mega-Warehouse Fire in Indiana

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025 8:00 am-3:00 pm (CST)

The Hemmens Cultural Center 45 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL 60120



A major fire occurred in a 1.2 million square foot Walmart Distribution Center on March 15, 2022, in Indiana. This seminar will highlight key findings from this incident, as documented in National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's report, "Incident Analysis, Mega-Warehouse Fire, March 15, 2022."

Today's fire service faces growing challenges when responding to fires in massive warehouse facilities—some now exceeding 4 million square feet. Participants will hear firsthand lessons learned from the chief officers who responded to this complex mayday incident.





Fire is fast. Fire sprinklers are faster.



Scene from the March 15, 2022 fire at the 1.2-million square-foot Walmart Distribution Warehouse in Plainfield, Indiana

The seminar will benefit fire service personnel, building owners, code officials, insurers, and safety professionals.

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