



Greetings,

Welcome! I am delighted that you have taken time from your busy schedule to visit Chicago and attend this important conference. Rest assured the Chicago Fire Department has worked very hard to deliver an information-packed four days.

The 2006 conference theme is "Life Safety Conference: Large Scale Incident Evacuations". By bringing together key members of the Chicago Fire Department, a distinguished group of experts from around the world, as well as leaders from the building management industry this conference will provide you an unparalleled learning experience. Breakout sessions will present a broad mix of topics, such as fire-ground communications and developing evacuation plans.

At the Town Hall Meeting on Friday, you will have a unique opportunity to hear from experts from the Gulf Coast who experienced the "before, during and after" of Hurricane Katrina. You will see cutting-edge emergency responder tools and equipment in the Exhibition Hall and to join your colleagues on Saturday for a morning of hands-on exercises and tours at some of Chicago's most famous landmark buildings.

I hope you will seize every opportunity to interact and share with your colleagues leave this conference with many ideas for advancing your own programs. Thank you for your support and best wishes for a fulfilling conference experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond Orozco".

Raymond Orozco
City of Chicago Fire Commissioner

