



SERVPRO of Port Huron Reports Participation in Great Lakes H.O.T. Fire Conference

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SERVPRO of Port Huron participated in the Great Lakes H.O.T. Fire Conference, held June 10?13, 2026, in southeastern Michigan. The company reported that its team spent time meeting fire-service professionals, sharing resources, and discussing the relationship between emergency response and property restoration. The event brought together fire-service personnel for lectures and practical training focused on fireground operations, leadership, and related professional skills.

The conference's published schedule listed lecture sessions at the Marriott Auburn Hills Pontiac, followed by hands-on training at multiple regional facilities. The program covered subjects including thermal imaging, fireground strategies, company officer development, and live-fire training scenarios. These sessions addressed the skills and decision-making involved in responding to fire incidents, offering context for the conditions restoration professionals may encounter after emergency crews have completed their work.

In its post-event LinkedIn recap, SERVPRO of Port Huron described two days of networking and learning with fire-service professionals from across the region. The team said it met attendees, shared resources, and discussed how cooperation among organizations can contribute to community recovery. The company did not

announce a new formal partnership or a specific operational initiative resulting from its participation.

The conference's focus on fireground operations has relevance beyond the emergency itself. Fire incidents can leave buildings with varying degrees of heat damage, smoke residue, water exposure, and structural disruption. The nature and extent of that damage influence the assessment and restoration work that follows. Restoration professionals must evaluate the condition of affected materials and determine which cleaning, drying, removal, or reconstruction procedures may be appropriate for the property.

Fire-service and restoration personnel approach an incident from different professional responsibilities. Responders address immediate hazards and work to bring the situation under control. Restoration teams generally become involved in the recovery phase, assessing damage and determining the work required to return affected spaces to use. The sequence means that each group encounters a different stage of the incident, although information about the original fire and response conditions may be relevant to later assessment.

SERVPRO of Port Huron said resource-sharing was part of the team's conversations at the conference. While the company did not identify specific materials exchanged or announce measurable results from those discussions, the reported interactions provided an opportunity for professionals to talk about their respective roles and areas of work. Such conversations can help participants understand the questions that may arise when a damaged property moves from emergency response into cleanup and restoration.

Joshua A. Ingersoll, Owner of SERVPRO of Port Huron, said the event offered a setting for those professional exchanges. "Fire response and property restoration involve different responsibilities, but both are part of the wider recovery process after an incident. Meeting professionals from the fire-service community creates an opportunity to discuss those roles and exchange perspectives on the conditions that restoration teams may encounter afterward," Ingersoll said.

The conference also included topics that illustrate the range of decisions made during fire incidents. Sessions listed in the published program addressed thermal imaging, fireground strategy, readiness, leadership, and hands-on operational skills. These subjects form part of the professional context in which responders assess conditions and make decisions at an incident scene. For restoration professionals, understanding that context can inform discussions about the information available when post-fire property assessments begin.

The value of fire service and restoration collaboration lies in recognizing the distinct responsibilities involved rather than treating emergency response and restoration as interchangeable activities. Fire-service agencies operate under their own procedures and incident priorities, while restoration work follows an assessment of the property's condition and the requirements of recovery. Communication between those involved may help clarify questions about damage, site conditions, and the transition to subsequent work, although the effect on

any individual incident depends on its circumstances.

SERVPRO of Port Huron's participation was centered on professional engagement and resource-sharing at the regional event. The company did not report a specific new service, agreement, or measurable response outcome tied to the conference. Its post-event account instead emphasized meeting fire-service professionals and discussing the role of cooperation when communities face property damage. This provides a factual basis for examining how professionals involved at different stages of recovery connect through industry events.

SERVPRO of Port Huron provides residential and commercial cleanup and restoration services for properties affected by water, fire, mold, and storm damage. The company also provides construction and specialty cleaning services. Locally owned and operated by Joshua A. Ingersoll, Dean M. Dingman, and Eric D. Chesser, the company serves the Port Huron area and surrounding communities.

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