

Chiefland Firefighters Qualify for the World Finals in the Scott Safety Firefighter Combat Challenge



Daytona Beach – Chiefland Fire Rescue’s combat team competed in the Scott Safety Firefighter combat challenge at the Daytona International Speedway on Sunday morning before the start of the Daytona 500. From L to R in photo wearing turn out gear, FF Tim Davis, Captain Colby Perryman, FF Jorge Cortes, FF John Kalaf, and FF Nike Sheffer had to complete the course in less than two minutes to qualify to go to the next level. They completed the

course in 1:53 with no penalties.

The Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge® program was developed by Dr. Paul Davis and has been seen on ESPN for a dozen years. The Challenge annually attracts hundreds of U.S. and Canadian municipal fire departments at more than 25 locations and is now expanding to countries around the world, including New Zealand, Germany, Argentina, Chile, and South Africa. The Challenge seeks to encourage firefighter fitness and demonstrate the profession's rigors to the public. Wearing "full bunker gear" and the Scott 5.5 Air-Pak breathing apparatus, pairs of competitors race head-to-head as they simulate the physical demands of real-life firefighting by performing a linked series of five tasks including climbing the 5-story tower, hoisting, chopping, dragging hoses and rescuing a life-sized, 175 lb. "victim" as they race against themselves, their opponent and the clock

Dr. Davis received his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, College of Human Performance. A former firefighter/paramedic, he is a renowned expert witness on the subject of physical fitness and employment standards in the public safety sector. His ground-breaking research was the basis for the creation of the Firefighter Combat Challenge.

Chiefland Fire Rescue’s combat team is now qualified to go to Phoenix, AZ on November 3 – 9 to compete. The trip will have to be paid for by the team members.

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