

FDIC 2025 CLASSROOM SESSIONS

Please note classroom day/times will be available soon

One Bad Day: The Proactive Mindset

Bassel Ibrahim, Lieutenant, Orlando (FL) Fire Department

15 Steps to Creating a Culture of Firefighter Fitness and Wellness

Jim Moss, Captain, Metro West (MO) Fire Protection District

Advanced Drafting Operations: Getting Greedy with Your Water in the Rural Environment

Andy Soccodato, Owner & Lead Instructor, The Water Thieves, TN

Aggressive Command Supports Aggressive Firefighting: The Top 5 COMMANDments for a Safe and Effective Fireground

Nick Martin, Division Chief of Operations, Salisbury (NC) Fire Department

Aggressive Search and VES: Finding Survivable Space

Arthur Ashley, Captain (retired)

An Elevator Rescue Near Miss: Sometimes Killing the Power Is Not Enough!

Michael Dragonetti, President/Owner, Dragon Rescue Management

Apparatus Operator's Role in a Safe and Efficient Fireground

Brian Gettemeier, Captain, Cottleville (MO) Fire Protection District

Attack from the Burned Side

Sean Gray, Fire Captain, Cobb County(GA) Fire Department

Become a Better Instructor

Becki Rowan-White, Battalion Chief / Education Program Manager, Chanhassen (MN) Fire Department /
UL Research Institutes

Beds to Bundles: The Flexibility of Stretching Hoselines

Anthony Rowett, Captain, Mobile (AL) Fire Rescue Department

Big Box, Big Problems

Clark Lamping, Captain, Clark County (NV) Fire Department

Brain and Fire: The Impact of Stress

Marc Coenen, Captain, Fire and Rescue Service of South-West Limburg Belgium

Building Apparatus to Do Work 2025

Richard Riley, Assistant Chief

Building High Performance for the Fireground

David Gillespie, Chief Training Officer, Peterborough (Ontario, Canada) Fire Services

Can Confidence: Searching for Life and Fire

Eric Wheaton, Battalion Chief, Winter Park (FL) Fire Department

Challenges of the Firefighter Marriage

Anne Gagliano, Writer/Speaker, Saved from the Flame

Choosing to Command

Dennis Rubin, Fire Chief, Kansas City (KS) Fire Department

Command Considerations at Garden Apartment Fires

Jason Hoevelmann, Fire Chief, Florissant Valley (MO) Fire Protection District

Commanding and Controlling the Volunteer Fireground

Richard Ray, Battalion Chief, Durham (NC) Fire Department

Community Buildings Are Evolving: New Mid-Rise Buildings vs. Old Mill Style Buildings

Jack J Murphy, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Leonia (NJ) Fire Department

Company Drills in Acquired Structures

James Kirsch, Captain (retired), Bergenfield (NJ) Fire Department

Conducting a Fire Apparatus Fleet Evaluation

Michael Wilbur, Lieutenant Retired, New York City Fire Department

Considerations for Response to Commercial and Residential Energy Storage System Incidents

Sean DeCrane, Director, International Association of Fire Fighters , Cleveland, OH

Coordinating Ventilation: Supporting Extinguishment and Survivability

Nicholas Papa, Captain, New Britain (CT) Fire Department

Courage Under Fire Leadership

Steve Prziborowski, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Santa Clara County (CA) Fire Department

Critical Thinking for Fire Officer Development

Leigh Shapiro, Deputy Chief / Senior Tour Commander (Ret.), Hartford (CT) Fire Department

Cruel Intentions

Kyle Romagus, Battalion Chief of Training, East Montgomery County (TX) Fire Department

Developing the Next Generation of Fire Service Leaders

Douglas Cline, Chief of Professional Development, Horry County (SC) Fire Rescue

Do You Have What It Takes To Be a Training Officer?

David McGlynn, Fire Chief, Passion in Leading, LLC

Don't Touch the Red Button: Understanding the Ins and Outs of Pump Controls

Edward Collet, Firefighter, Canal Fulton (OH) Fire Department

Drive to Survive: The Art of Wheeling the Rig

Christopher Daly, Assistant Chief (ret.), Goshen (PA) Fire Company

Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Response

Jason DeFosse, Firefighter, Quinte West (Canada) Fire Department

Electric Vehicles in Parking Structures

Chris Soda, Lieutenant, Chicago (IL) Fire Department

Electric Vehicles, Energy Storage, and Renewable Energy Challenges

Gordon Lohmeyer, Division Director, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Emergency Services Training Institute (ESTI)

Engine Company Operations in Multiple Dwellings

Jonah Smith, Battalion Chief, Charlotte (SC) Fire Department

Engine Company Operations: Positioning, Pumping, and Problem Solving

Eric Hankins, Battalion Chief, Yuba City (CA) Fire Department

Examining the Mayday: What Can Be Learned

Daniel Madrzykowski, Sr Research Director, Fire Safety Research Institute (MD)

Expectations and Accountability

Matt Aalto, Battalion Chief, Estacada (OR) Fire District

Field Training Program: The Importance of Standards

Nathan House, Training Chief, Merritt Township(MI) Fire Department

Fight the Fire, Not the Building

Ron Kanterman, Executive Inspector, Fire Department of New York

Fighting Fires in Large Parking Garages

Mark Watters, Captain Training Division , Plantation (FL) Fire Department

Fire Behavior and Thermal Imaging: The Basics

Joseph DeVito, Captain Paramedic, Fort Myers Beach (FL) Fire District

Fire Service Court: Burning Legal Issues

David Comstock, Chief, Western Reserve(OH) Fire District

Fire Stream Design, Development, and Application

Dennis LeGear, Captain (Ret.), Oakland (CA) Fire Department

Firefighter Rescue Survey and FSRI: The Facts and Physics of the Fireground

Nick Ledin, Captain, Eau Claire (WI) Fire Department

Fireground Communications and the NIOSH 5

Jamie Reyes, Assistant Chief- Operations, Plano (TX) Fire-Rescue

Fireground Considerations

Robert Eckert, Fire Captain, Camden (NJ) Fire Department

Fireground Decision Making: Developing Competent Incident Commanders

Dennis Reilly, Fire Chief (ret.), Pittsburg (PA) Fire Department

First Due! Residential Concepts for the Engine, Truck, and Chief

Dan Shaw, Assistant Chief of Operations, Fairfax County (MD) Fire and Rescue Department

Flashover Life and Death Decisions on the Fireground

Bryan Winzer, Lieutenant, Fire Department City of New York

Forging Your Team : Demystifying Team Development in the Fire Service

Johnny Torgeson, Assistant Chief of Operations, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Fire & Emergency Services (MCLB Barstow F&ES) (CA)

Fully Involved Leadership

Mark vonAppen, Captain (Retired) , Palo Alto, CA

Grant Writing for Emergency Services

David Hesselmeyer, Lieutenant, Buies Creek (NC) Fire Department

Hazmat Hotzone Rescues: The Gray Area

Phil Ambrose, Battalion Chief, Glendale (CA) Fire Department

High-Rise Essentials: "The First Five"

Jimmy Davis, Captain, Chicago (IL) Fire Department

IAFF Residential Construction and Size-Up

James Johnson, Firefighter, Vancouver (Canada) Fire Rescue Services

Identifying and Avoiding the Wildland Flow Path

Todd McNeal, Fire Chief, Dixon (CA) Fire Department

Initial Size-Up Reports for First-Due Incident Commanders

Leonard Carmichael Jr., Deputy Fire Chief of Operations, Trenton (FL) Fire Department

Instructors' Role in Preventing Friendly Fire Training Liabilities

John Murphy, Deputy Fire Chief (Ret), Attorney at Law, Eastside (WA) Fire & Rescue, Murphy Law Group

Intoxicated Leadership: Are you Reacting Strategically or Emotionally?

Benjamin Martin, Acting Battalion Chief, Henrico County (VA) Division of Fire

Large Truck Extrication

Steve White, Battalion Chief, Fishers (IN) Fire Department

Lead From the Front: Learn the Secrets of Success and Accomplish Your Life Goals

Steve Chikerotis, Deputy District Chief / Retired, Chicago (IL) Fire Department

Lead, Survive, and Thrive: Developing Fire Service Leaders

Doug Mitchell, Captain, Fire Department City of New York

Leadership Lessons Learned on the Line

Denis Onieal, Chief (ret) Jersey City (NJ) Fire Department

Leadership Through Upstream Thinking

Kris Blume, Fire Chief, Meridian (ID) Fire Department

Learning from Others' Experiences

David Traiforos, Training Fire Instructor, McHenry County (IL) College Fire Academy

Lessons in Leadership: Insights from a Chief

Dave Downey, Fire Chief (retired), Miami-Dade (FL) Fire Rescue

Let's Discuss Recruitment and Retention

Eriks Gabliks, Superintendent, United States Fire Administration / National Fire Academy (MD)

Lies, Damn Lies, and Statistics: Understanding Data

Charles Jennings, Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY) (NY)

Lightweight Construction with Heavyweight Implications: The New Fire Officer's Guide to Engineered Wood Products

Salvatore Ancona, Deputy Chief Instructor / Captain / Fire Inspector, Nassau County Fire Service Academy / Seaford Fire Department / North Bellmore Fire Department (NY)

Liquid CO₂ and the future of Fire Bunker Gear Cleaning

James Reidy, Lieutenant (retired), San Antonio (TX) Fire Department

LODD Planning: Are You Prepared to Not Come Home?

Sara Laird, Fire Widow, Phoenix Advocates (PA)

Low-Intake/High-Exhaust Vent Profile and Its Dangerous Consequences

George Healy, Deputy Chief, Fire Department of New York

Making It, Breaking It, or Just Losing It

Billy Goldfeder, Deputy Chief, Loveland-Symmes (OH) Fire Department

Making Your Department the Employer of Choice

Craig Haigh, Fire Chief (Ret.), Hanover Park (IL) Fire Department

Man vs. Machinery

Mark Gregory, Battalion Chief, Fire Department of New York

Managing Hazmat Incidents: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Gregory Noll, Senior Planning Specialist South Central (PA) Regional Task Force

Marketing:: The Key to Recruiting Volunteer Firefighters

John M Buckman III, Fire Chief (Retired) German Township (IN) Fire Department

Mastering the Role of the Pump Operator

Paul Watlington, Battalion Chief of Training, City of Burlington NC) Fire Department

Mental Wellness in the Fire Service

Daniel DeGryse, RET/BC Chicago (IL) Fire Department

Must-Have Policies and Practices for Every Fire Department

Bradley Pinsky, Chief, Manlius (NY) Fire Department

Operating Above the Fire

Bill Gustin, Captain, Miami Dade (FL) Fire Rescue

Operational Intelligence for Health, Wellness, and Leadership

Gamaliel Baer, FF/EMT/Special Operator Howard County (MD) Fire and Rescue

Optimizing Human Performance Under Pressure

James McNamara, Firefighter, Fire Department of New York

Peak Performance for the Intelligently Aggressive Search Crew

Thomas Anderson, Captain, Charlotte (NC) Fire Department

Prioritizing Your Department's Training Program

Justin Bailey, Fire Chief, Oliver Springs (TN) Fire Department

Quint Considerations for the Single Truck Suburban Department

Rob Fisher, Battalion Chief (Ret.) Snohomish (NV) Regional Fire & Rescue

Rapid Intervention: A More Proactive Approach

Art Bloomer, Captain (Retired), Kearny (NJ) Fire Department

Reading the Fireground

Walter Lewis, Assistant Chief, Orlando (FL) Fire Department

Real-Life Training for Real-Life Tactics

Erin McGruder, Instructional Program Manager Kansas (MO) Fire & Rescue Training Institute

Reducing Cancer in the Fire Service

Russell Osgood, Chief Ogunquit (ME) Fire Department

Residential Primary Search: Aggressive Search Culture

Grant Schwalbe, Division Chief Estero (FL) Fire Rescue

Roadway Incident Hazards for Firefighters

Jack Sullivan, Lt. & Safety Officer(ret.), Lionville (VA) Fire Company

Rural Firefighter Operations: Training and Tactics

Seth Barker, Deputy Chief - Operations Big Sky (MT) Fire Department

Rural Water Movement Operations

Bill Adkins, Battalion, Loveland Symmes (OH) Fire Department

Smart Instructors + Smart Tech = Smarter Students

Shea Chwialkowski, Deputy Chief, Orono (MN) Fire Department

Social Media in Today's Fire Service

Stephen Rhine, Lieutenant, Fire Department City of New York

Standpipe Operations: Attention to Detail

David McGrail, Assistant Chief (Ret.), Denver (CO) Fire Department

Step Up and Lead: Leadership Skills

Frank Viscuso, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Kearny (NJ) Fire Department

Strategic and Tactical Operations in Residential Sprinklered Occupancies

Brittany Brown, Chief of Fire Prevention, South Adams County (CO) Fire Department

Street Smart Extrication

Tim OConnor, Firefighter/EMT, Townsend (DE) Fire Company

Suppressing Fires with Solar Power Energy Systems

Bill Hopson, Captain, Beachwood (NJ) Fire Department

Survivability Profiling: Rescuing Victims and Keeping You Safe

Stephen Marsar, Battalion Chief, Fire Department of New York

Swiftwater Rescue Rules of Engagement

Greg Merrell, Battalion Chief & Task Force Leader, Oklahoma City (OK) Fire Department & OK-TF 1, Urban Search & Rescue Team

Tactics for Life

Brian Brush, Training Chief, Midwest City (OK) Fire Department

Tailboard Takeaways: Lessons Learned from Fires

Nicol Juratovac, Assistant Chief, San Francisco (CA) Fire Department

Thank You, Mr. Hugh Halligan!

Samuel Hittle, Captain, Wichita (KS) Fire Department

The 7 Cs of Fire Officer Trust

John Alston, Chief of Department New Haven (CT) Fire Department

The Art of Go/No-Go

Mike Gagliano, Captain (Ret.), Seattle (WA) Fire Department

The Art of Reading Smoke: The Next Generation

Phil Jose, Deputy Chief (Ret.), Seattle (WA) Fire Department

The Connection Between Stress, Trauma, Anger, and Addiction

Jada Hudson, Counselor, Hudson Clinical Counseling (IL)

The Dangers of Construction Sites

Gerald Tracy, Battalion Commander (ret) , Fire Department of New York

The Empowered Aerial Operator: Mastering Truck Operations and Specifications

Nick Wilbur, Owner, Emergency Vehicle Response (VA)

The Functional Fire Company

Scott Thompson, Chief of Department, The Colony Texas Fire Department

The Hat Dance: Realities of the Short-Staffed Company Officer

Marc Aloian, Battalion Chief, West Columbia (GA) Fire Department

The Influence of Building Construction, Risk, and Fireground Decision Making on Commanders

Christopher J. Naum, SFPE, Chief of Training, Command Institute, Center for Fireground Leadership (NY)

The Ins and Outs of Forcible Entry

Clay Magee, Lieutenant Birmingham (AL) Fire and Rescue Service

The Nontraditional Truck Company: Coordinating Tactics

Jim Silvernail, Fire Chief, Kirkwood (MO) Fire Department

The One with the Most Water Wins

David Fornell, Deputy Commissioner (Ret.), Detroit (MI) Fire Department

The Rescue Company Firefighter

Jason Rivera, Firefighter, New Haven (CT) Fire Department

The Residential Playbook

Keith Stakes, Lead Research Engineer, Fire Safety Research Institute (MD)

The Stuff on Our Backs: Getting the Most Out of What We Are Given

Alexander Degnan, Captain, Jersey City (NJ) Fire Department

The Tactical Advantage: Understanding the Residential Fireground

Robert Todd Edwards, Captain (Ret.), Atlanta (GA) Fire-Rescue

The Three Degrees of Mayday

John Salka, Battalion Chief (Ret.), Fire Department of New York

The Volunteer Fire Officer's Problem Solving and Decision-Making Toolbox

Dave Casey, Superintendent (Ret.), Florida State Fire College

There Is No Such Thing as a Routine House Fire

Jim Duffy, Battalion Chief / Shift Commander (Ret.), Wallingford (CT) Fire/Rescue

Tip and Techniques for Technical Rescue

Mike Giroux, Captain, City of Yonkers (NY) Fire Department

Today's Fire Environment and Occupational Illness

Frank Leeb, Deputy Assistant Chief (Ret.), Fire Department of New York

Training First-Due Volunteer Company Officers

Joe Nedder, Deputy Chief of Training, Mendon (MA) Fire Department

Truck Company Intellect

Mickey Farrell, Lieutenant, Fire Department of New York

Type III Construction: It's Not Ordinary Anymore

Glen Corbett, John Jay College/Technical Editor, Fire Engineering Magazine

Warriors Breath

Ric Jorge, COO Tactical Resiliency Training, Florida

Warriors, Wisdom, and Wheelbarrows

Clyde Gordon, District Chief, Houston (TX) Fire Department

When Sprinklers Are Not Enough

Kyle Smith, Battalion Chief, Cobb County (GA) Fire Department

Wind Impacted Fires: "The Wind Doesn't Know!"

John Ceriello, Captain of Rescue Company #1, Fire Department of New York

Without the Protection of a Hoseline: The Uncomfortable Reality

Daniel Gordon, Lieutenant, Fire Department of New York

WUI Strategies and Tactics for Urban Departments

Gerard Mann, Station Officer, Fire Rescue Victoria

Your PPE: What You Should Know

Tim Pillsworth, Past Chief, Winona Lake (NY) Engine Company #2

Be Kind: The Whys and Hows of an Inclusive Firehouse

Sara Jahnke, Director, Center for Fire, Rescue & EMS Health Research, NDRI – USA

“Your Witness”: Surviving a Medicolegal Encounter

Steven Shahan, Firefighter/EMT, Tully (NY) Fire District

Aggressive Airway Management: Task, Tactics, and Techniques

Stephen Wilcox, EMS Lieutenant, The Colony (TX) Fire Department

ALS Assist for the EMT Basic: Skills to Prepare for Career Advancement

Jared Ross, President & Founder, EMSEC, LLC

Are Paramedicine Students Experiencing Post-Traumatic Stress as a Result of Clinical Rotations?

Ryan Batenhorst, Faculty/Assistant Professor, Creighton University

Are We Doing Resuscitation Wrong?

Mohamed Hagahmed, Medical Director Mt. Lebanon (PA) Fire Department and Dormont Fire Department

Cardiology 101 for the BLS Provider

Devin Bartlett, Paramedic/ALS Instructor Yale New Haven (CT) Hospital Center for EMS

Common Devices in Chronic Medical Care: What You Need to Know

Christopher McLaughlin, Fellow, Trauma Surgery and Surgical Critical Care, University of Pennsylvania Health System

Damage Control: Managing Major Trauma

Mike Brown, Lieutenant, Fort Wayne (IN) Fire Department

Essential Medical Skills for the Firefighter/EMT

Will Ferguson MD, Medical Director, Birmingham (AL) Fire and Rescue

Expect the Unexpected: Guide to Violent Calls

Dan Yaw, Major, Oklahoma City (OK) Fire Department

Extrication and EMS: Coordinating Rescue and Clinical Care

Rommie Duckworth, Shift Commander (Captain), Ridgefield (CT) Fire Department

First Responder Response to Human Trafficking

Suh Hughart, Paramedic, San Marcos Hays County (TX) EMS

Got a LVO or SAH Stroke ? There Is an App for That!

Paul Banerjee, Medical Director, Polk County (FL) Fire Rescue

Island EMS: Remote and Austere

Bryan Spangler, Professor, Valencia College, FL

Lessons Learned from Challenging Airway Cases

Aaron Peth, Special Faculty, Creighton University Department of Paramedicine

Lessons Learned from Wilderness Medicine for Civilian EMS

Mitchell Newcomer, ALS Program Lead, Yale New Haven (CT) Health Center for EMS

Managing Pediatric Burns

Marvin Wayne, Physician Medical Director, Whatcom County (WA) EMS

Mass Casualty Incident Management

Karen Owens, Deputy Director of Operations and Planning, Virginia Office (VA) of EMS

Meaningful Interventions in the Critical Trauma Patient

Aaron Dix, Vice President, Mobile (SC) Medicine Prisma Health EMS

Medical Emergencies: How Knowing the Basics Can Drive Your Patient Care

Gwenny Lawson

NEXTGEN: EMS Advocacy

David Blevins, Director, Roane State Community College, TN

Pharmacotherapy Debates in Prehospital Critical Care

William Heuser, Critical Care Flight Paramedic/Clinical Pharmacist/Clinical Toxicologist/Professor
Northwell Health/Hicksville (NY) Fire Department

Respiratory Emergencies

Neal Richmond

Saving Young Lives: Mastering Pediatric High-Performance CPR

Charles Coyle, Division Chief of Medical Services, Palm Beach County (FL) Fire

Shortening FTO Time Through High-Fidelity Simulation

John Thomson, Associate Dean of Prehospital Medicine, Best Practice Medicine, MT

Smart Classrooms, Smarter Responders: AI Insights

Bill Young, Associate Professor, Eastern Kentucky University, KY

Stop the Hype: Debunking the Myth of Fentanyl Exposure

Douglas Hexel, Fire Lieutenant, City of Schenectady (NY) Fire Department

SWAT Medic Tactics for the TEMS Medic

Jarred Alden, Lieutenant, Akron (OH) Fire Department

The Top 10 Trauma Protocol Changes You Are Too Scared to Make

Peter Antevy, Medical Director, Davie Fire Rescue and Coral Springs-Parkland (FL) Fire Department

Treating Kids Like Little Adults: A Paradigm Shift in Pediatric Emergency Care

Peter Antevy, Medical Director, Davie Fire Rescue and Coral Springs-Parkland (FL) Fire Department

Understanding and Correcting Physiologic Derangements During Out-of-Hospital Airway Management

Jeremy Williams, Paramedic & EMS Training Center Coordinator , Ascension St. Vincent, IN

What You Need to Know About Proper Post Exposure Follow-Up

Katherine West