



## 2018 BRYANT STILES OFFICERS SCHOOL

Green River Firefighters Association

February 22 – 24, 2018

Owensboro Convention Center - Owensboro, KY



### 10. PTSD, Suicide, Drug Abuse, and Cancer: The New Number One

Suicide and cancer have become the top killers of firefighters. As the need for increased services continue, the relentless stress placed on first responders and communities awash in drugs and increased exposures to carcinogens; it is imperative that responders become knowledgeable of what kills them. The 4-hour program will focus on signs and symptoms related to individual needs, internal and external stressors and the propensity for drug and alcohol abuse in the ranks. Notable programs throughout the US will be presented along with practical solutions to fight these insidious causes of death in our responders.

**This class will only be offered Friday afternoon.**

**Frank Montes de Oca** is the former Emergency Services Director for Orange County, North Carolina and previously served as the Fire Chief and Emergency Services Director for Osceola County, Florida, providing leadership for an all-hazard fire and emergency services department protecting 1,500 square miles from 16 stations. He retired from the Orange County Fire Rescue Division in Orlando, Florida with assignments as the Chief of EMS, Bureau Commander for Safety and Training, and a senior field command officer of a department protecting 1,000 square miles from 30 stations. Following his retirement, Chief Montes de Oca served as the Fire Chief in Springfield, Ohio. He is a Florida Level III Instructor, an adjunct instructor for the National Fire Academy and several colleges and academies throughout the southeast. His focus is firefighter safety and survival, incident command, risk management, crisis mitigation, and leadership development.

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