



2018 BRYANT STILES OFFICERS SCHOOL

Green River Firefighters Association

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Owensboro Convention Center - Owensboro, KY



15. LEAD from the FRONT: Fireground Tactics, Leadership, and Team Building/ After the Shaking Stopped

Morning Session:

Topics to be covered in this colorful PowerPoint presentation include Leadership Development, Critical Incident Decision-Making, Fireground Tactics, Achieving Your Goals, and Motivating Your Team. Your instructor will share case studies and powerful lessons learned from his personal experiences during his 36-year career on the Chicago Fire Department. In the Fireground Tactics portion we will compare modern tactics to traditional tactics from the perspective of what has changed and why? Audiovisuals are used to reinforce the lessons learned. The goal of this presentation is leadership development, increased safety awareness, and effectiveness on the fireground. Attendees should leave with a better understanding of fire science, fireground tactics, leadership principals, and critical incident decision-making.

Steve Chikerotis retired in November of 2014 as a Deputy District Chief after a 36-year career with the Chicago Fire Department. He was a fire officer for 26-years, a chief officer for 16-years, and a fire service instructor for over 30-years. As a Deputy District Chief Steve oversaw operations of 30 fire stations and 7 Battalions. Throughout his career he has also held the positions of Chief of Fire Academy Operations, Director of Training, Safety Officer, as well as working on Chicago's busiest fire companies and battalions. Steve is a student of the game holding an A.A.S. in Fire Science, and B.S. in Business Administration. He's been an on staff instructor at the Chicago Fire Academy, Illinois Fire Service Institute, Harold Washington College, and RICO Fire Rescue. Chikerotis is also a published author, and is currently working on his third book. In addition, Steve also has worked on over one hundred projects in the television and movie industry over the last 27-years as a screenwriter, storyline consultant, and technical advisor, including the movie "Backdraft". Currently he is working on the hit NBC television show "Chicago Fire", which is starting its sixth season.

Afternoon Session:

South Central Alaska has been dreading another "Big One" since the Good Friday Earthquake of 1964. On the morning of November 30th, 2018 a 7.2 magnitude quake with an epicenter 14 miles northwest of "downtown" Chugiak occurred at 0829. CVFRD Chief Tim Benningfield will discuss successes and lessons learned while serving as the Incident Commander of the department's Emergency Operations Center for the 24 hours "after the shaking stopped."

Chugiak Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company is made up of over 100 volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel providing fire suppression and ALS Emergency Medical Services to a community of over 10,000. CVFRD responded to nearly 1000 calls for service last year. In August 2017, **Tim Benningfield** became the first full-time Chief of Fire and EMS at CVFRD. Chief Benningfield was previously the Coordinator of a Paramedic Program at Vincennes University and the Fire and Emergency Services Program at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Some may recall a time long ago in which Benningfield grew up in western Kentucky volunteering at Moseleyville and Thruston, subsequently retiring as a paramedic and Assistant Chief of the Daviess County Fire Department.

This class will be offered Saturday and repeated on Sunday

**For further information about the 2018 Bryant Stiles Officers School
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