



2020 BRYANT STILES OFFICERS SCHOOL

Green River Firefighters Association

February 21 – 23, 2020

Owensboro Convention Center - Owensboro, KY



15. Introduction to LODD and PSOB/Death of a Hero: First Steps

This 2-part class takes a look at actions needed following a Line-of-Duty Death. The possibility of a line-of-duty death is very real in the fire service. Nationally, approximately 100 firefighters fall in the line-of-duty each year. But what really constitutes a line-of-duty death? Students will learn that it is more than when someone dies on duty or in uniform. It is about ultimate sacrifice. Students will also learn what types of agencies, personnel and activities – on-duty and off – are eligible for federal benefits and that it is not as simple as commonly believed. And when a death does qualify, who will receive the federal benefit? This too is not as simple as is commonly believed. The second session of this class deals with when a member of a public safety agency falls in the line-of-duty, it is a very difficult and emotional time for all concerned: the fallen hero's family, co-workers and their families, and the community at large. Public safety leaders, supervisors, and even co-workers need to be prepared for important decisions that must be made and proper actions that must be taken in the wake of such a tragedy. This class will prepare participants for those tough decisions and important actions. This class is important for ALL public safety personnel. It is ESSENTIAL for public safety leaders.

This class will be offered Friday afternoon.

Eric Johnson is the Executive Director of Supporting Heroes, Inc. We greatly appreciate the continued support of this organization throughout Kentucky. For more information go to www.supportingheroes.org

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