



2020 BRYANT STILES OFFICERS SCHOOL

Green River Firefighters Association

February 21 – 23, 2020

Owensboro Convention Center - Owensboro, KY



19. Fight the Fire, Not the Building

Work smarter not harder. Commercial buildings present many challenges during a fire fight but knowing what they have to offer will make your job easier and safer. This class reviews and discusses the built-in active and passive fire protection systems that make up the buildings fire and life safety system and gives the participants an understanding of the basic working of said systems. Upon completion, participants will be able to return to their departments and look at commercial buildings and other target hazards in their first due response district and **make changes in strategy and tactics**, pre-fire plans, and battle pans. Firefighter safety is emphasized throughout the workshop.

This class will be offered on Saturday

Ron Kanterman is Owner and Founder of Gold Horn Associates, a fire and life safety consulting company. He entered the fire service in 1975 in Brooklyn, New York after working as a seasonal wild land firefighter upstate New York starting in 1971. In 1980, he was assigned to the FDNY Fire Prevention Bureau where he served as a Deputy Chief Inspector. In 1989, he took a position as the Assistant Chief of Fire Protection for a Fortune 100 pharmaceutical company in New Jersey and was promoted to Chief of Emergency Services in 1994. He was then elevated to Chief of Public Safety in 2008 managing fire, EMS, rescue and security services as well as corporate and facility crisis management programs. While living and working in New Jersey, he served under a Mayoral appointment as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of North Plainfield, as well as serving as a volunteer firefighter for 11 years. He was Chief of the Wilton (CT) Fire Department a full career fire department in Western Connecticut, and as Wilton's Deputy Emergency Management Director. He completed his command in June 2019.

Ron also works as an Adjunct Professor of Fire Science and Emergency Management at the undergraduate and graduate levels primarily at the University of New Haven, and also serves as an adjunct at numerous colleges and universities around the country. He holds a BA in Fire Service Administration and a MS in Fire Protection Management, both from John

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