



2020 BRYANT STILES OFFICERS SCHOOL

Green River Firefighters Association

February 21 – 23, 2020

Owensboro Convention Center - Owensboro, KY



29. Leading and Managing Today's Volunteer Fire Department

This workshop content is directed to the volunteer firefighter, officer and chief of department. We will discuss strategy and tactical operations on the fireground including the most current information on fire dynamics. Lessons learned from near-miss events to firefighter fatalities will be covered. Additionally, the workshop will discuss the retaining and recruiting of volunteers to sustain a level of acceptable service.

This class will be offered on Sunday

Chief John M. Buckman III served 35 years as fire chief for the German Township (Ind.) Volunteer Fire Department. He has presented at the Bryant Stiles Officers School for over 30 years. He served 14 years as director of the fire and public safety academy for the Indiana State Fire Marshal Office. He is most proud of the title "pawpaw" and loves spending lots of time with his grandkids. He is the Director of Government and Regional Outreach for lamResponding. He is a past president of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and a co-founder of the IAFC Volunteer and Combination Officers Section. In 1996, Fire Chief Magazine named Chief Buckman Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year. He is an accomplished photographer. He is a co-author of the Lessons Learned from Fire-Rescue Leaders and is the editor of the Chief Officers Desk Reference. Contributing author to the 3rd Edition of Recruiting, Training and Maintaining Volunteers. He is the owner of Wildfire Productions and is a sought-after keynote speaker. He has presented education programs in each of the 50 states, each province in Canada, Beijing, China and the Dominican Republic.