



2020 BRYANT STILES OFFICERS SCHOOL

Green River Firefighters Association

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3. Safety Leadership: The Firehouse to the Fireground

Based on the newly book published by Fire Engineering "Fire Officers' Guide to Occupational Safety and Health";

The move throughout the American fire service regarding the safety and health of our personnel is more prominent today than ever before. This workshop examines the responsibilities of the firefighters themselves, officers and senior leadership in the fire service in ensuring the safety of all members from the firehouse to the fire ground. Some national programs discussed are the NFFF 16 LSI's, IAFC's Rules of Engagement and others. Case histories are examined through photos and videos and a host of resources are presented in a hands-on workshop atmosphere. All will return to the firehouse with a new sense of responsibility for their personnel.

This class will be offered Friday morning and repeated Friday afternoon

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

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colleges and universities around the country. He holds a BA in Fire Service Administration and a MS in Fire Protection Management, both from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. He also holds a master's degree in Environmental Sciences from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He teaches for the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland as well. Ron has been published over 125 times online and in periodicals such as Industrial Fire Safety and Fire Engineering where he is also a member of the FDIC Educational Advisory Committee. He continues to contribute to Fireengineering.com through his monthly column "Chief Kanterman's Journal" and hosts a monthly on-line radio show, "The Back Step Boys" with his co-host, Deputy Chief Tom Aurnhammer from Farmington, NM. He worked on staff for the Fire Department Instructor's Conference (FDIC, FDIC WEST & FDIC EAST) for 9 years. He is the author of a book entitled "Managing Fireworks Displays" published by Delmar in 2008 and was a contributing chapter author for the Fire Engineering/Pennwell Firefighter I & II manual, the new version of the Fire Chief's Handbook and 6 other fire service textbooks.

Ron is an advocate for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and its programs and works as the Memorial Weekend Incident Commander at the National Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

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