



## 2020 BRYANT STILES OFFICERS SCHOOL

Green River Firefighters Association

February 21 – 23, 2020

Owensboro Convention Center - Owensboro, KY



### 31. Keeping Badges Off the Wall and The Spirit of Volunteerism: Is it Dead?

This Class will be offered Saturday and Sunday

#### Morning Session: Keeping Badges Off the Wall

This class will be enjoyed by the seasoned veteran as well as the new recruit. The goal of the class is to prevent firefighters' deaths through safer and more effective fireground tactics. Chief Chikerotis delivers a colorful presentation loaded with fire case studies and lessons learned from his personal experiences in 36 years with the Chicago Fire Department. Each incident is brought to life through exciting pictures and videos. Each story reinforces powerful lessons learned. Topics include Risk Management, Reading Smoke, Building Construction and Collapse, Fireground Tactics, Flashover, Communications, and Accountability, Commanding the Mayday, and RIT Rescue

**Steve Chikerotis** retired in November of 2014 as a Deputy District Chief after a 34-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".

For further information about the 2020 Bryant Stiles Officers School  
contact the Area 3 Training Center (888) 306-8015 or [jimmy.vancleve@kctcs.edu](mailto:jimmy.vancleve@kctcs.edu)



## 2020 BRYANT STILES OFFICERS SCHOOL

Green River Firefighters Association

February 21 – 23, 2020

Owensboro Convention Center - Owensboro, KY



### **Afternoon Session: The Spirit of Volunteerism: Is It Dead?**

Organizations across the country are challenged with this question. Chief Benningfield will present ideas that Chugiak Volunteer Fire & Rescue in Alaska institutionalized to maintain a robust roster of Fire and EMS responders. He will facilitate discussion to aid departments in thinking outside the box to recruit and retain responders.

**Tim Benningfield** grew up in Western KY and began as a volunteer firefighter at Moseleyville FD before engaging in a career with Daviess county Fire Department in 1993. After retirement, he counselled/advised students and coordinated fire and EMS programs at institutions of higher learning in Kentucky, Alaska, and Indiana. In 2017, Tim was selected as the first full-time Chief at Chugiak Volunteer Fire and Rescue in Alaska where he is part of a "family" made up of over 100 volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel providing services to an area of 47 square miles and a population of over 8,000.

**This class will be offered Saturday and repeated on Sunday.**

**For further information about the 2020 Bryant Stiles Officers School  
contact the Area 3 Training Center (888) 306-8015 or [jimmy.vancleve@kctcs.edu](mailto:jimmy.vancleve@kctcs.edu)**