

Saturday – All Day

7 Hours

Learning From The Past To Make Better Command Decisions In The Future

This class will be visual. I have taken photographs of fires for many, many years. Those photographs will be used to tell the story what goes right based upon strategic and tactical decisions and what could've been done differently based upon strategic and tactical decisions. Today's fire commander has minimal experience of being in command multiple times in a 12 month period. What is the right decision? What do you as the IC see as facts that impact your strategic choice. This class will discuss the good, the bad and the ugly of commanding an incident. To be an effective IC the individual must have an education, training - hands on, research and experience.

Instructors – John M. Buckman III

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 IamResponding. 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.