

Friday – Morning
4 Hours

A Review Of The Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire

This class is a look at the Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire through the eyes of John Beatsch, a Lieutenant on the first-in engine company. It will give a first hand account of the fire, the rescue efforts, the aftermath of the fire and the changes that took place as a result of the fire. It is not an attempt to determine the cause of the fire or the reasons for the large loss of life although both of these will be examined and discussed.

Instructor – Tom Arnold

John Beatsch joined the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department as a fire cadet in 1972 at the age of 17. At age 20 he was promoted to Lieutenant and on May 28, 1977 he responded on the first Engine Company to the Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire. He is serving in his 24th year as chief of the Southgate Fire Department. He was elected as Third Vice President of the Kentucky Firefighters Association in August of 2016 and was president of the KFA from August of 2019 to August 2021.