



25. First Arriving Engine Company AND Highway Safety

First Arriving Engine Company

This program will help the student understand the role of the engine company on the fire ground. To accomplish this, this program will review building construction, discuss how to develop a relationship with truck crews to work together in suppression efforts, and develop an understanding of individual engine company responsibilities as they arrive first due to an incident.

Highway Safety

This program will discuss Traffic Management Policies and guidelines, the type of equipment that should be deployed for safety, the best methods for setting up apparatus success, the proper use of vests, properly using safety adjunct equipment and common-sense best practices.

Instructor

Mike Prete retired after 37 years of active service as an Assistant Fire Chief at Montgomery County (MD) Fire and Rescue Services, a large combination department near our nation's capital. With over 40 years of fire and rescue experience, Mike started as a volunteer in a department that bordered Washington DC and served in a career capacity for Montgomery County holding positions from Firefighter Paramedic through Executive Operations Chief. In addition to his role directly relating to fire and rescue operations, he managed daily operational and administrative issues including budget, daily oversight and scheduling for 1300 full time personnel. Mike began teaching in his early days as a sergeant, serving as a recruit instructor, and has continued this passion today. With national and state instructor certifications, Mike has served as an adjunct instructor for the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, NIMS Instructor for MEMA, Anne Arundel Community College adjunct instructor, Practical Incident Control Training lead instructor and holds various certifications in public safety. Since his retirement, Mike splits his time between teaching and as a project coordinator for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF). Mike hosts the NFFF Podcast series Firefighter After Action Review which takes deep dives into Line of Duty Death incidents by discussing all aspects of these incidents with personnel who have knowledge of these tragic events.