14. Building a Top Shelf Culture

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This program takes a bottom-up approach to building a Top Shelf culture within your department. Starting with the 5 keys necessary to produce competency within the crews, that will lead to consistent and reliable actions by members on the fireground. To gain the desired aggressiveness without sacrificing safety, the members must be able to operate at a high level of proficiency. When this level of proficiency and operational consistency is achieved, the incident commander can better weigh his risks, accurately judge the time needed, and better predict the outcome of their assignments.

About the Instructor:
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