7. Se7en Habits of Highly Effective Safety Officers

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Safety Officers have been a critical component of the Incident Command System for over 30 years. During that evolutionary period of the American Fire Service what have we learned? Have we truly improved the safety and well-being of our responders? This **4-hour** combination of lecture, discussion and group activities will focus on practices that enhance the performance of Incident Safety Officers while improving the safety of all responders. Topics will include:

- How Did the American Fire Service Get Here?
- Do Incident Safety Officers Keep Responders Safe?
- Safety Officer: Know Thyself!
- Qualification Versus Certification?
- You Be The Safety Officer!
- Can YOU Afford A Lawsuit?

About the instructor:
Frank Montes de Oca is a former firefighter/paramedic who served in Florida, Ohio and North Carolina. During his 38-year career he was appointed or promoted to battalion chief, division chief and chief of departments. A graduate of the NFA's EFO program, Chief Montes de Oca continues to serve the fire and emergency services community as an adjunct instructor for the National Fire Academy; delivering programs for OSHA, the EPA and lecturing throughout the country.