

Fireground Safety for the Company Officer

Presented by Battalion Chief Forest F. Reeder Jr.

The fire department company officer stands as the first and often last line of defense in the prevention of firefighter injury and death. This course deals directly with the company officers key responsibilities in ensuring operational safety during fireground operations. While many company officers are excellent tactical decision makers and complete tasks that are assigned to them, others may lack the experience necessary to act as a "company safety officer".

This workshop will take a look at some of the most hazardous areas of fireground operations and identify what the company officer should be looking for to keep their crews safe. Participants will also be encouraged to re-think some typical tactical assignments when presented with hazardous fire and building conditions. This program supports the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives by advocating better risk management and empowering the fire service membership to stop repeating history.



Forest Reeder began his fire service career in 1979. He currently serves as Battalion Chief/Director of Training & Safety with the Pleasantview, IL Fire Protection District and is the Director of Training for Southwest United Fire Districts.

Forest is the author of the Weekly Fire Drills feature at www.firefighterclosecalls.com and a weekly contributor to Fire Engineering Magazines on-line drill feature. Additionally, he is the coordinator of the Fire Officer 1 and 2 programs for the Illinois Fire Chiefs Foundation and chairman of the State Fire Marshals Office Fire Officer Ad Hoc committee.

His educational background includes numerous Illinois fire service certifications including Fire Officer 3 and Training Program Manager and a Masters Degree in Public Safety Administration from Lewis University. He was awarded the George D. Post Instructor of the Year Award by the International Society of Fire Service Instructors in 2008.

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Class held at the Connecticut Fire Academy

All Seminar Series presentations are scheduled from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm, registration begins at 8 am. Lunch is included. Acceptance confirmation notices, with directions, will be mailed approximately two weeks prior to the start of the program. Students canceling seven days in advance will receive a full refund. Application forms can be duplicated or downloaded at www.ct.gov/cfpc and returned via fax or mail with payment. Additional questions can be directed to Program Manager Mark Salafia, phone 877-528-3473 ext 286 or email mark.salafia@po.state.ct.us

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