



2007 Seminar Series

Friday, August 10, 2007

First In: Strategies and Tactics for Company Officers Sitting in the Hot Seat

Presented by: Robert Krause, B.S. EMT-P, Captain of Toledo Fire & Rescue Department, Toledo, OH

Everyday in this country fire crews respond to working fires. The first arriving company is faced with many decisions that can have a grave impact on the outcome. Lives saved or lost. The first arriving officer must make strategic and tactical decisions to successfully mitigate the situation. This program puts the attendee in the Hot Seat, allowing them to develop critical thinking skills.

The actions of the first arriving fire company can have profound implications in how successfully the incident is resolved. Captain Krause uses a systems approach to problem identification and intervention. Using real world fire scenarios this course challenges the student to identify and prioritize fire ground activities, implement potential solutions to the problems identified and evaluate their effectiveness. Using state-of-the-art computer software and videos, Captain Krause presents the student with "working fires" and other complex emergency scenes that draw the student in and places the challenge of initial command squarely on their shoulders. The session is highly interactive, informative and entertaining, creating an excellent learning environment. Attendees are placed in the command Hot Seat. An excellent learning environment for newer officers, and those that aspire to command positions. A seasoned officer will be challenged as well, when faced with fire problems that they may not yet have faced in their careers.

From the opening slide in the PowerPoint presentation attendees are immersed into a highly interactive session. Participants are encouraged to discuss their thoughts and strategies openly, creating a pool of ideas that will educate all in attendance. The program presents both fire and emergency medical problems that challenge the participant to focus on the challenge of command. This session develops stressed based decision making. Fire officers must be able to make critical decisions while under enormous pressure. This program affords individuals the chance to develop those critical thinking skills. As the session continues the problems presented become more complex, involving a broader range of decision making skills. The problems presented are real world scenarios.

Course #08000, Course Fee \$55, All classes held at Connecticut Fire Academy

All Seminar series presentations are scheduled from 8 am until 4:30 pm. 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 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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Rapid Intervention Isn't Rapid: Finally a Solution
Friday October 12, 2007 Steve L. Kreis, Assistant Chief
City of Phoenix, AZ Fire Department,
Course number 08001

Eliminating Silly Rules in a Value Driven Organization
Friday December 7, 2007 Mark Wallace, Chief
McKinney, TX Fire Department, Course number 08002

Robert C. Krause, B.S. EMT-P Biography

Captain Krause has 27 years of experience in emergency services. He is an active firefighter, paramedic, fire officer, emergency medical and fire fighting instructor, researcher, lecturer and published author. Captain Krause has held a variety of command positions within the fire service including fire suppression, fire training officer, Fire/EMS communications supervisor, and emergency medical services educator. Captain Krause continues to teach, write and consult in various fire and emergency medical related topics. Currently Captain Krause is with the Toledo Fire & Rescue Department in Toledo, Ohio and he is assigned to Engine 6 on Toledo's East side.

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