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2014 Seminar Series • Social Media and Digital Imagery Challenges in the Fire Service



# Social Media and Digital Imagery Challenges in the Fire Service



**Friday April 25, 2014**

## Social Media and Digital Imagery Challenges in the Fire Service

A firefighter takes a video with his cellphone at an emergency scene, forwards it to a buddy who is off-duty, and before the companies return to quarters, the video has gone viral on the Internet. Sound far-fetched? If you have been watching the headlines, you'll notice that the world is changing... QUICKLY. As a result fire departments are playing catch up with technology and new fads.

This program reviews the fire service cases that are shaping the digital age landscape, and explains what firefighters and fire officers need to know to stay ahead of the curve. Learn how to avoid digital imagery and social media traps. Recognize where 1st Amendment protection ends and the department's right to discipline begins. Real-life cases from the past three years are analyzed, including the consequences to firefighters and departments arising from posting photos, videos, and commentary on the Internet.

The program will also cover important privacy issues related to firefighter emails, text messages, and personal computers in the fire station.



### Instructor Biography - Curt Varone, Deputy Assistant Chief (Ret.)

Curt Varone has over 40 years of experience in the fire service, retiring in 2008 as a Deputy Assistant Chief with the Providence, RI, Fire Department. He is a practicing attorney licensed in both Rhode Island and Maine, and served as the Director of the Public Fire Protection Division

at the NFPA. Curt has written two books, Legal Considerations for Fire and Emergency Services, and Fire Officer's Legal Handbook. He writes the Fire Law column for Firehouse Magazine and remains active as a deputy chief with the Exeter (RI) Fire Department.



# Student Application Form

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Check box if you would like to subscribe your email address to the CFPC listserv.

Are you 18 years of age or older?  Yes  No  
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#### Returned Check Policy

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Please insert your ID number below:

**ID Number** \_ \_ \_ - \_ \_ \_ \_

Your ID consists of the first (3) letters of your last name and the last (4) numbers of your social security number.

**Example: John Adams - SS# 000-00-5555**  
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As Chief of the **(Fire Department)**:

or as Supervisor of the **(Organization)**:

**Print Name:**

I hereby authorize the above applicant to participate in the program below and, therefore, understand that the above-named individual will be covered by my organization's Worker's Compensation Insurance while participating in such training, and that the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, its commissioners, officers, agents or employees shall not be liable for any injuries sustained during such training. This applicant is considered by my department's standards to be physically and emotionally fit to perform firefighting evolutions without special considerations, and where applicable, to meet the 29 CFR 1910.134 standard for the use of respirators (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus).

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No application will be accepted without tuition, authorized signature and proof of prerequisite (if required).

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**Social Media and Digital Imagery**

Course Title **Challenges in the Fire Service**

Course # **14140**

Date **Friday, April 25, 2014** Tuition **\$55.00**

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