



Department of Fire Services
Massachusetts Firefighting Academy

SENIOR FIRE OFFICER FORUM

April 28, 2016

Course Number:

200-014-SOH-2016-SP-A

Location:

Massachusetts
Firefighting Academy
One State Road, Stow, MA
MFA - Link

Time:

1000-1500

Course Fee:

\$20.00

Check or money order
made out to "MFA Trust
Fund"

Notes:

Application deadline is
April 22, 2016.

Applications must include
payment.

Walk-ins and day-of
registrations will not be
allowed.

Lunch will be provided.

RESPONDING TO A MAJOR RAILROAD EMERGENCY— THE INCIDENT COMMANDER'S PERSPECTIVE

Presented By: Battalion Chief Robert Lipscomb of the Lynchburg VA Fire Department and Chief Tim Pellerin, of the Rangely ME Fire Department.

On July 6, 2013, an unattended 74-car freight train carrying highly volatile Bakken crude oil derailed in downtown Lac Megantic Quebec destroying more than 30 buildings in the town's center and killing 47 people. On 1 May, 2014 the derailment of a CSX freight train carrying Bakken crude oil in the center of Lynchburg VA resulted in an explosion and fire as well as the dumping of 30,000 gallons of oil in and around the James River. Chiefs Pellerin and Lipscomb will provide insight, actions, and lessons learned from the Incident Commander's perspective when responding to a rail incident involving derailment and a flammable commodity.

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Presenter Biographies

Battalion Chief Robert Lipscomb currently serves as the Battalion 1 Chief on B Shift for the Lynchburg Fire Department. Employed by the City of Lynchburg Fire Department since July 1990, Chief Lipscomb is a 1989 Graduate of Lynchburg College with a BA in Middle Childhood Education. During his tenure with the Lynchburg Fire Department, Chief Lipscomb has served as a Firefighter/Paramedic in field operations, Public Education Captain, Engine Company Captain, Training Chief and Field Operations Chief.

Chief Lipscomb is currently certified as a Virginia Office of EMS EMT-Paramedic, Virginia Department of Fire Programs Instructor III and Fire Officer IV. Chief Lipscomb has attended numerous classes at the National Fire Academy, Emergency Management Institute as well as training programs sponsored by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, Virginia Department of Emergency Medical Services, Virginia Department of Emergency Management, International Association of Fire Chiefs and the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

As a fire service instructor Chief Lipscomb has taught in numerous fire academies for the Lynchburg Fire Department and neighboring jurisdictions as well as the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association annual conference, the Nebraska State Hazardous Materials Conference and the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis.

Tim Pellerin currently serves as Fire Chief/EMA Director for Rangeley Fire/Rescue Department in Rangeley, Maine. Rangeley is a community of 3300 nestled in the western Maine mountains that swells to over 30,000 in the summer and winter months for recreational sports. Chief Pellerin along with 30 Paid on-call firefighters provide response and rescue for 19 towns, townships, villages, and unorganized territories covering over 800 square miles. In July 2013, Chief Pellerin along with 7 other local fire departments and 30 firefighters responded to a call for mutual-aid from the village of Lac-Mégantic Quebec for a rail train derailment with explosions. Together they operated for over 30 continuous hours to help control this terrible rail disaster. In April 2014, Chief Pellerin testified at the Rail Safety & Transportation hearing before the U.S. Senate, Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) to help support funding for rail safety and disaster training in America.

Tim brings over 35 years of experience working through the ranks of emergency management and the fire service. He has served as a career firefighter/EMT since 1980, a fire officer since 1987, a hazardous materials technician since 1995 and in a Chief Officer capacity for over 20 years.

He is certified as an NIMS/ICS Instructor, haz-mat Incident Commander, water/technical rescue technician and wilderness/snowmobile rescue technician. Tim started his full-time career in 1980 as a Firefighter/EMT for the Town of Brunswick, Maine, and then went on to serve in other Maine communities including 16 years in the City of Portland, Town of Raymond, City of Westbrook, Town of Scarborough and now the Town Rangeley, Maine.

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