



SENIOR FIRE OFFICER FORUM SERIES FALL 2016

“SAVE THE DATE”

“Step Up” Leadership and Team Building for Senior Fire Officers

Presented By: Deputy Chief Frank Viscuso, Kearny Fire Department, New Jersey

“Step Up” for Senior Officers will cover important Leadership Skills such as mentoring, critiquing others, delegating, preventing freelancing, tackling administrative tasks, and dealing with subordinate Issues. Chief Viscuso will also cover important team building strategies, including a discussion on why teams fail, conflict resolution techniques, and how you know when people are ready to take on leadership roles and responsibility. The class includes a list of team building exercises, and real world examples of fire departments that provided exceptional service to their communities.

The New Firefight - Top 20 Tactical Considerations from UL/NIST Firefighter Safety Research

Presented By: Peter Van Dorpe, Fire Chief, Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection District

Lightweight energy efficient construction, modern fuels, firefighter encapsulation and manpower reductions have combined to make today’s residential firefight a dramatically new challenge for even the most experienced firefighter. UL and NIST have been leading the effort to meet this challenge through research and education initiatives. At FDIC 2014, UL’s Steve Kerber presented a “Top 20” list of tactical considerations based on this research. In this session, Chief Peter Van Dorpe, a member of the UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute’s Advisory Board will use Kerber’s “Top 20” to guide a discussion on how firefighters may best implement the principles and concepts arising out of this body of work, and debunk some of the myths, misstatements and misinterpretation that has made its way onto blogs and social media.

In Honor of The Charleston 9 A Study of Change Following Tragedy

Presented By: Dr. David Griffin

In Honor of The Charleston 9: A Study of Change Following Tragedy, is based off of the best-selling book with the identical name, which includes doctoral research that will help all organizations, whether public, private, for-profit, or non-profit to determine whether organizational change is needed in their respective organization. Students are taken on an emotional ride from the dark days of fighting fire in Charleston, SC, where nine firefighters perished in the line of duty, to today where the organization is now a national model for change. All organizations need to learn the lessons from Charleston to ensure that they do not experience this type of tragic incident. This course utilizes never before seen video footage from June 18, 2007, as well as the radio traffic that coincides. It was developed and is presented by the first due engineer on the scene of this multiple line of duty death incident.

Firefighter Safety Symposium II

Once again this fall the Senior Fire Officer Forum series will feature a one day Firefighter Safety Symposium designed to explore the latest challenges to the health and safety our firefighters. This year the program will be presented at both the Stow and Springfield campuses. Firefighter Safety Symposiums are meant to provide both a summary of the latest threats we face and well as what actions we can take to avoid these dangers. Last year’s topics included; Firefighters Taking Action Against Cancer, Dealing with Photovoltaic Electrical Systems and Fireground Air Management. What new threats to Firefighter safety will emerge in 2016 and what new safety initiatives will emerge. Join us in December to find out. Our final list of symposium topics will be announced in November.

Registration

Register at [List of Current MFA Courses](#) by completing a standard [DFS/MFA Student Application](#) and mail with the \$20 course fee payment to: Registrar, Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, P.O. Box 1025, State Road, Stow, MA 01775.



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<i>“Step Up” Leadership and Team Building for Senior Fire Officers</i>		Time:	1000-1500
Course Code:	200-014-SOJ-2016-FA-A	Location:	Massachusetts Firefighting Academy One State Road, Stow, MA MFA - Link 105
Date:	September 12, 2016		
Application Deadline:	August 29, 2016		
<i>The New Firefight - Top 20 Tactical Considerations from UL/NIST Firefighter Safety Research</i>		Time:	1000-1500
Course Code:	200-014-SOK-2016-FA-A	Location:	Massachusetts Firefighting Academy One State Road, Stow, MA MFA – Link 105
Date:	October 17, 2016		
Application Deadline:	October 3, 2016		
<i>In Honor of The Charleston 9 A Study of Change Following Tragedy</i>		Time:	1000-1500
Course Code:	200-014-SOL-2016-FA-A	Location:	Massachusetts Firefighting Academy One State Road, Stow, MA MFA – Link 105
Date:	November 10, 2016		
Application Deadline:	October 27, 2016		
<i>Firefighter Safety Symposium II</i>		Time:	0900-1500
Course Code:	200-014-SOM-2016-FA-A	Location:	Massachusetts Firefighting Academy One State Road, Stow, MA MFA – Link 105
Date:	December 5, 2016		
Application Deadline:	November 21, 2016		
<i>Firefighter Safety Symposium II</i>		Time:	0900-1500
Course Code:	200-014-SOM-2016-FA-B	Location:	DFS Springfield 100 Grochmal Ave, Springfield, MA MFA-Springfield-Rm 119
Date:	December 7, 2016		
Application Deadline:	November 30, 2016		

Course Fee:

\$20.00

Check or money order made out to “MFA Trust Fund”

Notes:

Applications must include payment.

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

Lunch will be provided.

Future Senior Fire Officer Programs – The Department of Fire Services, Massachusetts Firefighting Academy is proud to present the Senior Fire Officer Forum to the Commonwealth’s Fire Service Leadership. We continually search for new and exciting topics which will enhance the responsibilities of Chief Fire Officers who are climbing the fire service ladder or reached the Fire Chiefs level of management of their organization. Please contact Robert Loomer at Robert.Loomer@state.ma.us with your ideas and suggestions for those programs that you would participate in and like to see as part of the program.

These programs are pending credit for Fire Chief Credentialing.

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