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SENIOR FIRE OFFICER FORUM FROM THE FIREHOUSE TO THE FIRE FLOOR — 45 YEARS OF CHANGES AND CHALLENGES IN THE FIRE SERVICE

Presented By: Robert Pressler, Captain, Christina DE Fire Company

Fire service veteran Bob Pressler looks back at his 45-year career to reflect upon how our profession has evolved. In this presentation he uses the lessons learned over those years to help better prepare today's Company Officers as they prepare for the changing roles and challenges of modern fire service leadership.

From the Firehouse to the Fire Floor looks at the evolution of a new firehouse culture and the challenges of leading and managing a new generation of Firefighters. Chief Pressler shares his thoughts on how today's strategies and tactics have changed. He explores the risks with today's lightweight building construction. The UL/ NIST studies, transitional attack, low staffing tactics, and several other "current" Fire Service topics will all be discussed.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Robert Pressler has been involved in the Fire Service for over 44 years and is retired from the Fire Department of New York, where he had attained the rank of Lieutenant. In addition to his service with FDNY, he had also served as a volunteer firefighter including previous service as the Chief of the Montgomery, NY Fire Department. He remains active in the fire service and is currently a Captain with the Christiana, DE Fire Company.

Captain Pressler holds a degree in Fire Protection Engineering from Oklahoma State University. He has previously presented at the FDIC, Firehouse Expo, Firehouse World, and Firehouse Las Vegas. Robert Pressler has previously served on the Advisory Boards of both Fire Engineering and Fire Chief magazines and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Fire Department Training Network.

Bob has written numerous articles for several trade magazines and lectures around the country on a wide variety of Fire Service issues.