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SENIOR FIRE OFFICER FORUM THINK LIKE AN INCIDENT COMMANDER

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What is an incident commander seeing, thinking, and feeling when he supervises a fire operation? Tactics may vary at various incidents, but the one constant is the incident commander's thought process. How is his view of a fire different and how can his perspective make you a more effective Firefighter, Chief, or Company Officer?

This interactive course is geared to illustrate key points in preparation, size up, fire ground decision making, and communications. Videos, case studies, fire ground radio transmissions, and interactive fire simulations are used to present the challenges inherent in making rapid emergency decisions. Students are offered tools to help them perform a skillful size-up, communicate effectively, and project control over chaotic emergency incidents.

This course is relevant for Chiefs and Company Officers who serve as the initial Incident Commanders at a fire; however, the ability to "think like an IC" allows for safer tactics by Firefighters of all ranks.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Thomas Dunne is a retired Deputy Chief and a 33-year veteran of the New York City Fire Department with extensive experience working in midtown Manhattan and the Bronx. He has been the Incident Commander at hundreds of fires and emergencies in residential, commercial, and high-rise buildings. He also served as the training and safety coordinator of Division 7 in the FDNY and functioned as a liaison with the media and community groups.

Chief Dunne has lectured on fire safety, emergency management, and human behavior in disasters at conferences and colleges across the country through his "Third Alarm Fire Training" seminars. His target audience has included business professionals, students, emergency response agency leaders, disaster relief agency volunteers, and fire and medical professionals. A Fordham University graduate, he has written numerous articles for fire service publications and serves as an adjunct instructor for the National Fire Academy.