



# OHIO FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION



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**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND  
PRESENTERS GUIDE**

**A GUIDE TO THE EDUCATION SESSIONS AND THOSE  
PRESENTING AT THE OFCA CONFERENCE...THIS YEAR'S  
THEME IS *LEADING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY.***

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### NOTE:

- **ALL CLASSES QUALIFY FOR HOURS TOWARDS EITHER THE OHIO FIRE CHIEF (OFC) OR OHIO FIRE OFFICER (OFO) CREDENTIALING OR RE-CREDENTIALING PROGRAM.**
- **ALL WORKSHOPS OFFERING CEU(S) MUST BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED BY YOUR CHIEF.**
- **\* DENOTES SESSIONS THAT QUALIFY FOR OHIO EMS CEU(S) THROUGH FARMERSVILLE FIRE & EMS SITE #1028.**

### **American Fire Culture Past, Present & Future**

The American fire culture has been a manual fire protection model based on six underlying assumptions or DNA genes: fast, close, wet, risk, injury and death. To survive in the 21st century, fire service leadership must change our cultural paradigm to automatic fire protection that does not accept fire loss. This session will help you develop strategies to address key issues in reducing the number of firefighter and civilian fire deaths. This workshop is based on two books: *Organizational Culture and Leadership*. Edgar H. Schein, Jossey Bass Publishing, 2010 and *I can't Save You, But I'll Die Trying: The American Fire culture*. Burton A. Clark, Premium Press America, 2015. Participants will develop strategies to change the American fire culture at the individual, team, organizational, and community levels in an effort to reduce loss from fire through literature review, lecture/discussion, case study, critical thinking, and group activity.

**Presenter:** Burk Clark, Ph.D., EFO

**Date and Time:** Thursday, July 13, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Juniper A, B, C Rooms

### **\*Beyond the Body: Community Paramedic Assessment Skills**

EMS agencies across the nation are excited about building a community paramedic program, but struggle to describe exactly what community paramedics do to help their patients. One of the nation's pioneers in community paramedicine will show participants the fundamental difference between community paramedicine and traditional EMS services, the patient assessment. During this talk, Dr. Swayze will show how a community paramedic assessment goes beyond the disease of the patient to those factors that determine what is really affecting the patient's health, and what we can do to help.

**Presenter:** Dan Swayze, Ph.D., MBA, MEMS, Vice President/COO,  
Center for Emergency Medicine of Western Pennsylvania, Inc.

**Date and Time:** Saturday, July 15, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Regent 1 Room

**\*Building an Evidence-Based Community Paramedic Program**

The science of a community paramedic program is still in its infancy, but using home-based interventions to help patients is nothing new. During this presentation, Dr. Swayze will review the science of interventions from other healthcare disciplines to help EMS agencies build evidence-based interventions of their own.

**Presenter:** Dan Swayze, Ph.D., MBA, MEMS, Vice President/COO,  
Center for Emergency Medicine of Western Pennsylvania, Inc.

**Date and Time:** Saturday, July 15, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Regent 1 Room

**\*Chronic Disease Management for the Community Paramedic**

EMS providers are well trained on how to handle acute exacerbations of chronic diseases, but less so on understanding key points of living with the disease on a daily basis. This overview will discuss the medications, lifestyles changes, and self-monitoring techniques recommended for patients with diabetes, COPD, CHF and other common diseases. This session will also introduce the teach-back methods to help the community paramedic assess whether the patients understand how to manage their disease.

**Presenter:** Dan Swayze, Ph.D., MBA, MEMS, Vice President/COO,  
Center for Emergency Medicine of Western Pennsylvania, Inc.

**Date and Time:** Sunday, July 16, 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

**Location:** Regent 1 Room

**Detecting Deception During Fire Investigations and Hiring**

The course identifies biases and subconscious influences which affect how we process information, assess behavior, make judgments and decisions, and how this may hinder fire investigations and the employee hiring process. The course will also provide an overview of basic and advanced concepts in evaluating behavioral indicators of truthfulness and deception. The course will further provide attendees with established criteria used to identify deception indicators, which will increase their success in interviews and investigations.

**Presenter:** Derron McDuffee, Verify Vetting Solutions

**Date(s) and Time(s):** Friday, July 14, 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, July 15, 3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

**Location:** Magnolia Room

**\*Does My Community Need a Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program?**

EMS agencies across the country are starting community paramedic programs, but to others, the key question still remains; who will pay us? One of the nation's leading experts on community paramedicine will talk about successful funding models that are already in place across the country. Dr. Swayze will discuss how programs from rural communities to large regional providers are collaborating with new partners to generate sustainable funding and will present a candid discussion on whether community paramedicine is right for your agency. (Previously titled "Show Me the Money!")

**Presenter:** Dan Swayze, Ph.D., MBA, MEMS, Vice President/COO  
Center for Emergency Medicine of Western Pennsylvania, Inc.

**Date and Time:** Friday, July 14, 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Regent 1 Room

### **First Responder Safety/Investigative Considerations for the Illegal Manufacture of Butane Hash Oil and Marijuana Grow Operations**

In Nov. 2012, voters approved and added to the Colorado Constitution a law legalizing the use and possession of limited amounts of marijuana for anyone ages 21 or older. Colorado provided a system of regulating retail marijuana, including licensure of facilities for cultivation, manufacturing, testing and retail stores. As a result, the Colorado municipalities created a process to permit and oversee retail marijuana establishments beginning in 2014. Twenty-six states currently have laws legalizing marijuana in some form. Inspection of Marijuana Related Occupancies is for anyone tasked with inspecting these new businesses in order to better understand and prepare for the unique challenges these occupancies present to the fire service.

**Presenter(s):** Lieutenant Jeff Johnson, Fire and Explosives Investigator and Captain Siegfried Klein, IAAI-CFI, CI, NAFI-CFEI, Fire & Explosives Investigator, Aurora, Colorado Fire Department Staff Members

**Date and Time(s):** Saturday, July 15, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.; 2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Juniper A Room

### **Five Alarm Leadership: Real Leadership with Real People**

Five Alarm Leadership is a dynamic program that is designed to energize and motivate the people in your department to perform and excel in everything they do. This program outlines many of the common situations fire departments and fire companies find themselves in and presents suggestions and solutions to those situations. Chief Lasky, a 36-plus year veteran of the fire service, has experienced many of the challenges and hurdles that your fire department is facing. He has learned through his experience as a company grade officer, command-level officer, and executive officer, how to treat people, how to motivate them, mentor, coach and counsel them, and in some cases, discipline them so that they want to come back and contribute even more to this great profession. Issues such as integrity, inspiration, interest, innovation, insight and initiative are all discussed and applied to life in the firehouse and on the fireground. Join Chief Lasky as he guides you through your most difficult but vital role as a leader in the fire service.

**Presenter:** Retired Chief Rick Lasky, Fire Alarm Leadership, LLC

**Date and Time:** Sunday, July 16, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Regent 3 Room

### **From Gas Wells to the Fire Scene**

This class will discuss the collaborative effort between private industry and the fire service to jointly provide a continuous water supply to a fire ground and overcoming difficult obstacles associated working with private industry.

**Presenter(s):** Chief Jim Delman, Sunset Heights Fire Dept. and  
Chief Allan Ketzell, III, Brookside Fire Dept., Water Supply TAC

**Date and Time:** Saturday, July 15, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Juniper B & C Room

**From Tones to Extinguishment***Fireground safety through standardization*

This class will explore the concept and tactics of the combat ready mind set. Are we ready for what faces us on the fire ground? Have we prepared our equipment and crew to operate safely? Do we know building construction and how it affects our strategies and tactics; residential vs. commercial? The importance of command presence and the initial 5 minutes of an incident sets the tone. Is the first arriving crew completing a 360 and doing a scene size-up from the ground up: initial water application; the most water in the fastest way; hand lines (1 3/4" vs 2 1/2") or deck gun; tactics deployed; offensive, defensive, or transitional attack; fire ground communications; consideration of standardized radio model so everyone is on the same page.

**Presenter:** Mark E. Briggs, Toledo Fire and Rescue Training Staff, Troy Township Fire and EMS Training Officer

**Date(s) and Time(s):** Friday, July 14, 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, July 15, 3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

**Location:** Juniper A Room (Friday); Worthington Boardroom (Saturday)

**Leadership, Accountability, Culture, Knowledge – LACK**

Is your department on the path to a LODD? This compelling presentation by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation examines the root causes of LODDs and the role of Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge (LACK) as it influences the end result. Many fire departments across the United States "LACK the Right Stuff" to prevent them from being on a path to a line of duty death, with leadership, accountability, culture and knowledge being the elements that need to be addressed and managed in those environments. Through education and training, departments can improve their survivability by understanding the root causes of firefighter fatalities and tackling these four elements with special emphasis on understanding fire service culture.

**Presenter(s):** Rick Best, Eastern Division Advocate Manager for the National Fallen Firefighters, Everyone Goes Home® Program and Deputy Chief Ron Terriaco, OFE, Everyone Goes Home® Program

**Date and Time:** Sunday, July 16, 8:30 a.m.-12:01 p.m.

**Location:** Lilac Room

**Leadership: Everyone Goes Home**

This session is a course of the Everyone Goes Home® Program of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation designed to assist in the reduction of LODDs utilizing a series of case studies. Each study will include what happened, why it happened, what could have avoided it, were safety measures available and used, and how can we prevent this in the future. The benefit of this program is the review of cultural change or adaptive challenge, rather than just enacting a technical fix, which in most cases, does not work. A great program for senior fire officers and administrative officers. This is learning from actual incidents!

**Presenter(s):** Lieutenant Kevin McFarland, BA, OFE, and Deputy Chief Ron Terriaco, OFE Everyone Goes Home Program

**Date and Time:** Saturday, July 15, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lilac Room

**Leveraging Mobile Data without Complex Systems**

This session is designed to discuss easy resources for utilizing mobile data for fire departments who don't have complex mobile data systems in place. This session is focused on what uses simple devices can have and their impact on emergency services. Attendees will gain insight and hopefully engage in sharing useful ideas with one another based on discussions during this presentation.

**Using the Internet:** Mapping Services; Satellite Imagery; Information Searches

**Incorporating Apps:** Active 911; WISER; Project Pulse Point; WAZE; ERG 2016; Fire Accountability; Others

**Mapping:** County Auditor's Maps; Google (or other maps); Electronic App Books

**Preplans / Building Surveys**

**What Can I do Without Internet:** Delivery by Station Wi-Fi; Locally Loaded Information

**Equipment Form Factor:** Tablets; Laptops; Mobile Computers

**Presenter:** Battalion Chief Nathan Hiester, OFE, Beavercreek Township Fire Department

**Date and Time:** Sunday, July 16, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Juniper C Room

**\*Mental Health and Crisis Management: Advanced Course for Community Paramedics**

The majority of patients enrolled in the community paramedic program in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania have one or more mental health diagnoses in addition to their chronic medical conditions. This overview will help practicing community paramedics and traditional EMS providers better understand what life is like for patients coping with the most common forms of mental illnesses and what they can expect during those encounters.

**Presenter:** Dan Swayze, Ph.D., MBA, MEMS, Vice President/COO  
Center for Emergency Medicine of Western Pennsylvania, Inc.

**Date and Time:** Sunday, July 16, 8:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

**Location:** Regent 1 Room

**NFPA 1851 Care and Cleaning of PPE**

The focus of this session will be proper 1851 procedures with the goal of helping gear last longer, keeping gear performing at its intended optimal levels and of course, making sure the audience is aware of the carcinogen dangers when gear isn't decontaminated or cleaned properly.

**Presenter(s):** Ron Myers, Owner, Shamrock Gear Restoration and Fire Force Inc. and  
Todd Herring, Director of Marketing & Product Development, Fire-Dex

**Date and Time:** Saturday, July 15, 3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

**Location:** Juniper A Room

**Ohio Fire Chief Credentialing and Re-credentialing Process and Ohio Fire Officer's Credentialing Program**

The Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association Fire Chief and Fire Officer Designation was developed through the Association's Education Committee with the support of the Ohio Fire & Emergency Services Foundation. This workshop will walk you through the credentialing and re-credentialing process. We will also help you understand how this designation will emphasize your training, recognize your education, and support your experience to make sure your progression is going in the right direction. Applications will be evaluated by the OFCA Board members and professional peers throughout the state.

**Presenter(s):** Deputy Chief Rudy Ruiz, CFO, EFO, MIFireE; Chief Mark Martin, OFC

**Date and Time:** Sunday, July 16, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Magnolia Room

**Our History: This Should be Day One in the Academy!**

Year after year, fire departments all across North America see new firefighters attend and graduate from the fire academy. But after graduation, just how many "get it"; how many truly understand why they are here; why WE are here? The answers are all in our history. Join Chief Lasky as he revisits where it all started *and* where "it" is going. Whether you have 40 days or 40 years in the fire service, if you truly want to see where the fire service is headed, then you have to look back at where it all began.

**Presenter:** Retired Chief Rick Lasky, Fire Alarm Leadership, LLC

**Date and Time:** Saturday, July 15, 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Regent 2 & 3 Room

**Psychological Fitness for Duty Evaluations - How the Psychologist Can Help You Put Out**

**Fires** Stress, trauma, difficult situations, emergencies - sounds like just another day. While most workers handle this appropriately, what do you do when one of your employees has a difficult emotional reaction to their work experiences? What if they develop psychological problems that impair their ability to work? How do you know when to seek a full evaluation, and what does that evaluation entail? This presentation will provide information from the perspective of a psychologist who conducts psychological fitness for duty evaluations. In attending this class, you will learn what to look for in a competent provider, what a helpful report will look like, and what the results mean with regards to any decisions you make involving your employee. This primer will touch on the referral process, the evaluation process, and necessary components of the evaluation that will answer your basic question: Is this worker fit for duty at this time?

**Presenter:** Jeff Rindsberg, PsyD, ABPP, Clinical and Forensic Psychologist,

Forensic Psychological Center of Northeast Ohio

**Date and Time:** Saturday, July 15, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

**Location:** Magnolia Room

### **Safety, Health and Wellness Open Discussion**

**Part I** - Update SB 27 - Reviews details of bill; Discuss 742.38 – Pension Fund and 4123.57 – BWC; discuss Inclusion and exclusion criteria; discuss the IARC – International Agency for Research on Cancer; Groups 1a, 2a, (2b dropped from law); Discuss claim and disability processes; leave / time off; cancer prevention – best practices.

**Part II** - Behavioral Health; PTSD Bill; Discuss causes occupational internal / external; review symptoms; support systems / resources; use of EAP; check list; administrative policies; leave / time off / best practices.

**Presenter(s):** Safety, Health and Wellness Committee Members; Assistant Chief Jack Rupp, Jr., Chair and Karen D. Turano, Esq., Associate, Connor, Evans & Hafenstein LLP

**Date(s) and Time(s):** Saturday, July 15, 3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.; Sunday, July 16, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

**Location:** Juniper B & C Rooms (Saturday); Magnolia Room (Sunday)

### **Size-up and Command for a Small Department: How to Avoid Being Lost in the Fog of the Fireground**

My mistakes of getting “sidetracked” on arrival could have led to a serious problem on one of my fireground commands. Don’t let yourself be sidetracked at your next serious event. While not a military veteran, I have tons of respect for and consider myself an avid reader and student of military leadership and command. A book from a former Marine who fought in World War II describes the term “lost in the fog of war.” According to this author, this expression describes both the literal fog created by the dust, smoke, and debris of the battlefield and, more importantly, the mental fog of confusion and uncertainty created by lack of knowledge of the enemy. I share this experience as an example for others with the intent of helping current and future officers not make my mistake of getting “lost.” Attendees will review the critical points of size-up and past events where the "fog" was thick and leave with a better understanding and a better "vision" that will enable them to see through the fog of the fireground, creating a more effective and safer environment for those under their command.

**Presenter:** Assistant Chief Joseph Pronesti, OFE, Elyria Fire Department

**Date and Time:** Sunday, July 16, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Regent 1 Room

### **Soaring with Eagles: Bold, Honest and Realistic Leadership**

If we have learned one thing from recent events, it’s the fact that integrity is more important than ever. A leader cannot produce or succeed if he or she is without integrity and a strong belief in core values. **Your integrity defines your character.** Your character is defined as how you are and how you act when no one is watching! Your *core values* provide the foundation for your *Vision* and your *Mission*. So many of today’s leaders, along with those who will succeed them someday, lack foundation. Several will talk about core values, but many have not been shown how to live by those values. In the leadership world, it’s hard to soar to great heights with wings that are weak and tarnished.

**Presenter:** Retired Chief Rick Lasky, Fire Alarm Leadership, LLC

**Date and Time:** Saturday, July 15, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

**Location:** Regent 2 & 3 Room

**Stress First Aid (SFA) for Firefighters and Emergency Services Personnel**

Stress First Aid (SFA) is a flexible set of tools used to care for stress reactions in firefighters and rescue personnel. Unlike other acute stress management procedures, SFA was designed specifically to support firefighters and rescue personnel. The goal of SFA is to restore health and readiness after a stress reaction. SFA is a toolkit that emphasizes the importance of continuously monitoring the stress of fire and rescue personnel and to quickly recognize and appropriately help individuals who are reacting to stress and are in need of interventions to promote healing. SFA monitors the progress of recovery to ensure a return to full-function. SFA fosters strong leadership and unit cohesion. SFA is individualized to meet the needs of each person in each context; there are no one-size-fits-all SFA solutions.

**Presenter(s):** Rick Best and Lieutenant Tom Wilcox, Westerville Division of Fire,  
Everyone Goes Home® Program

**Date and Time:** Sunday, July 16, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lilac Room

**Sweating the Small Stuff: Keeping Your People Safe and Alive**

For those in the private sector, the practice of “sweating the small stuff” may come as a nuisance and seem unnecessary, but for those of us in the fire service, it’s often the “small stuff” that leads to a firefighter’s injury or worse yet, death. In this program, Chief Lasky will examine the areas where our fire service needs to once again place emphasis if firefighter safety is to remain paramount.

**Presenter:** Retired Chief Rick Lasky, Fire Alarm Leadership, LLC

**Date and Time:** Monday, July 17, 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Regent 2 and 3 Rooms

**The Dispatcher as Resource Manager**

The principles that FDNY utilizes (among others) to help ensure effective response times start with the dispatcher. A discussion of these strategies, including prioritization, modification of response, redirection of units, relocations, etc. are even more beneficial in communities that do not have as many resources or are smaller. They can be the key to a successful outcome of any event, even more so during storms or other periods of heightened activity. However, it requires communication and cooperation between responders and dispatchers in a manner than many agencies do not yet practice.

**Presenter:** Christopher Blake Carver, MPA

**Date and Time:** Sunday, July 16, 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

**Location:** Magnolia Room

**The Engine Company’s Guide to Winning**

This program is designed for anyone from command staff to a line firefighter. The class will cover essential aspects of engine company operations such as size-up, job assignments and managing the initial attack line. Additional topics include overcoming difficult stretches, using the reach of your stream inside structures and options for limited manpower situations. The class will cover drills which can be used to become proficient in engine company operations. The fire service continues to have close calls and LODDs due to rapid fire growth. Within the modern fire environment, we must throw more water than BTUs being produced. Whether it’s interior or a transitional attack, bottom line...WATER WINS!

**Presenter:** Lieutenant Steve Robertson, Columbus Division of Fire

**Date and Time:** Sunday, July 16, 3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

**Location:** Juniper A Room

**The Future of 9-1-1 and Why It Matters to the Fire Service**

This session is intended to highlight changes and challenges facing the 9-1-1 community and how we can work together to move forward. A high-level review of the technical and operational issues facing 9-1-1 including: NG9-1-1, cell phone location accuracy, training guidelines, labor classification issues, and other related items will be included in this session.

**Presenter:** Christopher Blake Carver, MPA

**Date(s) and Time(s):** Saturday, July 15, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.; Sunday, July 16, 3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

**Location:** Lilac Room

**\*The Perils and Promises of Working as a Community Paramedic**

While success stories continue to emerge about the cost savings generated by mobile integrated healthcare and community paramedic programs, there has been little discussion about the impact of this new work on the EMS providers filling this new role. During this discussion, participants will hear from practicing community paramedics on the challenges and rewards of this new service, including a new phenomenon known as compassion fatigue.

**Presenter:** Dan Swayze, Ph.D., MBA, MEMS, Vice President/COO  
Center for Emergency Medicine of Western Pennsylvania, Inc.

**Date and Time:** Saturday, July 15, 3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

**Location:** Regent 1 Room

**The Top 10 Keys to a Successful Fire Service Career**

Throughout Lieutenant Steve Robertson's 28 years in the fire service, both career and volunteer, he had several mentors which have contributed to his success. The topics which will be discussed are the "Top 10" he feels are most important. Some of the topics which will be discussed include: training, leadership, and personal accountability. It does not matter if you are a new firefighter or a 20-year veteran, there is room for improvement for all of us. Some of these simple steps will help you in not only accountability to the fire service and the citizens whom we protect, but accountability to yourself.

**Presenter:** Lieutenant Steve Robertson, Columbus Division of Fire

**Date and Time:** Sunday, July 16, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Juniper A Room

**Voice Communications for Today's Fire Service**

This session is designed to discuss and present options for voice communications for today's fire departments with the realization that there is no "one size fits all" solution. This session will educate attendees on the foundations for today's voice communication technology and provide information in order to facilitate finding the right solution(s) to fit their individual needs. This session covers recent "hot topics" for communications technologies such as the difference between analog and digital communications, the value of high profile communications standards that apply to fire departments, radio encryption, and even Ohio MARCS. This session strives not to advocate any one direction for any one agency, but rather provide information to guide critical decisions related to selecting communications solutions.

**Presenter:** Battalion Chief Nathan Hiester, OFE, Beavercreek Township Fire Department

**Date and Time:** Sunday, July 16, 3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

**Location:** Juniper C Room

**What the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation Can Do for Your Department**

This session will provide insight into what the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has available for your department to honor and remember America's fallen heroes, provide necessary resources to assist their survivors in the rebuilding of their lives and resources to work within the fire service community to reduce firefighter deaths through training and education.

**Presenter(s):** Rick Best and Deputy Chief Ron Terriaco, OFE, Everyone Goes Home Program

**Date and Time:** Friday, July 14, 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lilac Room

## FEATURED PRESENTERS



**Best, Rick** - Rick Best has 22 years in the fire service where he started out as a volunteer firefighter and worked his way into a full-time position for the City of Westerville (Ohio) Division of Fire. He also serves as a Fire Training Officer II for the Ohio Fire Academy, a division of the State Fire Marshal's Office. Currently, Rick holds the position of Eastern Division Advocate Manager for the National Fallen Firefighters, Everyone Goes Home® Program (EGH) where he is one of the primary trainers, delivering programs across the nation to develop instructors for our Courage to Be Safe (CTBS) and Leadership, Accountability, Culture, and Knowledge (LACK) courses.



**Briggs, Mark** – Mark Briggs began his fire career in 1980 with Rossford Fire Department. He was with Rossford for 25 years. During that time, he received his 240-hour Professional Fire Fighter and paramedic certifications. Mark was promoted to the positions of lieutenant and captain which included departmental training. He also worked as a paramedic for Mobile Medic Ambulance service and was assigned to Lake Township Fire Departments Medic 50 as the Primary ALS unit. In 2002, Mark began working for Village Ottawa Hills Fire Department. In 2011, the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department took over fire service for the village and Mark continued with TFRD. He has been involved with the Training Bureau as an Academy Instructor, Lead EMT Instructor, and a Paramedic Instructor. Mark has given time to the community where he lives as a member of the Troy Township Volunteer Fire Department for the last 10 years. He has served as an EMS Captain, their Training Officer and their Fire Safety Inspector. Mark has spent the last 15 years teaching at Owens Community College and the last 4 as the Fire Training Coordinator of the Center for Emergency Preparedness. Educating fire fighters has been a passion of his for the past 21 years.



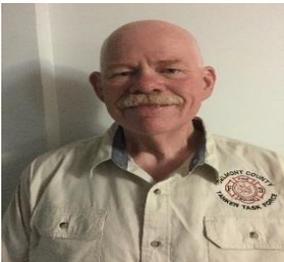
**Carver, Christopher** - Christopher Carver is originally from Reynoldsburg, OH. He started his career as a fire dispatcher for Truro Township while attending The Ohio State University. Upon graduation, he moved to NYC where he was with the FDNY just under 15 years, starting as a dispatcher and taking an early retirement as Director of Fire Dispatch Operations. Along the way, Christopher worked as a dispatcher, supervisor, chief, or manager for many of the most serious events that occurred in the city during that time. As you may be aware, the role of dispatcher in the FDNY is much more dynamic than just answering a phone or dispatching. We were (and are) resource managers and when it comes to operations, answer only to the chief of the department or own chain of command. He has also served as an adjunct professor in John Jay's Fire Science Program and authored numerous articles on public safety communications,

leadership and related topics. He has an MPA from Jacksonville State University in Public Administration and Emergency Management. Since May of 2015, Christopher has been the Director of 911 Operations for the National Emergency Number Association. It is the NFPA of 9-1-1, providing standards, training, support and advocacy for the nation's 9-1-1 community, which is increasingly being recognized as essential to the success of America's fire, police, and EMS resources.



**Clark, Burt** - Dr. Burton A. Clark, EFO has been in the fire service for 45 years. He was a firefighter in Washington, DC, Assistant Fire Chief in Laurel, Maryland, the Management Science Program Chair at the National Fire Academy, an Operations Chief during national disasters and emergencies for the DHS/FEMA, an expert technical reviewer for the CDC National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program, and a visiting scholar at Johns Hopkins University Center for Injury Research and Policy. Burt has a BS in Business Administration from Strayer University, MA in Curriculum & Instruction from Catholic University, and Ed.D. in Adult Education from Nova Southeastern University. He has served on 15 doctoral dissertation committees. He studied fire science at Montgomery

College with Professor Frank Brannigan, Emergency Management at the Emergency Management Institute, National Security at the National Defense University, and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program. He is a nationally certified Fire Officer Four, Chief Fire Officer Designee for nine years, and Eagle Scout Mentor. Burt writes, lectures, and teaches fire service research, safety, culture, and professional development worldwide.



**Dellman, Jim** – Jim Dellman is Fire Chief of Sunset Heights Volunteer Fire Department from 1988 to the present. He also is a state of Ohio Fire Instructor from 1986; a state of Ohio Fire Safety Inspector from 1988 to the present; Co-Coordinator of the Belmont County Tanker Task Force from 1991 to the present; Secretary / Treasurer Belmont County Fire & Squad Officers Association; member of the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association; Co-Chairman, Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association Water Supply Technical Advisory Board.



**Herring, Todd** - Todd Herring is Director of Marketing & Product Development for Fire-Dex, Medina, OH. Todd has a B.S. in Textile Engineering from North Carolina State University with a focus on the protective fabrics industry. He spent 10 years at Milliken & Company focusing on development of fabrics for the military and oil & gas industries. Todd helped found the TECGEN® PPE brand, focusing 100% on the fire service industry and the needs for lighter weight, more comfortable PPE. In 2015, Fire-Dex acquired the TECGEN PPE brand and Todd turned his focus to the Fire-Dex team to bring innovative solutions to the fire service industry.



**Johnson, Jeff** - Lieutenant Jeff Johnson has served as a professional firefighter and EMT for 22 years. Lieutenant Johnson is a Colorado POST Certified and Commissioned Police officer. Lieutenant Johnson is an International Association of Arson Investigator (IAAI) Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) and a Certified Fire and Explosive Investigator (CFEI) through the National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI). Lieutenant Johnson is a Certified Wildland Fire Investigator through the National Wildland Coordinating Group. Lieutenant Johnson's current assignment is fire and explosive investigator with the City of Aurora, Colorado, Fire and Rescue. Lieutenant Johnson has been sworn as an expert witness in fire and explosive Investigations in both Colorado Municipal and District court. Lieutenant Johnson is a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators,

National Association of Fire Investigators and the International Association of Bomb Technician Investigators. Lieutenant Johnson has worked as a firefighter, EMT, and Driver/Operator and fire suppression officer with the Orange County Fire Authority, California; Rio Rancho Department of Public Safety, New Mexico; and the Aurora Fire Department, Colorado.



**Ketzell, III, Allan G.** - Chief Allan Ketzell, III is a 29-year veteran of the fire service. He is the Chief at the Brookside Fire Department and a lieutenant at the Cumberland Trail Fire District #4, both in Belmont County. He is a Class VII graduate of the Ohio Fire Executive Program in 2009. He is the co-coordinator of the Belmont County Tanker Task Force and an active member of the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association Water Supply TAC.



**Klein, Siegfried** - Captain Siegfried Klein is currently serving in his 23<sup>rd</sup> year as a professional firefighter and paramedic. Captain Klein is a Colorado POST Certified and Sworn Police Officer. Captain Klein is a Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) and Certified Fire Investigation Instructor (CI) through the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) and is a Certified Fire and Explosive Investigator (CFEI) through the National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI). Since October of 2013, Captain Klein has investigated, consulted and gave expert witness testimony on over a dozen BHO fires and explosions. His current assignment is chief fire and explosive investigator and has been sworn as an expert witness in fire and explosive investigation in both municipal and

district courts. Captain Klein provided expert witness testimony in the first judicial case tried for the illegal manufacturing of butane hash oil in Colorado. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Captain of Aurora Fire Department Station 5 and also served 2 years at the Rocky Mountain Fire Academy as a lead fire and EMS instructor. Captain Klein is a flight paramedic and served 5 years as a Rotor-Wing Flight Medic with North Colorado MedEvac.



**Lasky, Rick** - Chief Rick Lasky (ret.) a 36-year veteran of the fire service, served as chief of the Lewisville (TX) Fire Department for 12 years, prior to that as Fire Chief in Coeur d'Alene Idaho. Rick followed in his father's footsteps, beginning his career as a firefighter in the suburbs on the southwest side of Chicago and while in Illinois, received the 1996 International Society of Fire Service Instructors "Innovator of the Year" award for his part in developing the "Saving Our Own" program. Throughout his 30-plus years in the fire service, he has served as a career and volunteer firefighter. He served as the co-lead instructor for the H.O.T. Firefighter Survival program at FDIC for over 10 years, is a long-standing editorial advisory board member for *Fire Engineering Magazine* and also serves on the *FDIC* advisory board. Rick is the author of the best-selling books "*Pride and Ownership-A Firefighter's Love of the Job*" and "*Five Alarm Leadership: From the Firehouse to the Fireground*" published by *PennWell Books* and is the co-host for the radio show "The Command Post" heard on *Fire Engineering Talk Radio*.



**Martin, Mark** - Chief Mark Martin, OFC has been involved in the public safety organizations for the past 47 years. Mark spent eight years as a law enforcement officer before joining the fire service fulltime. Mark is currently the Fire Chief of Perry Township Fire Department in Stark County. Mark has a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Akron and is in his second three-year term with the International Association of Fire Chiefs - Professional Development Committee. He also serves as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President on the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association Board of Directors.

**McDuffee, Derron** - Derron McDuffee is a Central Intelligence Agency employee and has over 22 years of law enforcement and counterintelligence experience. Mr. McDuffee is currently detailed to an intelligence agency's Office of Inspector General as a Special Agent in Charge within the Investigations Division. Mr. McDuffee previously served as a Multi-Disciplinary Security Officer at the CIA. With tours of duty in CIA's Polygraph Division and Investigations Division, Mr. McDuffee was responsible for conducting sensitive counterintelligence and personnel security investigations and interviews. Prior to his CIA service, Mr. McDuffee was a special agent with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation conducting polygraph examinations for local law enforcement agencies. He was also assigned to the DCI's Gaming Unit in which he was responsible for protecting the integrity of the Iowa casino industry. Mr. McDuffee is the owner of Verify Vetting Solutions, formerly Via Integrity. Verify conducts background screening for businesses and high net worth individuals using a proprietary interview technique. Some of Verify's clients include CEO's of Fortune 500 companies, public safety agencies, and celebrities within the entertainment industry. Mr. McDuffee received his Master of Arts degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University and his Bachelor of Arts degree in Justice Systems from Truman State University. He also completed training at the National Center for Credibility Assessment where he earned a Certificate of Graduate Study in Forensic Psychophysiological Detection of Deception and has been recognized as an Expert Polygraphist from the National Training Center of Polygraph Science.



**McFarland, Kevin** - Lieutenant Kevin McFarland, OFE is a 22-year veteran of the fire service. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Otterbein University and is a graduate of Ohio Fire Executive Class 15 (June 2017). Kevin is entering his 18<sup>th</sup> year with the Violet Township Fire Department, serving the last 9 years as a Lieutenant. He serves on multiple committees and has conducted evolution style live burn training for his department. Lt. McFarland has been a certified fire instructor at the Ohio Fire Academy since 2002. He has been with Bowling Green State University Fire School since 2005, first as a member of the Advanced Fire Attack Class prior to developing the Single Engine Residential Fire Program. He has also written articles for FDTN Magazine, Fire Engineering Magazine and FireRescue.com. Kevin has also lectured at Firehouse World 2017. Lt. McFarland is one of the primary trainers for the National Fallen Firefighters *Everyone Goes Home* program, delivering training across the state of Ohio, developing instructors for our Courage to Be Safe (CTBS) and Leadership, Accountability, Culture, and Knowledge (LACK) courses.

**Myers, Ron** - Ron Myers is Owner of Shamrock Gear Restoration and Fire Force Inc. He has 38 years in fire service sales and maintenance. Shamrock Gear Restoration is an NFPA 1851 Certified ISP. Ron's experience includes certification in turnout gear cleaning, repair and deacon procedures. His 38 years of fire service experience includes as a firefighter and training officer with Richland, PA, Mars, PA and Newwaterford, OH.



**Pronesti, Joseph** - Joseph Pronesti is a 28-year veteran of the city of Elyria, Ohio Fire Department where he currently serves as an Assistant Chief (B Shift Commander). He is a graduate of the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association Ohio Fire Executive Program (OFE) Class VI. He is also a FDIC presenter and frequent contributor to Fire Engineering Magazine and website.



**Rindsberg, Jeff** –Jeff Rindsberg, PsyD, ABPP, is a Board-Certified (ABPP) Forensic Psychologist in Cleveland who focuses on criminal and civil forensic psychological evaluations. He also maintains a part-time private practice while working as a local court psychologist for both the Lake County Adult (Common Pleas) and Juvenile Courts. To date, he has conducted over 5000 criminal and civil (IME) evaluations.



**Robertson, Steve** – Lieutenant Steve Robertson has been in the fire service for 28 years, the last 24 of which has been with the Columbus Division of Fire. He is a member of the USAR Central Ohio Strike Team and an adjunct instructor for the Ohio Fire Academy. In addition, Steve is an instructor for Rapid Intervention Training and Associates and has taught rapid intervention and engine company tactics nationally. Currently, Steve serves as the lieutenant of Engine Company 18 in the South Linden neighborhood of Columbus. Steve has been a HOT instructor at FDIC for the past several years teaching rapid intervention. Additionally, Steve is the lead instructor of the Street Smart Engine Class at the state fire school. He has also instructed at the High Rise Operations Conference and Command Officers Boot Camp in Pensacola Beach, Florida. He has also lectured at FDIC on engine company tactics. For the past 23 years, Steve has also been a state certified fire safety inspector and is a member of the State of Ohio Training Committee.



**Ruiz, Rudy** – Chief Rudy Ruiz, OFC, EFO, MIFireE has over 25 years in the fire service and is currently the Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Perrysburg Fire Division. He is an Executive Fire Officer graduate from the National Fire Academy with a master's degree in Business Administration, a bachelor's degree in Education, and an associate degree in Fire Science. Rudy also teaches fire officer classes for BGSU-State Fire School and the Ohio Fire Academy. Rudy's most recent accomplishments include assisting multiple fire departments as they applied for and received federal grants totaling over five million dollars. He also serves the association as chair of the education committee.



**Swayze, Dan** - Dan Swayze, Ph.D., MBA, MEMS, is the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Center for Emergency Medicine of Western Pennsylvania and is widely considered one of the earliest pioneers of community paramedicine. Dan has a doctorate in Public Health, an MBA and a master's degree in Emergency Medical Services and has been involved in EMS for more than 30 years. In addition to receiving several local and state EMS awards, in 2014 he received national recognition by JEMS and Physio-Control as an *EMS10: Innovators in EMS* for his work with the CONNECT Community Paramedic project in Pittsburgh.



**Terriaco, Ron** – Deputy Chief Ron Terriaco, OFE has been with Concord Township Fire Department for 35 years. He started in 1982 as a part-time firefighter and became full-time in 1988. He worked his way through the ranks to his current position as Deputy Fire Chief. Ron has accomplished the following during his dedicated service: Class 3 graduate of the Ohio Fire Executive program; designation of an Ohio Fire Chief Officer; associate degree in Fire Science; Chair of the OFCA LODD Response Team; CAST for the National Fallen Firefighters LAST Team; one of the Ohio trainers for the National Fallen Firefighters Everyone Goes Home program; Escort Command Staff for the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial; and a local board member of the United States Selective Service System, Region 1. Deputy Chief Terriaco is a fire instructor at Auburn Career Center teaching the Firefighter II course and Blue Card instructor for the Concord Fire Command Training Center.



**Turano, Karen D.** - Karen joined Connor, Evans & Hafenstein LLP as an associate in 2016. Prior to this time, she worked for a small law firm in the Columbus area for approximately 9 years. She has concentrated her practice area on representing injured workers at all levels of hearings before the Industrial Commission of Ohio. Karen has also practiced law before the Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System and the Ohio Court of Claims in Victims of Crime Compensation. In addition, Karen has first-chair litigation experience before the various Courts of Common Pleas throughout the State of Ohio and has argued successfully before the Tenth District Court of Appeals of Ohio in mandamus actions. Karen has also practiced law and argued on behalf of injured workers before the Supreme Court of Ohio. Karen attended Capital University Law School and earned her J.D. degree in 2007. While in law school, Karen was

a volunteer with The National Center for Adoption Law & Policy. She also participated in Capital University Law School's externship program with the Franklin County Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Division. Prior to attending law school, Karen graduated *cum laude* from and received her Bachelor of Arts in History from The University of Georgia. While attending the University of Georgia, she was honored by being selected as a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.



**Wilcox, Tom** – Tom Wilcox began his fire service career thirty-seven years ago and has served as a lieutenant for the Westerville Division of Fire for the past ten years. He is Pro Board ISO and HSO certified as well as being certified as a firefighter I and II, paramedic and fire inspector. He has been an instructor for more than 25 years for the State of Ohio Fire Academy, State Fire School and Howell Rescue Systems. At the Ohio State Fire School, Tom taught heavy rescue/commercial vehicle extrication and live fire training. He also formed the Safety Team at the State Fire School. Tom has been a State Lead Advocate for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation since 2008.

