

AGGRESSIVE COMMAND AGGRESSIVE SUPPORTS FIREFIGHTING

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**AGGRESSIVE
COMMAND MINDSET**



**PRE- INCIDENT
MUSTS FOR SUCCESS**



**STRONG COMMAND FOR
STRONG FIREFIGHTING**

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Incident command systems are often overdone or underdone. Cumbersome command practices that allow the building to burn down while command is “setup” are just as frustrating and problematic as the lack of any strong direction and organization.

Departments must avoid impractical command practices that slow or hamper putting the fire out, but must also avoid a lack of strong command that fails to organize the incident and aggressively deploy crews to solve the problem. This program discusses best practices incident commanders can use to maximize the capabilities of their firefighting forces.

This topic is designed not only for chief officers, but for company officers as well. A strong understanding of each other’s jobs and a mutual respect are imperative for any incident’s success. This program will serve as a forum for chiefs and officers to discuss and learn about each other’s roles, the jobs of each within the command system and practices that will make each more successful – individually and as a team.

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CLASS DETAILS

The instructors will reflect on their successes and failures at incidents, and will provide a methodical process that current and future incident commanders can use to manage incidents properly and aggressively. Topics will be discussed with the goal of sharing actionable knowledge, processes, and systems that can be immediately applied to improve the practicality and success of your command system.

THE AGGRESSIVE COMMAND MINDSET

- Why does strong command matter?
- The effect of poor command officers
- The “Firefighter’s Chief”
- What is, and isn’t, a strong incident command system

PRE-INCIDENT MUSTS FOR SUCCESS

- Developing the company officer / chief officer relationship
- Expectations – setting and achieving
- The playbook – balancing policies for standard action without hampering thinking officers.
- The Combat Ready “Chief’s Buggy”

STRONG COMMAND FOR STRONG FIREFIGHTING

- Pre-arrival actions & managing the response
- Assuming command & setting up the command post
- Understanding the task, tactical, and strategic levels
- Incident size-up – matching action to conditions
- Tactical worksheets – tracking companies & actions
- Divide & conquer – decentralized command
- Managing the incident on conditions and benchmarks
- Controlling incident communications
- Practical accountability practices
- Incident safety on the modern fireground

BOOKING OPTIONS

This class is available in 4 or 8 hour formats. Portions of the class are available in shorter formats for conferences, etc.

There are two booking options. For a fixed fee, there are no limits on the number of attendees. Hosts are welcome to sell seats to outside attendees and collect a registration fee to help with their costs or as a fundraiser. The second option is to book the program at a reduced cost which includes the host department’s members. Outside members pay a registration fee.

An optional additional 8-hour day of interactive command simulations is available. Scenarios have multiple views and integrate command post and company officer operations at fires in multiple building types, building on the concepts presented in the first day’s program. Incidents range in complexity from single alarm house fires to multi-alarm high-rise fires. Custom scenarios can be constructed utilizing buildings and target hazards from the host jurisdiction. Custom scenarios are left with the host along with a subsidized cost copy of the command software for future in house training.

