



TRAINING SESSION DESCRIPTIONS



Curt Isakson

Keynote Address: Mastering Your Craft

Keynote Speaker Bio:

Curt Isakson is a 27 year veteran of the fire service. Curt is currently a Battalion Chief for Escambia County Fire Rescue. Previously worked 9 years with the Pensacola Fire Department where he was assigned as the Company Officer on Rescue 31. Curt's fire service experiences started at a young age as a junior firefighter with the Midway Fire Protection District and rose through the ranks to Captain. He has worked in volunteer, career, and combination departments. Curt has held all ranks up to Battalion Chief and been assigned to operations, training, inspections, and was Chief of Special Operations for 7 years. Curt owns and operates www.countyfiretactics.com that covers a very diverse range of fire service topics, as well as www.firefighterrescues.com, a site that documents rescues made by firefighters around the country. He has annual contracts with numerous departments to provide standardized monthly training for these departments that respond daily together under an automatic aid agreement. Curt teaches nationally to include; FDIC, Firehouse Expo, Firehouse World, Orlando Fire Conference, Atlanta Fire Conference, Bowling Green State University, and owns/operates the annual HROC on Pensacola Beach. He is a Florida certified Fire Officer, Fire Instructor, Arson Investigator, and Urban Search & Rescue.

Conference Session: Gallons Per Second

Thursday, August 11, 2016

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Instructor: Curt Isakson (Battalion Chief, Escambia County Fire Rescue)

Class Description: The focus is on exceeding fire flow needs and still managing water during the crucial initial hoseline advancement in an interior offensive attack. Learn why it is necessary to think in terms of gallons per second at this time. Strategies are presented for managing the booster tank supply until sustainable water supply has been established. The class is especially relevant for engine companies that commonly engage with the booster tank and deploy suburban tactics. All aspects of first-due fire tactics at your most common structural fires and how to quickly and effectively suppress them are covered.

Conference Session: Home Fire Campaign – Strategies and Best Practice

Thursday, August 11, 2016

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Instructor: Stella Kim (Preparedness & Partnership Manager, American Red Cross of Georgia)

Class Description: The Red Cross is often the primary agency to be called to the scene by firefighters to assist families affected by home fires with immediate needs, such as food and shelter. What fire safety professionals may not know, are the resources the Red Cross can also offer as a partner in fire prevention! Through the presentation, we hope to share our best practices and lessons learned from the program to master our outreach craft together and hopefully to coordinate a successful smoke alarm event in their community by the end of the year in partnership with the American Red Cross.

Dual Tracks

Friday, August 12, 2016

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Conference Session: Fired Up About Car Seat Misuse

Instructor: Traci Napier Reece (Child Occupant Safety Program Manager, Georgia Department of Public Health)

Class Description: The Child Occupant Safety Project (COSP) has created a presentation that seeks to balance the need for public education regarding child passenger safety versus the capacity to deliver this education. Instead of working to certify additional technicians, this training will allow one technician to train multiple laypersons to the point where they can function as a CPST Advocate. An advocate is capable of pointing out gross misuse, which is an error in using a car seat that can cause immediate injury or death in the event of a collision, and provide verbal instructions to parents and caregivers on how to correct it.

Friday, August 12, 2016

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Conference Session: ISO Public Protection Classification (PPC) Class

Instructor: Michael C. Morash (Insurance Services Offices' Community Hazard Mitigation Division)

Class Description: This session will provide a current overview of the Public Protection Classification program.

Dual Tracks

Saturday, August 13, 2016

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Conference Session: SHRP2 TIM Training (Highway Safety)

Instructor: Rory Howe (Incident Management Specialist, Delcan Corporation)

Class Description: This is a two part training session.

The National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training was created by responders for responders. This course provides first responders a shared understanding of the requirements for safe, quick clearance of traffic incident scenes; prompt, reliable and open communication; and motorist and responder safeguards. First responders learn how to operate more efficiently and collectively.

** SHRP2 TIM Training class is 2.5 Points towards GAFC CFO Certification Program*

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Conference Session: Stress, PTSD and Suicide in the Fire Service

Instructor: Keith Persci (Lieutenant, Forsyth County Fire Department)

Class Description: We will explore our combat environment, drawing parallels between fire/ems and our military, and compare and contrast the results of similar traumas experienced by both. We will highlight the physical, physiologic, and mental damage that may occur during and after call response, and the potential for short term and long term damage in the form of depression, PTSD, and suicide. This presentation stresses in the most positive fashion, the need to break down the barriers to care, and remove the "I'm fine" stigma that exists in every firehouse across the nation. Sometimes, we are not fine and we need help. It is up to our us to recognize these issues, and intervene as if our lives depend on it. Because it does.

Saturday, August 13, 2016

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Conference Session: Devil is in the Details; Going from Good to Great

Instructor: M.E La Pan (Captain, Augusta Fire Department)

Class Description: This presentation is geared towards teaching company and battalion officers to use every opportunity to go from good, to great. We will discuss the importance of having plans in place for every scenario you can imagine. The main focus is on giving officers the motivation needed to go back to their company and “Turn it up” by passing that motivation on to their crew. This presentation is high energy and will undoubtedly have participants going back to their respective departments with plans and ideas on how to go from good, to great.

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Conference Session: Basic Photography for Emergency Service Instructors

Instructor: Greg Hartshorne (Captain, Augusta Fire Department)

Class Description: Learn the skills need to take great pictures and how to incorporate photos in different aspects of the job. Use them to use them to modify and improve prepared presentations, generating member interest in activities, documenting department or agency history, media relationships, and improving public perception through positive images. Useful for emergency service educators and company officers with a responsibility for delivering training. Additionally, it will benefit public information officers and others that require quality images for presentations and publications.

Conference Session: Barn Boss Leadership

Saturday, August 13, 2016

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Instructor: Brian Ward (Founder, FireService SLT)

Class Description: By design, there are no PowerPoint distractions or the crutch of reading slides. The attendee’s attention is to be captured through the lost art of communicating. The SLT (Safety, Leadership and Training) Mental Model was designed by Brian Ward after serving in multiple leadership capacities in the public safety and private sector. This mental model will allow the audience an avenue to develop their own authentic style of leadership without being trapped inside the textbook paradigm of what leaders are supposed to look like. This presentation is a compilation of application, science, tradition, history, fire and psychology blended to fit inside the firehouse for every firefighter. This presentation will cross all generations, ranks and years of service.