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Our sixth annual Leadership conference is for current and aspiring company officers, and the officers that supervise them. This conference has continued to grow and we are excited to try a new location again this year.

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**September 3rd, 4th, 5th - Register now - space limited!**

- Full conference cost is $195 per person / One day registration, $75 per person
- Students must specify on registration form full conference or one day.
- Lunch is provided
- Students must submit a LCOLC registration form (located at feti.lsu.edu) along with their form of payment **Payment method must be received in order to reserve a spot**

Contact Nick Palmer for questions: npalme3@lsu.edu

### CONFERENCE HOTEL
- Holiday Inn Alexandria - Downtown ° 701 4th St. ° Alexandria, LA 71301
- $119/night ° Use Code: LSU
How to Avoid the #1 Injury in the Fire Service...Hurt Feelings! – Capt. Robert Taggart and Capt. Logan Kerr, Shreveport Fire Dept. (LA)

ROBERT TAGGART is a 21 year veteran and a Fire /Paramedic Training Officer with the Shreveport Louisiana Fire Department. He also serves as an adjunct Instructor for Louisiana State University Fire and Emergency Training Institute. Robert is a graduate of Louisiana State University at Eunice with an Associate's degree in Fire Science.

LOGAN KERR is a 12 year veteran of the fire service including 10 years in the Shreveport Fire Dept where he currently serves as a training officer. In addition to his duties as a training officer, Capt. Kerr is also an adjunct instructor for LSU FETI where he teaches members of the fire service throughout the state of Louisiana.

In today’s hypersensitive work place environments, navigating around people’s feelings can be a difficult challenge. Nowhere is this truer than in today’s ever-changing fire service. Training Officers Kerr and Taggart will explore ways that Company Officers can best meet these increasing challenges while keeping their crew cohesiveness intact and achieve better work results by building superior performance team members.

Mental Health First Aid For Fire And EMS: An Introduction, FF/Paramedic Michelle Fayed, Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue (FL)

MICHELLE FAYED is a Firefighter/Paramedic and 15-year veteran of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR). She is a Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Instructor and Content Developer of the Fire and EMS specialty module. She is the first firefighter in the U.S. to be certified as a MHFA National Trainer. She has presented at numerous professional conferences locally, regionally and nationally.

The Mental Health First Aid program for Firefighter/EMS professionals provides participants with an experiential and interactive course designed by expert firefighters/paramedics to meet the unique needs of emergency service providers with regard to mental health and substance abuse. Studies show that improving mental healthcare literacy will save lives; improve the mental health of professionals administering care in addition to those receiving it; expand knowledge of mental illnesses and treatment options for use in other professional/personal circumstances; increase the availability and quality of services provided; and reduce overall social pressures that may drive individuals with mental health needs away from care rather than toward it.

Fire Service Leadership – The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly - Chief Anthony Kastros, Sacramento Metro Fire District (CA)

ANTHONY KASTROS, a 32-year veteran of the fire service, is a battalion chief with the Sacramento (CA) Metro Fire Department and the owner of Trainfirefighters.com. He is the author of the Fire Engineering/Pennwell book and video series "Mastering the Fire Service Assessment Center"; the video series "Mastering Fireground Command - Calming the Chaos!" and the video "Mastering Unified Command." He was the keynote speaker for FDIC 2013.

This session is geared toward what excellent leaders are - and are not. We focus on the challenges facing today’s fire service supervisors, leaders and fire departments. Real, credible experiences are discussed that deal with all facets of leadership: Keys to real world motivation, goal-setting, the “Old Salt”, the “X/Y” generations, the “Millennial”, the “Recliner Jockey”, the “Recliner Sniper”, cultural differences, effective communications, time management, problem solving, conflict resolution, risk management, empowerment, delegation, the “Oreo” factor, customer service, technology, succession planning and many others. We tackle issues such as individual and group behavior, resource and project management, and where the fire service is headed (unless we do something about it!).

Mastering Fireground Command - Calming the Chaos! - Chief Anthony Kastros, Sacramento Metro Fire District (CA)

This workshop is based on the best-selling Fire Engineering video series by the same name. Command and tactical training is critical to modern officer development. Today’s officers must be excellent leaders and exceptional tacticians. With changes in building construction, tactics and the latest UL studies regarding fire behavior, modern fireground operations are more complex than ever. As with the leadership curriculum, we would customize this aspect of your training. This would include setting up simulations of your target hazards and previewing your standard operating guidelines, response models, and staffing levels.

Leadership in the Real World – Chief Bob Burns, FDNY (NY)

ROBERT BURNS is a retired battalion chief from the FDNY. During his 37-year career, he worked in various field commands throughout NYC. His leadership training credentials include teaching leadership at John Jay College in NYC and heading the FDNY leadership training group that designed and taught the leadership modules of the FDNY training programs for lieutenants, captains, and battalion chiefs.

This half day leadership workshop will contain the technical information and practical skills to help all fire service members become more effective leaders. Students will be presented with a logical and sequential “personal leadership development plan” that will assist them in finding real world solutions for today’s difficult leadership challenges. The following topics will be covered in this leadership program:

Learning from Tragedy: LODD And Close Call Reviews Your Department Can Learn From- Chief Joe Pronesti, Elyria Fire Dept. (OH)

JOE PRONESTI is a 28-year veteran and Assistant fire chief with the city of Elyria, Ohio fire department located in northern Ohio. He is a graduate of the Ohio fire chiefs Executive Officer Program, certified fire instructor, and frequent contributor to Fire Engineering and a FDIC Instructor.

In order to fully understand the correct operations on the fireground we must look hard at those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and the lessons presented with these events. In this fast-paced lecture, attendees will learn what happened at firefighter line of duty deaths by listening to audio, reviewing video and in some cases, listening to interviews conducted with those who were from the suffering department. What separates this class from the rest is that attendees also will have the ability to take back to their respective departments the actual presentations to further share and educate all with the intent of respectfully learning from the past but bringing a safer fireground to the future.