

Fire Instructor Workshop

Saturday, August 15, 2020

CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT & IMPROVEMENT

In an effort to reinvest back into our instructors and provide continuous learning opportunities, the South Carolina Fire Academy is hosting a free **virtual** Instructor Development Workshop on Saturday, August 15. No need to drive to Columbia—this interactive event will now be presented in a virtual format!



About the Program

Death by PowerPoint: An instructor's guide to educating modern-day firefighters

This program will delve into modern-day education techniques to better understand the best medium and instructional methods used to communicate and effectively pass on knowledge and traditions of the fire service. Observations will show fire service instructional styles have not advanced at the same pace as those in mainstream school systems. As modern-day firefighters' means of learning have changed, so must our instructional styles. Through this program, tools to help better communicate with and understand the needs of firefighters as learners will be addressed. This course will also delve into the core pedagogical and cognitive needs of learners and teachers. Time will be invested in discussing memory traits and how active instructors must be devoted to learning, not teaching.

Kids These Days: Leading the modern-day firefighter

The fire service is frustrated with the current generation. With understanding and techniques, we can train and lead them to exceed our expectations and excel through generational transitions. This program draws upon changing education techniques and experience to give you tools to better communicate with and train the millennial firefighter. "Kids these days" is a commonly uttered catchphrase adults use in frustration when the younger generations do things differently than they once did. It is also used in the fire service when new firefighters behave differently than they did during the "good old days." This program discusses generational divides and success stories for managing these challenges within the firehouse. We will draw on experiences from the audience, both positive and negative, and work on solutions for millennial instruction and leadership.

Attendees: Limited to active SCFA credentialed instructors who have completed 4174-New Instructor Orientation

Registration Link: <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=69810>

Agenda and event access link will be emailed to all registered attendees prior to the event.

Questions? Contact your [regional coordinator](#)

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Rich Driscoll is a district chief with the Hartford, CT Fire Department. In 1985, he started his fire service career as a junior firefighter with the Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department, where he currently serves as a captain. His teaching background includes, but is not limited to, instructor for the Hartford County Fire School, On Scene Training Associates, and he also served as training captain in Hartford. He was the first president of the Charter Oak FOOLS (Hartford, CT) and is responsible for the organization's formation.

