



Firefighter Fatality Protocol: What to Expect and How to Prepare

The South Carolina Fire Academy is hosting a free three-hour workshop to help fire departments understand what happens after a firefighter fatality and the steps to prepare for such a tragic event. Fire Department personnel may wonder - What happens in the first hour after a fatality, the first four hours, even the first day? Although no department wants to endure this type of tragedy, departments must be prepared for what happens next.

By having updated protocol in place, a department will know what to expect during one of its most stressful and difficult times. Detail will be given addressing the multitude of investigations that occur and what to expect from each one. Missteps and obstacles that have been encountered in past firefighter fatalities investigations and lessons learned will also be covered. Finally, an investigative “triage” sheet will be shared that offers steps and roles that need to be fulfilled during such an event.

DATE: Wednesday, August 4, 2021

TIME: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

REGISTER: 8692-22-001 <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=72296>

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Darren Solomon is a Senior Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) based in Charlotte, North Carolina. Solomon has worked for the ATF for 20 years, serving seven of those years as a Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) certified by ATF and the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI). He is also a member of ATF’s National Response Team and has been designated as Lead CFI on multiple responses. Prior to joining the ATF, he worked as a police officer with the Charlotte/Mecklenburg Police Department serving four of those years as an Arson Detective assigned to the Fire Investigation Task Force.



Special Agent Solomon also represents the ATF on the National Fire Protection Association 1321 - Standard for Fire Investigations Units and serves on the Board of Directors for the IAAI– North Carolina Chapter. During the course of his career, he has had the privilege to teach at the National Fire Academy, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and the International Law Enforcement Academy in El Salvador.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, Special Agent Solomon is currently enrolled in the Master’s program at Oklahoma State University. When not “getting smoky,” he spends time raising his son and daughter, cheering for his beloved Tar Heels, and dealing with his ridiculous German Shepherd.

Questions? Please contact [Amy Williamson](#).