

Fire Instructor Workshop

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

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In an effort to reinvest back into our instructors and provide continuous learning opportunities, the South Carolina Fire Academy is hosting a free Instructor Development Workshop on its campus in Columbia, S.C.



The Learning Brain and the Modern Firefighter: Passing on Learning and Passion in the Modern Fire Service

This course will provide instructors with tools and knowledge to help them provide training that engages and motivates the learner. Understanding how to bring passion for the job back, while using the science of learning to create a better firefighter, should be the goal of all those responsible for teaching (formal or informal) in the fire service.

The modern student requires more than just an instructor who reads from a slide presentation. The ability for today's instructor to understand not only how the brain works, but how learning takes place, is key to a successful classroom experience. The idea of this course is not to change how we instruct, but to augment our teaching to create a more engaged student. This, in turn, results in a more informed, educated, and thinking firefighter who provides a more effective service to the public.

Knowing how our brain works to create and break habits, form memories, and learn are covered. As instructors, leaders, and mentors, we should be instilling a passion for the job in our newest members. Looking at not only how we learn, but why we have the passion we do helps us pass on and motivate the next generation of firefighters. Discussion ends with a conversation about our instructors and what we can do to increase our effectiveness in producing qualified and efficient firefighters.

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022

Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

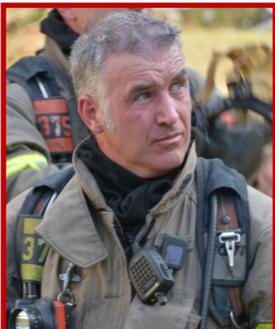
Location: South Carolina Fire Academy, Denny Auditorium
141 Monticello Trail Columbia, S.C. 29203

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

Register: 6400-22-003

<https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=73871>

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