

## Training Mayday! I Was Not Ready For This!

This two-hour virtual presentation will draw from Captain Ragan Underwood's personal Mayday experience. A year ago, on June 7, 2022, he was taking part in an acquired structure training burn. Several combination and volunteer departments were participating. During the day's final burn, a violent incident transpired, with a violent flow path becoming rapidly established. Capt. Underwood had only a few seconds to move his students to safety. However, he was not able to exit. He quickly found himself trapped and searching for a means of egress, forcing him to call a Mayday. Suddenly, over his lapel microphone, he heard, "Everyone out of the home, it's too far gone." The incident commander made the decision to pull the RIT team out, leaving Capt. Underwood inside the building.

Basic firefighter training does not prepare us for the mental aspects of calling a Mayday, nor does it teach how to fight through the bouts of panic during these events. Please join Capt. Underwood, learn from his experience, and participate in a facilitated discussion.

Attendance is open to all active South Carolina fire, police, EMS, and dispatch personnel.

### Registration Information

**Date:** Wednesday, January 31, 2024

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Virtual Event:** Attendees will receive an access link prior to the event.

**Registration Fee:** \$5 (Agencies will receive an invoice for "no show" students.)

**Registration:** 8773-24-w01 <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=79795>

**Note:** When completing your registration, you will be prompted to enter your Fire Department name. Click to search, and select the appropriate agency. If your agency is not listed, contact [amy.williamson@llr.sc.gov](mailto:amy.williamson@llr.sc.gov).

### About the Presenter



**Ragan Underwood** is a Captain with the St. George Fire Department in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He is a proud combat veteran, husband, and a father of two boys. Ragan found his passion inside the training division in 2018 and hasn't looked back since. Days that he is not on shift, he is on the drill field either with recruit academies or department training.

**Questions?** Contact [Amy Williamson](mailto:amy.williamson@llr.sc.gov)