

AGGRESSIVE COMMAND

SUPPORTS AGGRESSIVE FIREFIGHTING

FULL FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAM CLASS OUTLINE

DELIVERY FORMAT

Two day in-person seminar or ten to twelve week online training cohort.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS CLASS

This program is ideal for current and aspiring command officers—particularly those who are, or will be, responsible for assuming the role of Incident Commander. This typically includes Battalion Chiefs, Assistant/Deputy Chiefs, or equivalent positions, depending on your department's structure.

PART 1: THE AGGRESSIVE COMMAND MINDSET

This module will cover pre-incident preparation, the 6 core mindsets of a firefighter's chief, and foundational issues regarding command and control systems.

Chapters include:

- **Introduction and Background**
- **The Consequences of Weak Command**
- **When Does Good Command Matter?**
- **The Job of the Incident Commander**
- **So, You're Going to be in Command...**
- **Your Preparation Determines Your Performance**
- **The Offensive Fire, with People Trapped, and a MAYDAY**
- **IC vs. SOG Driven Firegrounds**

PART 2: INITIAL COMMAND ACTIONS

This module begins our discussion on the emergency response process and focuses on the response phase through
the establishment of command on an incident along with other initial command actions.

Chapters include:

- **The Incident Command System**
- **Managing the Response**
- **Assuming Command**
- **The Command Post**
- **Incident Size-Up & Strategy Determination**

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PART 3: PLANNING THE INCIDENT

During this module, we will cover how to effectively plan and divide an incident and show how to build an effective command structure.

Chapters include:

- **Managing Task Saturation**
- **The Tactical Level**
- **Identifying Tactical Areas**
- **Other Factors in Planning the Incident**
- **Common Incident Structures**
- **Intro to the Tactical Worksheet**

PART 4: INCIDENT ORGANIZATION

In this module, we will continue to build out the incident and begin to address tactical priorities. We will also cover how to track the incident utilizing a tactical worksheet (or "command board").

Chapters include:

- **Covering the Tactical Positions**
- **Command Communications**
- **Controlling the Radio**
- **Radio Setup**
- **The Tactical Worksheet**
- **Building the Incident on the Tactical Worksheet**
- **Incident Scenarios with the Tactical Worksheet**

PART 5: TACTICAL SUPERVISORS & ACCOUNTABILITY

Here we will cover how to build out the command team and manage the ongoing incident all the way through termination of the incident. This includes managing incident accountability, mode transitions (offensive/defensive shifts), and the essentials of MAYDAY management.

Chapters include:

- **Building the Command Team**
- **Command Team Positions**
- **Managing the Ongoing Incident**
- **Mayday Concepts**
- **Mayday Management**
- **Incident Accountability**
- **Deescalating the Incident**

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