

COMBAT READY FIREFIGHTING

It's all about attitude. How we approach the job dictates how we perform the job. Our attitude is our choice and this intense, interactive discussion frankly discusses the attitudes and mindsets in today's fire service and how they effect our ability to save lives and property, keep each other safe, and get the job DONE. We will focus on defining the Combat Ready mentality - discussing where we are, where we could be, and how to get there. These concepts will be explored at the individual, company, and department levels focusing on how the Combat Ready mindset can be implemented at each level.

Topics Include

• **The Combat Ready Mindset**

- *Old School vs. New School - where were we and where are we?*
- *Attitudes & Complacency - the causes & the effects.*
- *Commitment to citizens - are we fulfilling the promise?*
- *Risk management - balancing safety with service.*
- *Discipline & habits - being the FF they call for the tough jobs.*

• **Becoming the Combat Ready Firefighter**

- *Somebody's emulating you - formal vs. informal leadership.*
- *Habits - recognizing the bad, building the good.*
- *Personnel musts so you don't let down the team.*
- *Developing a Combat Ready knowledge base & skillset.*

• **Building the Combat Ready Company**

- *The team - building the Combat Ready mentality.*
- *Expectations - why things aren't how they should be.*
- *Normalizing deviance - our slow drift into failure.*
- *Riding assignments & how a team comes together.*
- *Upfront investment - what it is and how it yields fireground payoff.*

• **Leading a Combat Ready Department**

- *Meaningful training - preparing for game-day.*
- *SOGs & Tactical Templates - all winning teams have a playbook.*
- *Chiefs & Company Officers - understanding and supporting each other.*
- *Post Incident Reviews - learning from ourselves.*

• **Creating a Combat Ready Firehouse**

- *Identify - pride vs. prideful.*
- *The firehouse environment - we're a product of it.*
- *Ownership & history build loyalty.*
- *The power of mentorship.*



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