

Command Officer Seminar



January 29 or 30, 2022

This one-day seminar (offered two days) will provide insight and best practices for some of the challenges command level officers face in today's world. The seminar will cover effective fire ground communications and front-line leadership. The day will conclude with an introduction to video simulation software available for use in Bedford County and a presentation by the Firefighter Cancer Support Network.

Location: BCoFR Goode Station 9261 Forest Road, Goode VA 24556

Schedule: Saturday or Sunday 0830-1600

0830 – 1200: The Case for Effective Small Unit Leadership in the Fire Service

~~Captain Marc Davidson, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department~~

1300-1500: Fire Ground Communication/Incident Simulation Training

Captain Keith Ludeman, Bedford County Department of Fire and Rescue

1500-1600: Fire Cancer Support Network

Chief Steve Weissman, Virginia Director for the Firefighter Cancer Support Network

Cancer is the most dangerous threat to firefighter health and safety today. Since 2005, the nonprofit Firefighter Cancer Support Network has provided assistance and one-on-one mentoring to thousands of cancer-stricken firefighters and their families. This presentation will provide you with a large amount of data and scientific evidence to show the increase in risk to firefighters. It will describe the most prominent types of cancer that affect firefighters, identify the top carcinogens in the firefighting environment, review the major routes of exposure to carcinogens for firefighters and provide behavioral changes that can reduce the risk of developing cancer.

All volunteer Chief's, anyone who fills the company and/or command officer roles, and career staff are encouraged to attend. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Questions can be directed to Captain Keith Ludeman kludeman@bedfordcountyva.gov

Registration is required by visiting

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