



Maryland Fire Chiefs Association Presents the

# **MARK G. FALKENHAN OPERATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**

Featuring: **LT. Mickey Farrell, FDNY**  
Founder, Top Floor Tactics

**Date: Saturday, January 18, 2025**

**Time: 8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. - Lunch will be provided**

**Location: Carroll County Public Safety Training Center**  
50 Kate Wagner Road Westminster, MD 21157  
(410) 848-1488

**From a company officer's perspective:**

Morning session:

## **FIRE ACADEMY TO THE FIRE FLOOR: WHY THE DISCONNECT?**

Afternoon session:

## **LITHIUM-ION BATTERY FIRES UNDERSTANDING THE TACTICAL SENSE OF A MODERN FIRE**

**Morning Session Course Description:**

### **FIRE ACADEMY TO THE FIRE FLOOR: WHY THE DISCONNECT?**

Confronting a dilemma that has plagued the fire service for decades, the old mentality of "you'll learn that in the firehouse" has set young, motivated firefighters up for failure. Unfortunately, not every firefighter can be part of an organization rich in pride, tradition, and training. This class aims to bridge the gap for lost firefighters trying to find their way and senior firefighters looking for a renewed passion for their job. We will cover everything from your first day to your first fire and every subsequent fire throughout your career. By connecting the dots, this class will provide valuable insight and training to help you succeed in your career as a firefighter



MICKEY FARRELL is a Lieutenant in the New York City Fire Department, a third-generation firefighter with 29 years of experience, the last 23 years being with the FDNY. Also, a team instructor at the New York City Fire Academy, founder and author of Top Floor Tactics, and host of A View From the Top Floor Podcast.

### **Afternoon Session Course Description:**

#### **LITHIUM-ION BATTERY FIRES UNDERSTANDING THE TACTICAL SENSE OF A MODERN FIRE**

This is a class developed by a collective group of firefighters and fire officers who battle these fires inside structures on a daily basis. We break down the ins and outs of these fires in real-time as we collect new and vital intel every day. Unfortunately, the topic of lithium-ion battery fires is being discussed and studied in a reactive form. This job is constantly changing with the times, and staying up to date with current trends and how they affect our tactics will ultimately allow us to be proactive instead of reactive the next time the fire meets us at the door.

**Registration:** Registration is open to all fire service personnel, but will be limited to 120 registrants. Register on-line at [www.mfri.org/seminars](http://www.mfri.org/seminars). For special accommodations, questions, or a need to cancel, please email [seminars@mfri.org](mailto:seminars@mfri.org) or call 301-226-9971 (1-800-275-6374, ext. 9971).

**Hotel:** Maryland volunteer members (***must register using your volunteer affiliation***) who travel greater than 50 miles (one way) may submit for one night of hotel reimbursement from the MFSA/MFCA SAFER Grant at a rate not to exceed \$110 (Instructions will be provided the day of the training for those wishing to submit for reimbursement). Best Western Westminster, 451 WMC Drive, Westminster, MD 21158, (410) 857-1900, [www.bestwesternwestminster.com](http://www.bestwesternwestminster.com). Use Code: MFCA

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