



Elevate Your Leadership Skills

2025 National Fire Service Staff and Command Course

March 2-7, 2025 | Annapolis, MD

This in-depth course is designed for chief officers, senior administrative personnel, and senior company-level officers aiming to advance their careers. For five days, the nation's top emergency services experts will address current and emerging issues facing first-responder leadership. Drawing participants from across the country, the Staff & Command Course also fosters an invaluable opportunity for networking and information.

TOPICS

- **Cancer in the Fire Service**
- **Culture Change Following Tragedy: In Honor of the Charleston 9**
- **Fire Dynamics on the Fireground**
- **Lithium-Ion Batteries/Electric Vehicles**
- **Firehouse Law for Fire Service Leaders**
- **Flawed Situational Awareness: The Stealth Killer of First Responders**
- **Leveraging Intelligence to Improve Fire/EMS Preparedness, Operations, and Safety**
- **Public Information: Tell Your Story or Someone Else Will**

Location & Travel: The course will be held at The DoubleTree Hotel in Annapolis, MD. Air travelers should fly into BWI Airport. Please arrive at the hotel by 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 2, 2025.

Certification: Completion of course certifications will be awarded to those who successfully complete and actively participate in the course.

Attendance Fee: \$2,075 per person, which includes six nights lodging at the hotel. \$1,355 per person if hotel is not needed. Both fees include all class materials, morning and afternoon refreshments, and off-site activities.

To register please visit:

www.mfri.org/sac or scan the QR Code

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON FEBRUARY 14, 2025. Space is limited to 100 attendees.

Cancellations received after February 27, 2025 will incur a \$125 processing fee.

The 2025 National Fire Service Staff and Command Course is presented by the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute in cooperation with the International Association of Fire Chiefs

SPEAKERS

Public Information Officer Mark Brady

With 50 years of fire/EMS experience and 27 years as a chief spokesperson and public information officer (PIO), Mark is a partner in launching PIO Academy, a comprehensive training program for fire, EMS, and emergency management agencies. His expertise spans crisis management, government, PIO instruction, public speaking, and emergency management.

also serves as the assistant chief of administration in Charleston, SC.

Dr. Daniel Madrzykowski

Dan is the Senior Director of Research for the Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI), part of UL Research Institute. With 32 years of experience, he is renowned for working to improve fire safety by conducting research and development in fire dynamics, fire-test methods, fire control, and fire investigation.

John Rukavina, JD, EFO

John Rukavina is the Director of Public Fire Safety Services, specializing in executive consulting and teaching. He earned his law degree from University of Minnesota School of Law and was a charter participant in the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer program. He was also named a FEMA Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Lieutenant Paramedic Amy Dant

Amy Dant is a career Lieutenant Paramedic with Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service in Montgomery County, MD. Through personal experience, Amy brings awareness to cancer in the fire service and teaches prevention endeavoring to change the culture of the fire service.

Dr. Richard Gasaway

Richard is the founder of "Situational Awareness Matters!" a consulting and teaching organization dedicated to improving how individuals, teams, and organizations make decisions in stressful situations.

Dr. David Griffin

David is a renowned international speaker and instructor. He is author of "In Honor of the Charleston 9 – A Study of Change Following Tragedy." David

