



VOLUNTEER & COMBINATION OFFICER SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS



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“Beyond Hoses and Helmets” Strategy and Tactics of Leading a Volunteer or Combination Fire/Rescue Organization

Overview

The Volunteer & Combination Officers Section, hereinafter referred to as the VCOS, in cooperation with Pierce Fire Apparatus, is pleased to offer ***Beyond Hoses and Helmets - Strategy and Tactics of Leading a Volunteer or Combination Fire/Rescue Organization***. This course is available to local, regional or state organizations which are willing to host this interactive educational opportunity.

The ***Beyond Hoses and Helmets*** course has been developed by members of the VCOS who have real-life expertise in the various educational components. The course curricula was developed by nationally-recognized fire service leaders from volunteer and combination departments across the United States across the in the volunteer and contributed to the core. The United States Fire Administration and the National Emergency Training Center provided technical support in the development of course material and supporting documents. The course is modular in design and can be delivered in 8, 12 or 16 hours blocks.

Target Audience

The target audience for ***Beyond Hoses and Helmets*** is chief officers, directors, commissioners, and emerging fire officers of organizations which are staffed by volunteer, part-time, paid on-call and/or career personnel.

Host Agreement

This agreement is entered into between the VCOS, a section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the _____, herein after referred to as the Host. This agreement covers the terms and conditions between the VCOS and the Host for the delivery of a leadership course.

The VCOS agrees to:

- Select 2 instructors of its choosing. Should the host agency request a specific instructor(s), the VCOS will attempt to honor the request, based upon the instructor’s availability.
- Provide the instructor honorarium.
- Fund instructor air transportation.
- Provide ***Beyond Hoses & Helmets*** marketing materials.
- Provide a master student workbook, certificates of attendance, course evaluations, and other supplementary materials.

The Host agency (at its expense) agrees to:

- Market ***Beyond Hoses & Helmets*** to adjoining agencies within their region(s) to assure a minimum of 30 at least 25 days in advance of the assigned course dates.
- Provide audio/visual equipment as required. This includes but is not limited to: liquid crystal project with appropriate cabling for a lap top computer, projector screen, sound system, wireless lavalier microphone(s), lectern/podium, high-speed internet connection, DVD player, etc.
- Provide educational space with chairs and tables conducive to the productive learning environment
- Furnish one self-stick easels type flip charts for every 8 – 10 students, large felt tip felt markers.
- Provide name tent style cards
- Print student manuals, certificates of attendance on high quality paper, course evaluations, and other supplementary materials.
- Cooperate with the lead instructor for ground transportation to and from the host’s airport.

