Leading And Managing Your Fire Department

This course is designed to cover the skills needed to meet the standard of NFPA 1021 Fire Officer Professional Qualifications. Topics to include: Leadership to include Characteristics of Great Leaders, Leadership Styles, which Style is Best, and the Types of Fire Fighter Personalities; Management demonstrating the difference from Leadership, Program Management, and the Who, What, When and How to manage; the definition and types of Discipline; Program management and how to establish priorities and group nominal techniques; tools of delegation and who and why to delegate; mentoring; and oral and written communication skills.

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