



Friday Class- Afternoon

10. Reading the Building: Building FACTS and Modern Size-Up on Today's Fireground

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Today's buildings and occupancies continue to present unique challenges to command and operating companies during combat structural fire engagement. Building and occupancy profiling, identifying occupancy risk versus occupancy type, construction methods, features, systems and components require new skill sets in reading the building and implementing predictive occupancy profiling for today's firefighters, company and command officers for effective and efficient fireground operations. Incorporating the Buildings On Fire FACTS model for First-Arriving Construction, Tactics and Safety, this program provides an overview of the methodology and process to increase operational effectiveness and ensure critical building factors are identified, assessment and monitored throughout the incident with insights on an enhanced size-up model, building and fire risk model and operational template that meets today's fireground challenges in various building types and occupancies. This class is geared towards Company and Command Officers; however, all ranks and experience levels will benefit from this informative and highly engaging program. All new for 2026.

About the Instructor:

A 50-year fire service veteran and a highly regarded national and international instructor, author, lecturer and fire officer, a distinguished authority on building construction sciences affecting fireground operations, command and tactics, he has traveled extensively throughout the USA and globally delivering training programs on building construction & architecture sciences and firefighting, fireground leadership, command management and operational safety for over thirty-seven years. He is a sought-after national keynote speaker, instructor and presenter and has served as an FDIC General Session Keynote speaker and National Fire Academy Adjunct Instructor.