



## Friday Class- Afternoon

### 11. Responding to Self-Storage Fires

Instructor: Frank Montes De Oca

#### NEW for 2026

One-in-three Americans utilize an off-site self-storage unit. Monthly, over four-million Americans search for self-storage sites to store personal items or operate small businesses. When these multi-unit, hidden hazard complexes pose challenges, fire and rescue services must be prepared. Through group exercises, this **4-hour presentation** will address the strategies and tactics necessary to manage potentially catastrophic events to a safe, successful end.

#### **About the Instructor:**

Frank Montes de Oca is a thirty-eight-year veteran of the fire and emergency services. Beginning as firefighter medic working through the ranks appointed to positions including Chief of EMS, Training Bureau Commander and senior operations officer for the Orange County (FL) Fire and Rescue Department. Later he was appointed as the Fire Chief and Emergency Services Director of a large combination department in the Orlando metro area. Now residing in North Carolina, Chief Montes de Oca remains active as a contributing editor for *The Pennsylvania Fireman* magazine serving first responders throughout Pennsylvania, Virginia and the southeast. He is an adjunct instructor for the National Fire Academy and is qualified to present programs for OSHA and EPA.