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Friday Class- Afternoon

13. Functions of Command

Instructor: John Buckman

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Chief Alan Brunacini reminds us that command starts with whoever shows up first — and what they do in those first 60 seconds will ripple through the entire operation. In this workshop we will discuss the Functions of Command. We will review the tasks associated with command whether you have 6 or 16 responding firefighters. The job of the incident Commander will be constantly changing until water is applied to the fire. Water can make the problem go away.

About the Instructor:

John M. Buckman III served 55 years in the fire service from firefighter, Chief, state academy training director, author, photographer, International Association President and instructor. He has authored six books. He has produced 5 photography books. He is a highly sought after speaker for local, regional and national events. He has been at the Bryant Stiles Officers School each year since the beginning.