

39th Annual - Bryant Stiles Officers School February 19 – 22, 2026 Owensboro, KY



Saturday (One day)

22. Fire Service "Specific" Leadership Essentials

Instructor: John Turner

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This Course is built on fire service study and observation. What Makes a company officer a true leader in their organization? While leadership traits may transcend profession, this course zeros in on fire service specific leadership. We'll explore five key traits for effective company officer leadership without the "rah-rah" stories borrowed from sports teams, military units, or other professions.

About the Instructor:

John Turner holds the rank of Fire Chief in Derby, KS, a position he has held for the past five years. His career spans four decades, having risen through the operational ranks in some of the busiest companies within the Wichita Fire Department in Wichita, KS. A chief officer since 2009, he has managed numerous major emergencies. He is a contract instructor at the National Fire Academy and holds a Master's Degree in education. Chief Turner has conducted training sessions in over 30 states.