



Saturday (One day)

23. Main Street: Old School Hazards for Today's Fireground Reading Buildings

Instructor: Christopher Naum

Today's buildings, occupancies and fireground present increasing challenges and demands that directly influence command decision-making and operational tactics. Presenting insights on Main Street Construction, Hazards and Risks for today's fire service, this highly acclaimed seminar focus is to increase awareness and promote new skill sets in the fundamentals of Type III building construction, integrating improved size-up and building reads and operational assessment and engagement. With a focus on Main Street and standalone Type III Buildings, Taxpayers and mixed occupancies, the program will look at the Predictability of Building Performance, overview of construction systems, materials and methods, inherent building characteristics and compromise and collapse risks, adaptive renovations and reutilization. Incorporating the Buildings on fire FACTS concept for First-Arriving Construction, Tactics and Safety, the seminar provides an integrated process to increase operational effectiveness and ensure critical Type III and IV building and occupancy factors are identified, assessed and monitored throughout an incident with a focus on the size-up and building reads. The class highlight consisting of taking the classroom to the streets of Owensboro for a facilitated walking tour of buildings in the downtown Main Streets and surrounding select areas of in the vicinity of the Convention Center learning first-hand about construction features, how to read a building, size-up and discussing tactical considerations in the street environment. Although focusing on Type IIIs, the program will also address other building types along the tour route including commercials, retail, business, govt., and residentials. This highly interactive and thought-provoking program identifies integral functions impacting First-Due tactical decision-making and firefighting. This class is geared towards Company and Command Officers; however, all ranks and experience levels will benefit from this informative and highly engaging program.

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.