

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



Saturday (One day)

28. What Would "YOU" Do If "YOU" Were Involved

Instructor: Dave Goldsmith

NEW for 2026

A comprehensive review of five (5) case studies involving members of the fire department, as well as discussing the Lessons Learned.

- Motor Vehicle Accident on the Interstate involving an overturned Tanker Truck, a
 Tow Truck, two Police Cars and a Fire Apparatus which resulted in a Fire and
 Firefighter Injuries.
- Arson Fire involving a single-family dwelling that resulted in the Death of a Firefighter, which is still an open case after 31 years.
- Train Derailment with Hazardous Materials that was involved in an Explosion & Fire while the Fire Departments were on scene, resulting in multiple Contractors burned.
- Multiple Alarm Large Warehouse Fire involving Multiple Agencies, after a night of several Water Rescues response during Torrential Rain.
- Arson Fire in a Single-Family Dwelling next door to the Fire Chief during Social Unrest times, which resulted in two Civilian Fatalities.

About the instructor:

David Goldsmith served the Highview Fire Protection District for 35 years, having spent 15 of those years as a volunteer and 20 years as a career member. He has risen through the ranks from Firefighter to Chief, serving as Chief for 14 years until his retirement in 2022.

In 2008 Chief Goldsmith was appointed by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear to the Kentucky Fire Commission. For 10 years he represented Fire Chiefs of volunteer fire departments, and sat on several committees, such as the Training Facilities Grant Committee, the Loan Committee, the Eligibility Committee and he also Chaired the Education Committee. Chief Goldsmith is the past President of the Kentucky Regional Fire Training Academy, and the past president of the Jefferson County Fire Instructor's Association, serving both organization for several years. Chief Goldsmith is the former owner of America's Bravest Equipment Co, and his hobbies are woodworking, working on his antique fire chief car, and hanging out with his 3 kids, 9 grandkids, and 7 great grandkids. He has been married to his wife Debbie for the past 52 years.