

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



Sunday (One day)

38. Officer... Do Your Job!

Instructor: John Buckman and Scott Foreman

NEW for 2026

This course is designed for the person who desires to become an officer as well as current officers looking to improve their influence. This is not about your job description, but it is about your job.

Through expert-led sessions, interactive exercises and real-world applications, attendees will develop a structured approach to leadership in their department.

Executive Presence, Strategic Leadership, and Effective leadership today requires more than functional expertise — it demands communication skills that foster trust, engagement and influence.

This class will focus on the following critical leadership skills necessary to making your department a better and more functional organization.

- Communications
- Risk Management
- Team Building
- Decision-Making / Problem Solving
- Delegation
- Planning

About the Instructors:

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.

Scott Foreman is the Fire Chief at Ohio Twp. In Warrick County. He has been with Ohio Twp. Since April of 2023. Prior to that he spent 23 years with Henderson FD in Kentucky where he spent the last 8 as Fire Chief. He began his fire service career with the Knight Twp. FD in Vanderburgh County at the age of 15.