

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



Saturday & Sunday

39. NFA Leadership in Supervision: Perspective in thinking (F0647)

Instructor: Melvin Byrne

This two-day course provides the supervisor with the conceptual foundation and framework for success in leadership roles by exploring creative, analytical, political and critical thinking perspectives. The course addresses skills needed for assessing situations from multiple perspectives, making critical decisions, fostering creativity and innovation, and using persuasion.

About the Instructor:

Melvin Byrne has devoted his career to advancing fire service leadership and public safety. Beginning as a volunteer firefighter and EMT in 1974 with the Ashburn Volunteer Fire Rescue Department, he rose to serve as Chief and on the County Fire Commission. His professional path included Loudoun County Fire Rescue, the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, and the International Association of Fire Chiefs, along with teaching at the National Fire Academy. A graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program, he also holds a master's in Fire and Emergency Management Administration from Oklahoma State University.