

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



Saturday & Sunday

41. NFA- New Fire Chief: Contemporary Issues (F0762)

Instructor: David Lewis

This 2-day course will develop managerial skills, leadership skills, and contemporary issues and awareness necessary for newly appointed or elected fire chiefs to effectively meet their obligations. This course will help to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for them to perform effectively now and in the future.

The primary audience is newly appointed or elected fire chiefs in volunteer, combination or career departments. The secondary audience is departmental leaders who may become fire chiefs and local-level government administrators and elected officials, including fire district commissioners, board members, etc.

About the Instructor:

David Lewis is an active member of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company (Maryland), having served in both Chief Officer and Administrative Officer positions. Additionally, he has served as President of the Maryland State Firefighters Association, President of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association, and Director of the National Volunteer Fire Council. David is nationally recognized as a subject-matter expert in fire and emergency services issues and has delivered training programs and conference presentations across the U.S. He is a certified instructor for the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, the National Volunteer Fire Council, and the National Fire Academy. As an emergency services educator, Mr. Lewis is able to apply his life experiences in an environment that shares with others and builds future leadership across the emergency services community.