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MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOME INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

Some call them trailers, others double wide's, even others, the modular home. But what is the difference and why should we care? Many events have occurred in these type of structure and lives have been lost in an attempt to save them. In many cases, the reasons behind these LODD and injuries is simply not understanding the structure. This program will discuss the differences between this class of home, look at strategy and tactics associated with them and review case studies in an effort to gain an understanding of just how dangerous these incidents can be.

MANAGING THE MCMANSION INCIDENTS

Large square footage structures were once only for the rich and famous. Today they are more prevalent. A far cry from a 1500 square foot single family dwelling, these monster size homes present many challenges for firefighters. Long stretches, lots of open space and odd floor plans configurations can be expected. This program will take a deep dive into the McMansion incident. From building construction to common oddities, the participant will discover that the McMansion is not your single-family bread and butter event.

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Mike retired after a 37-years career and active service as an Assistant Fire Chief at Montgomery County (MD) Fire and Rescue Services, a large combination department near our nation's capital.

With over 40-years of fire and rescue experience, Mike started as a volunteer in a department that bordered Washington DC and served in a career capacity for Montgomery County holding positions from Firefighter Paramedic through Executive Operations Chief. In addition to his role directly relating to fire and rescue operations, he managed daily operational and administrative issues including budget, daily oversight and scheduling for 1300 full time personnel and 1100 volunteers.

Mike began teaching in his early days as a sergeant, serving as a recruit instructor, and has continued this passion today. With national and state instructor certifications, Mike has served as an adjunct instructor for the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, NIMS Instructor for MEMA, Anne Arundel Community College adjunct instructor, Practical Incident Control Training lead instructor and holds various certifications and degrees in business administration and public safety. Since his retirement, Mike splits his time between teaching and as a project coordinator for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF).