



TEACH EDUCATE LEAD FIRE INSTRUCTOR CONFERENCE

Day 1: May 1, 2024



8:30 AM—9:15 AM

OPENING CEREMONIES AND WELCOME

*Chief Gena Tucker, Acting Bureau Chief
Bureau of Fire Standards and Training*

OPENING STATEMENT

*Director JoAnne Rice
Division of State Fire Marshal*

9:15 AM—9:45 AM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Kingman Schuldt, Fire Chief (Ret.)

9:45 AM—10:30 AM

FAILING TO TEACH OR TEACHING TO FAIL

Dave Casey, Fire Chief (Ret.)

10:30 AM—10:45 AM

Break

10:45 AM—11:30 AM

MENTORSHIP IN THE FIRE SERVICE

Captain Chris Hickman, Ocala Fire Rescue

11:30 AM—12:15 PM

SERT TRAC INFORMATION

Robert Mitchell, BFST

12:15 PM—1:15 PM

Lunch

1:15 PM—2:00 PM

FLORIDA FIRE TRAINING DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

FFTTA Executive Panel: Kevin Reed, Bill Klein, and Kevin Granberg

2:00 PM—2:45 PM

PATH TO SUCCESS: ONLINE CLASS APPROVAL PROCESS

Jeff Gold, BFST & The Villages Fire Rescue

2:45 PM—3:00 PM

Break

3:00 PM—3:45 PM

VIRTUAL TRAINING PLATFORM - PROS & CONS

Adam Smith, MSFES, NREMT-P, University of Florida

3:45 PM—4:15 PM

MANAGING A SUCCESSFUL TRAINING ENVIRONMENT

Robert Mitchell, BFST

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5:00—7:00 p.m.

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Biographies in order of presentation – Day 1

Kingman Schuldt, Fire Chief (Ret.) – Keynote Address

Kingman is a 45-year veteran of the fire service. He served in uniform as Fire Chief and Chief Executive Officer with Greater Naples Fire Rescue District in Collier County, Florida between 2012 – 2021. He continues to serve the fire service as an integral consultant for the Florida Division of State Fire Marshal as a Government Analyst II. Kingman is the principal owner of Emergency Service Management Group as well as a Senior Leadership Consultant with Tenzinga Consulting; both promoting leadership and career development for employment and promotion. In addition to addressing personal professional development, his technical knowledge expands into input and analysis of special district performance measures. Kingman has served on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs, and Florida Fire Chiefs Association; he continues to be involved in the development of a better prepared fire service.

Dave Casey, retired Superintendent of FSFC – *Failing to Teach or Teaching to Fail*

Dave was Chief of Clay County Fire Rescue when he became the Superintendent/Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training where he oversaw implementation of FFOSHA, as well as the uniform training program for Florida's Urban Search and Rescue program. He is the longest serving Superintendent of FSFC and after he retired, he served in the same role for Louisiana for several years.

Chris Hickman, Captain Ocala Fire Rescue and Coordinator of the Ocala-Marion Mentorship Program – *Mentorship in the Fire Service*

Chris' career began in 1994 as a paramedic and continued the EMS journey until 2001 when he earned the opportunity to serve as a firefighter for Ocala Fire Rescue. He's served as a first responder for nearly 3 decades and continues to give back to his community by starting the Ocala-Marion Mentorship Program in 2017. As a professional and an educator, Chris' goal is to create a positive influx of future leaders and innovators that will help reduce the number of first responder job vacancies in his community.

Rick Knowles, Florida Department of Emergency Management – *SERT TRAC*

Rick Knowles is a Recovery Training Specialist & Florida Division of Emergency Management Region 6, 7, and 9 Training & Exercise Coordinator. Rick is responsible for coordinating all State Supported Training & Exercises in Regions 6, 7, and 9I of Florida, which is the southwestern portion of the peninsula. Rick is also responsible for managing, coordinating, and teaching all Federal Recovery Courses to all 67 counties within Florida. Rick's first Federal disaster response was the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill in Valdez, Alaska in 1989. While working for FEMA he served in many capacities including Debris Specialist, Tower Monitor, Tower Trainer, Individual Assistance Housing Specialist and as a Closeout Specialist for FEMA. Prior to his Emergency Management Experience Rick owned his own Emergency Response, Environmental Remediation and Weapons Location, Recovery and Neutralizing Company. Prior to that Rick was on active duty in the United States Marine Corps

Kevin Reed, Florida Fire Training Director's Association – joint presentation Bill Klein & Kevin Granberg

Kevin Reed: Firefighter/paramedic for 28 years with Tampa Fire Rescue. Serving in the ranks of firefighter, paramedic, lieutenant, driver, captain, and acting district chief as needed. In addition, I held various training, education, and administrative positions within the department. Had the opportunity to serve as flight medic for Aero med out of Tampa General Hospital. Began teaching EMS and Fire in 1988 and currently work as Program Manager for Hillsborough Community College Fire Academy.

Bill Klein: Bill entered the career of public service in 1967. He served as a firefighter, was drafted into the US Army then returned to New York to begin a new career as a police officer. Upon retiring, he moved to Florida and continued his career as a program manager for Eastern Florida State College. As a member of the Florida Fire Training Directors Association Executive Board, Bill has served on numerous committees and was appointed to the Standards Council for 8 years. Bill is the longest serving executive board member of the FFTDA which he joined in 2002 as the vice chair, a position he still holds today.

Kevin Granberg: Kevin served with the Panama City Fire Department from 1983 – 2011 and is currently the Fire Science Coordinator for Gulf Coast State College as well as the Secretary for the Florida Fire Training Director's Association.

Jeff Gold – *Path to Success: Online Class Approval Process*

Jeff is an OPS instructor at the Florida State Fire College for almost 20 years where he conducts online classes as well as evaluates new online course applications. He has served in public safety for 40 years in both the fire service as well as law enforcement, and currently serves as a Division Chief for The Villages Fire Rescue. Jeff holds a doctorate in education and a master's degree in Fire Science from the University of Florida.

Adam Smith - *Virtual Training Platform – Pros & Cons*

Adam Smith is a retired Battalion Chief (Acting)/Medic from Lumpkin County Emergency Services located an hour north of Atlanta in the North Georgia Mountains. Adam has 38 years' experience as a firefighter, company officer, and paramedic and has been a Lecturer for the University of Florida since January of 2019. He holds national certifications as a Firefighter, Paramedic, Fire Officer, Various rescue designations, Public Safety Diver, Hazardous Materials Technician, and Instructor. Adam has an Associates Degree in Fire Science Technology (Chattahoochee Technical College), Bachelors Degree in Fire and Emergency Services Management (University of Florida), and a Masters Degree in Fire and Emergency Services Management with a specialization in Disaster Management (University of Florida). He is currently in the University of Florida College of Design, Construction, and Planning PhD program with a Disaster Management concentration.

Robert Mitchell, BFST – *Managing a Successful Training Environment*

Retiring after 40 years in the fire service Bob currently works with the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training in the Executive Development Program and Safety Office as an Emergency Management and Fire Officer III and IV Instructor and Central Florida Region Safety Representative. Bob also works for the City of Maitland Fire Rescue Department as an Emergency Management Advisor and for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office as a Dive Medical Officer, supporting the Underwater Search and Recovery Team with all elements of diver safety and health. Bob continues to give back to future public safety leaders. on is his weekly broadcast, "The Leaders Crusade."