Welcome Firefighters,

I am extremely excited to once again welcome you to beautiful Pensacola Beach to attend the fourth annual High Rise Operations Conference. Whether you are a repeat attendee or a first timer, you are sure to have a great experience. This year promises to be everything last year was and more. We have brought back many of our past instructors, and added new ones, making this an even more diverse conference on High Rise Operations. We are looking to provide firefighters from around the world the ultimate fire training experience, from training to nightly social/networking experiences. Why are you here? The answers to that question are many. First and foremost, you are here because you care about the public we are sworn to protect. And secondly, because nearly 50% of all high rises that exist today are not equipped with sprinklers. Additionally, when sprinklers do exist, they fail at 1 in 14 fires. SPRINKLER SYSTEMS ARE NOT A GUARANTEE! When they fail, will you and your crew be READY? When responding and operating at high rises with minimal staffing, you must be prepared and able to deliver and apply significant amounts of water to the fire. You must make the most of your personnel and equipment.

This year’s slogan is “Tactics Put Out Fires!” With all the UL/NIST talk about exterior water application and the hype about hitting it hard from the yard, we want to send a clear message from County Fire Tactics. The Fire Service is here for the people we swore to serve, and we understand the hazards associated with firefighting before taking the oath to protect others. Last year over three thousand civilians were killed by fire and less than 1% of that number is the number of firefighters killed performing interior firefighting and or search and rescue operations. Ask yourself, how many civilians would die if we stop interior based fire ground operations as a matter of routine??

The first two days will include a very experienced and diverse group of fire service leaders speaking on a wide range of topics regarding operations in high rise buildings.

On day 3, you will have multiple options to choose from. These options include: Urban HR Firefighting, Suburban HR Firefighting, HR Firefighting-FDNY style, Firefighter Track, Hose & Nozzle, & Command and Control.

This conference would not be possible without our great sponsors and the support they give to help keep the costs down and the quality of training up. We would like to thank all speakers and instructors for giving their time and commitment to making this a great educational experience. This conference would not be what it is without the highly experienced and knowledgeable instructors from all over the country who share a passion for making our profession as safe as possible while being as aggressive as possible. In closing, please make an effort to attend the planned social events each evening. Here, you will continue to learn, make new friends, and share in the bonds of brotherhood that make our profession second none. Each event will offer food and drink specials, and are within walking distance of the Hilton. If at any time while you are here and you need anything, please contact me via phone or text at (850) 393-0581 Keep up with the latest in fire training and events by joining CF Tactics on Facebook. You can also signup to follow both countyfiretactics.com and firefighterrescues.com. We have set the dates for HROC 2018. It will be held next December 3-7, 2018 right here at the Hilton Gulf Front.

HROC 2018 will continue to focus on the basics of making the push based on training and experience. Thank you again for attending, have a great conference, and keep training to make a difference.

Remember, IT’S WORTH THE RISK!

Curt Isakson
Battalion Chief
Escambia County Fire Rescue
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**Day 1 | Tuesday December 12, 2017**

ROYAL PALM BALLROOM
8:00 am Curt Isakson, Director of HROC Welcome, Opening Remarks
Escambia County Fire Rescue Presentation of Colors
8:30 am Chief Dave McGrail Keynote "It's OK to be Into the Job"
10:00 – 10:15 am BREAK
10:15 am Chief Mike Lombardo, Buffalo Fire Department - "Chaos to Coordination"

LUNCH
1:15 am Chief Dave McGrail, High Rise Operations
3:00 BREAK
3:15 pm Captain Bill Gustin "Non-Standpipe Operations for Exterior Hallway High-Rise Buildings"
5:00 pm Curt Isakson Closing Remarks
5:15 pm Hilton Bar - FREE Beer

**Day 2 | Wednesday December 13, 2017**

ROYAL PALM BALLROOM
08:00 am Battalion Chief Curt Isakson "Tactics Put Out Fires"
08:30 am Captain Bill Gustin & Mike Posner - "High-Rise Building Systems, The Ups and Downs of Elevator"

LUNCH
1:00 pm Captain Mike Gagliano and Mike Dugan "Lost, Disoriented, and Out of Air"
2:00 pm BREAK
2:15 pm Chief Dave McGrail and Team "Anatomy of a High-Rise Fire Operations" - Strategic, Tactical, and Task Level
5:00 pm Battalion Chief Curt Isakson - Closing Remarks
5:30 pm Hemmingway's Bar and Grill - FREE Dinner and Beer

**Day 3 | Thursday December 14, 2017**

Tracks 1-4 start at 07:30 in the classroom

**TRACK 1:** Urban HR firefighting - Chief McGrail & Team, Emerald Coast Room Gulf Side 2nd Floor

**TRACK 2:** Suburban HR firefighting - Captain Bill Gustin & Team, White Sands Room Gulf Side 1st Floor

**TRACK 3:** FDNY HR Track - FDNY style operations with Floor Below Nozzle, Advanced Forcible Entry, New York Standpipe Operations with - Lt. Ray McCormack, Mike Ciampo, Bob Morris, Jim Smith, & Team, Holliday Inn on the 2nd Floor East Side “Side closest to Hilton”

**TRACK 4:** Firefighter Track with RIT, Survival, Forcible Entry, Fire Attack - Lt. Jim McCormack, Chief Lombardo, Lt Tim Klett, & Team.
BALLROOM "A" (Where we were the first two days)

Tracks 5 & 6 start at 08:30

**TRACK 5:** Hose & Nozzle “NO GEAR” Dennis LeGear
Coral Reef Room Gulf Side 1st Floor

**TRACK 6:** Command & Control Track “No Gear”
Chief Tracey and Jack Murphy
Aquamarine Room Gulf Side 2nd Floor

End of Conference Party at Casino Bar and Grill Next to Gulf Fishing pier. 5-9pm Late Night 9pm to Midnight at the Hilton Bar
FOOD AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Tuesday | December 12, 2017
5:00 PM    Free Beer at Hilton H2O Bar
6:00 PM    Free Beer and 20% off at Red Fish Blue Fish

Wednesday | December 13, 2017
5:30-9:00 PM  Free Beer & Dinner at Hemingway's
              Sponsored by Honeywell
              Hooter's will give 15% off with wristband
7:00 PM- Midnight  Hooter's and Bamboo Willie's - Live Band

Thursday | December 14, 2017
5:00-9:00 PM  Casino Bar and Grill
9:00 PM- Midnight  Hilton H20 Bar - Free Beer

All Week Long Wristband Deals

20% off At Red Fish Blue Fish
20% Cactus Flower (on the Boardwalk)
20% off at Hemmingway's
15% off at Hooter's

Check CF Tactics on Facebook daily for food and drink specials
Lt. Tim Klett is a 35 year veteran of the fire service. Lt. Klett was a volunteer firefighter with the Newington, CT. Fire Dept. for 5 yrs. Until becoming a full time paid firefighter with the City of New Britian, CT. Fire Dept. Lt. Klett spent 4 yrs. as a New Britain firefighter until his appointment to the New York City Fire Department in 1990. He worked in Engine Co.69 in Harlem for 12 years until his promotion. He currently works in the Bronx and is assigned to Engine Co.88 in the 7th div. Lt. Klett was also a HOT instructor for Live Fire Training and has served as the lead instructor for the same. Lt. Klett speaks frequently about Engine Company Operations and other fire related topics. He is the Author of “Stretching and Operating the First Line” produced as “Fire Notes” by the Fire Department Training Network and is also the lead engine instructor there. He has also written several articles for “FireEngineering”, “Firehouse.Com”, “Firescue Interactive” and “Size-Up.”
Dennis LeGear
Retired Captain
Oakland, CA


Mike Lombardo
40-year veteran of the fire service

Mike Lombardo is a 38-year veteran of the fire service and was the Commissioner/Chief of Department of the Buffalo Fire Department from Jan 2006 to Jan 2010. He is a New York State fire instructor and was a member of the development team for the New York State Firefighter Survival and Rapid Intervention programs. He was a lead instructor for FDIC live fire training. He is a two time Firehouse Magazine Heroism Award recipient (1988 and 1994) and the recipient of the FDIC 1999 Training Achievement Award. Mike provides consulting services around the United States, recently completing a review of the San Francisco (CA) Fire Department leadership as well as a year and a half long audit of the Boston (MA) Fire Department. Mike is a faculty member of the Fire Department Training Institute at Harrison College and the Fire Department Training Network where he presents and developed the Fire Command program. Mike currently operates with the Christiana and Rehoboth Beach Fire Departments in Delaware. He is a consultant and instructor on fire tactics, live fire attack, firefighter survival, and command and fire department operations throughout the United States.

Jim McCormack
Lieutenant, Indianapolis FD

Jim McCormack has been a firefighter for 25+ years and is currently a Lieutenant with the Indianapolis (Ind.) Fire Department. Jim is the founder of the Fire Department Training Network, http://www.fdtraining.com and the author of Firefighter Survival and Firefighter Rescue & Rapid Intervention Teams.

Ray McCormack
Lieutenant, FDNY

Ray McCormack is a 33 year veteran of the FDNY, and is a Lieutenant with Ladder 28 in Harlem. He previously served for over ten years in Engine 69. He is the co-creator and editor of Urban Firefighter Magazine. He delivered the keynote speech at FDIC in 2009, “True Values of a Firefighter.” Ray is the author of the Tactical Safety column, which can be read at www.urbanfirefighter.com. Where you can also view his Training Minutes videos on Engine Company Operations. Ray is a speaker and hands on training instructor at conferences around the country.
Dave McGrail
Assistant Chief,
Denver Fire Department

Dave McGrail is a 33 year veteran of the fire service and an Assistant Chief with the Denver Fire Department (DFD) assigned to District #2 in the heart of Denver’s busy downtown high-rise district. As a Captain, Dave served as the company commander of DFD Engine Co. 3 and Rescue Co. 1, two of DFD’s busiest fire companies. He instructs internationally on a wide range of fire service topics, specializing in high-rise firefighting and overall fireground command and control. He was the lead instructor and developed the first engine company (high-rise / standpipe operations) hands-on-training (HOT) at the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis, FDIC West, and FDIC East. He is a member of the FDIC Educational Advisory Board, and is editorial advisor and contributing editor for Fire Engineering Magazine. He is the author of the book Firefighting Operations in High-Rise and Standpipe Equipped Buildings published by PennWell in 2007. Dave holds to Associate Degrees and two Bachelor of Bachelor of Science Degrees, and is a second generation Denver firefighter.

Jack Murphy
Fire Marshal (Ret.)/Fmr. Deputy Chief,
Leonia Fire Department

Jack J. Murphy, MA, is a Fire Marshal (Ret.)/Fmr. Deputy Chief. Currently he is serving as Chairman of the NYC Fire Safety Directors Association, a member of the NFPA High-Rise Building Safety Advisory and the 1620-Pre-Incident Planning Committees. He has published various fire service articles and authored RICS: Rapid Incident Command System Field Handbook, the “Pre-Incident Planning” chapter of the Fire Engineering’s Handbook for Firefighter I and II, and co-authored, “Bridging the Gap: Fire Safety and Green Buildings.” He is a Fire Engineering contributing editor, a PennWell Fire Group executive advisory board member, and he has received the 2012 Fire Engineering ‘Tom Brennan’ Lifetime Achievement Award.

Kevin Story
Captain, Houston Fire Department

Kevin Story is a second generation firefighter serving in both career and volunteer departments. He is a Captain assigned to Station 8 in the heart of Downtown. Kevin started with the Copperas Cove, Texas, FD while serving in the US Army. Currently in his 22nd year with the Houston Fire Department, Kevin has spent most of his career in HFD’s District 8. Additionally, he serves on the Equipment Advisory Board, and as an instructor with the department’s Newly Promoted Officer School. He has also served on the committee to evaluate the department’s high-rise procedures.
Kyle Smith

Captain with Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services

Kyle Smith is a Captain with Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services, assigned to Truck Company 8. He has been in the fire service for 22 years and worked in career and volunteer fire departments. Capt. Smith also works as a consultant for a fire protection engineering firm specializing in big box retail, where he has obtained fire protection certifications from NFPA and NICET. He has been a certified instructor since 2004, teaching for local and State agencies, both hands-on and classroom. Kyle serves as the team leader for the High-rise group tasked with teaching high-rise firefighting and alarm systems to all new recruits. Capt. Smith also represents the fire service on the NFPA 14-Standpipe Systems technical committee.

Jerry Tracy

Retired Battalion Commander, FDNY

Chief Jerry Tracy retired as a Battalion Commander with the FDNY with more than 30 years of service. He developed numerous training programs for the FDNY for the ranks of firefighter, first line supervisor, and Chief Officer. He has authored numerous articles for Fire Engineering and FDNY’s training publication WNYF. Chief Tracy was the catalyst to the research conducted by NIST, UL and NYU Polytechnic Institute on fire behavior, more specifically, Wind Driven Fires. He was a member of the NFPA Project Technical Panel reviewing “Firefighting Tactics under Wind Driven Conditions”. Chief Tracy has lectured on numerous firefighting topics.
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There are no new lessons to be learned from a firefighter’s death or injury. The cause of tragedy is usually an old lesson we have not learned or have forgotten along the way.

Vincent Dunn
SAVE THE DATE

May 15-17, 2018
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Boot Camp
(COBC) 2018

December 3-7, 2018
High Rise Operations
Conference
(HROC) 2018

Check out www.countyfiretactics.com for the latest information and updates on both COBC and HROC 2018