DPSST INTRODUCES
FALL FIRE SCHOOL FEATURING:
THE INAUGURAL OREGON FIRE & EMS
COAST TO COAST TRAINING SYMPOSIUM
“TRAINING TODAY FOR TOMORROW’S CHALLENGES”

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) strives to provide the resources, information, and training public safety providers and agencies need to maintain the highest skills in order to provide excellent service to Oregon’s communities and citizens. In our efforts to provide professional development opportunities for the Oregon fire service, DPSST is hosting a Fall Fire School featuring the Inaugural Oregon Fire & EMS Coast to Coast Training Symposium. For this symposium entitled “Training today for tomorrow’s challenges”, some of the nation’s leading instructors are coming together to offer their diverse knowledge and skills and will share their expertise on a variety of topics.

When: November 2nd and 3rd, 2019 from 0800 to 1700 on Saturday and 0800 to 1200 on Sunday
Where: Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon
Cost: Free
Lodging: Campus lodging available to those travelling further than 75 miles
Food: Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided on Saturday and breakfast and snacks will be provided on Sunday
Questions: please contact Barbara Slinger at barbara.slinger@state.or.us or 503-378-2408
Register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/inaugural-oregon-fire-ems-coast-to-coast-training-symposium-tickets-60145740529 (here you will also find information on classes and instructors)

Participants may attend three of the five courses below which are each four hours in length. Please note that class space is limited so register early to secure a spot in your top three course preferences. Additionally, there will be a meet-and-greet on Friday evening of November 1st from 1800 to 2100 at a to-be-determined location in Salem, Oregon.

THE DANGERS LURKING BELOW
TAUGHT BY ROBERT MORAN AND JOHN J. LEWIS

THE DIRTY SECRET OF THE FIRE SERVICE: FIREFIGHTER ARSONISTS
TAUGHT BY TOM AURNHAMMER

HIGH RISE BUILDINGS: UNDERSTANDING THE VERTICAL CHALLENGES
TAUGHT BY JACK MURPHY AND GERALD TRACY

THE 7 C’S OF FIRE OFFICER
TAUGHT BY JOHN ALSTON

SAFETY LEADERSHIP: FROM THE FIREHOUSE TO THE FIRE GROUND
TAUGHT BY RONALD KANTERMAN
The Dirty Secret of the Fire Service: Firefighter Arsonists taught by Tom Aurnhammer

This program provides an understanding of the firefighter arson problem, why firefighters commit arson, and the effects that it has on the community and its fire department. The profile of a firefighter arsonist will be reviewed, as well as the fire service’s responsibilities in preventing the crime. After completion of the presentation, the student will be able to define the reasons that firefighter arson occurs, and what investigative and preventative measures can be taken to stop it.

This course is taught by Thomas W. Aurnhammer, who is a retired Chief of the Los Pinos Fire Protection District in Ignacio, Colorado and currently a fire investigator for the San Juan County, New Mexico Fire Department. He completed the National Fire Academy’s Executive Fire Officer Program (EFO) in 1992, graduated with honors from San Juan College in 1993 with an Associate Degree in Fire Protection, and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Columbia Southern University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Administration in 2016.

High-Rise Buildings: Understanding the Vertical Challenges taught by Jack Murphy and Gerald Tracy

It takes more than personnel to meet the high-rise building vertical challenges for fireground operations. This workshop will examine why building intelligence is vital to formulate ‘Battle Plans’, building fire command center FACP features, various occupancies for office, hospital, residential, and ‘Super Blocks’ and construction (new and alteration project environments that will impact fireground decision-making tactics).

Jack J. Murphy, Chairman of the New York City High-Rise Fire Safety Directors Association, will co-instruct this course. He is a retired Fire Marshal, former Deputy Chief, and served as a Bergen County Deputy Fire Coordinator in New Jersey. He is the author of many fire service articles and publications and is a Fire Engineering contributing editor, a board member of the Clarion Fire and Rescue Advisory (FE/FDIC) Group and received the 2012 Fire Engineering ‘Tom Brennan’ Lifetime Achievement Award.

Chief Gerald Tracy served more than 30 years with the Fire Department of the City of New York where he worked up through the ranks and eventually retired as a Battalion Commander. He developed numerous training programs as well as refining and improving Firefighting Policy and Procedures for the FDNY. He has authored numerous published articles in Fire Engineering, Fire House magazine and the FDNY/WNYF training publication. He was the catalyst to the research conducted by NIST, UL and NYU Polytechnic Institute on Smoke management, and fire behavior in high-rise buildings, most specifically, Wind Driven Fires.

The 7 C’s of Fire Officer Trust taught by John Alston

The Seven "C’s" of Fire Officer Trust are Commitment, Competence, Confidence, Communication, Courtesy, Consistency and Courage. It’s a privilege and honor to train new officers in a variety of ranks and disciplines because it gives us all a chance to share, learn and gain insight into the many components of successful Fire Officers and Command. The prevailing question on their minds has always been: “What does that person look and sound like? How do I know when I know? How do I become what I am not?” The skills that make good fire officers of all ranks will be discussed. Students will be led through each component to identify key traits and interact in groups to determine how to acquire and develop such traits.

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Chief John Alston is a 33-year veteran of Fire and Emergency Services and will instruct this course. He is currently the Fire Chief of New Haven Fire Department. Chief Alston came to New Haven after spending 31 years in the Jersey City Fire Department where he worked his way up through the ranks to the number two position. Chief Alston is a very experienced instructor as well as a published author, blogger and trainer.

The Dangers Lurking Below taught by Robert Moran and John J. Lewis

Fires in below grade areas are unlike any other fire to which we respond. The numerous dangers associated with advancing hose-lines into these confined spaces while companies operate on the floors above have been linked to multiple firefighter fatalities, injuries, and RIC deployments. This program will provide an interactive review of recent scientific studies to ensure the attendees recognize and embrace the critical importance this new information has regarding the preferred suppression methods at below grade fires.

The Dangers Lurking Below is co-taught by Robert G. Moran who is currently a Fire Chief/EMD in Brewster, Massachusetts. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Fire Science from New Jersey City University, a Master’s Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, a National Public Manager Certification, a Chief Fire Officer Designation, and serves as an adjunct instructor for Kean University and Cape Cod Community College.

John J. Lewis is a retired lieutenant from the City of Passaic, NJ, Fire Department. He holds such New Jersey Certifications as Level 2 Instructor, Fire Investigator, and Fire Inspector and remains active in fire service as an instructor at the Bergen County Fire Academy in New Jersey and is an adjunct instructor for Kean University and the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety. Along with his partner, Robert Moran, Lewis has written and presented training programs throughout the country and co-authored many articles for fire service publications.

Safety Leadership: From Firehouse to Fire Ground taught by Ronald Kanterman

The move throughout the American fire service regarding the safety and health of our personnel is more prominent today than ever before. This workshop is based on the speaker’s newly released book from Fire Engineering - “Fire Officer’s Guide to Occupational Safety and Health” and examines the responsibilities of the firefighters, officers and senior leadership in the fire service in insuring the safety of the members from the firehouse to the fire ground. Personnel will return to the firehouse with a new sense of responsibility for themselves, their co-workers and subordinates.

The instructor for this course is Ronald Kanterman, Fire Chief of the Town of Wilton, Connecticut Fire Department. He entered the fire service in 1975 in Brooklyn, New York with the FDNY and has since held several positions within the fire service. Chief Kanterman holds a BA in Fire Service Administration and a MS in Fire Protection Management from John Jay College in New York City as well as a second Master’s Degree in Environmental Sciences from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He is also the Lead Instructor for the Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) program which assists fire departments and families who have experienced a line-of-duty-death.