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The Fire that Burns Within Fire Service Suicide - The Reality

**Saturday, March 24, 2018 – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (lunch on your own)
Kimball Township Fire Department – Training Room
1970 Allen Road, Kimball, MI 48074 (near Port Huron)**

This is a tuition-free 8-hour course on learning ways to prevent suicide in the fire service. This training will raise awareness and provide prevention strategies for use in your fire department. All attendees will receive resources for developing additional in-service training within their departments.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the stress, pressures, and culture in firefighting that can lead to suicide ideation.
- Identify behaviors and communication that should not be ignored.
- Recognize how to train firefighters in suicide prevention.
- Stress the importance of establishing department policy, protocol, and procedures.

Topics covered in the training:

- Facts, Statistics, Truths and Myths
- Organizational Leadership
- Signs and Signals
- Intervention Strategies
- Dealing with the Aftermath of Suicide

Target Audience:

- The primary target audience is fire service personnel and support personnel who serve firefighters and EMS.

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Please sign up in SMOKE (<https://w2.lara.state.mi.us/Smoke/Account/Login>). This class is limited to 30 students. Course ID – Q61H

FREE for Michigan Fire Department members, \$100 per person for other first responders.