



Allegan County



Firefighter Training Committee

Is proud to present:

In Honor of The Charleston 9: A Study of Change Following Tragedy

By: Dr. David Griffin



On June 18, 2007, nine firefighters perished in a warehouse fire in Charleston, SC. What was initially dispatched as a trash fire escalated into one of the most scrutinized events in national fire service history. David had the unfortunate experience of being the engineer on the first due engine that day. As he operated on the fireground, he witnessed things that he will never forget.

This seminar will present:

- First-hand accounts of that day.
 - Never before seen video footage with radio traffic.
 - Initial resistance to the changes following the tragedy.
- The heavy toll that this catastrophic event took on David's life.
 - The incredible changes that he and the CFD have made.
- Dr. Griffin's scientific research regarding the change process following this event.
 - Details from the coinciding Best Selling Book, *In Honor of The Charleston 9: A Study of Change Following Tragedy*.

3 Hours of Fire Inspector Credits Approved - #1260-19

- When:** Saturday, February 29th, 2020, 9:00am to 12:00pm
- Location:** Hamilton High School - Auditorium
4911 136th Avenue
Hamilton, MI 49419
- Cost:** Free – Funded with Allegan County MFFTC Fireworks Funding
(Donations accepted at the door to provide for future trainings)
- Signup:** Sign-up on S.M.O.K.E – Course #2020-2-03-Q64D-0210
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