

# TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

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

### Class Description:

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*.

**Instructor: Dr. David Griffin**

[Dr. Griffin's BIO can be found by clicking on this link](#)

**Class Fee: FREE** to all SMOKE funding compliant departments

**Class Date: Saturday, August 29, 2020 from 9am – 5pm** \*\*\* This is an updated date \*\*\*

**Registration Information: Complete registration form and submit to course manager**

**State of Michigan Fire Inspector Credits: Seven (7) credits will be awarded for attending this class**

**Classes will be held at the City of Burton Fire Department – Station 2**

**Course Manager – Assistant Fire Chief Mike Vogt**

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Registration forms can be found on our website at <http://www.gencofirechiefs.org/classes.html>

**Self-registration in the SMOKE system does not guarantee acceptance into this course. Registration for this course requires completion of the registration form and approval by the Course Manager.**