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Online Course Information Sheet

Course Number: FS1023

Course Title: Fire Service Tactics

Course Description: This course provides an in-depth analysis of the principles of fire control through utilization of personnel, equipment, and extinguishing agents on the fire ground. Internet students must have access to the Internet and a browser.

Instructor Name: Chris Bosch

Instructor Bio: For the past 33 years Chris has served in various capacities as a member of the professional fire service. He began his career with the Kansas City, Mo. Fire Department where he spent 25 years. He retired from the KCFD in 2001 as the Chief Fire Marshal in order to become the Fire Chief for the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas where he spent 3 ½ years. Chris left the FFD in 2005 and following a national search, was appointed as the new Fire Chief for the Tracy, California Fire Department.

After serving as Fire Chief in Tracy for the past 5 years, Chris recently retired to spend more time with his family and to venture into the field of consulting. Chris is the owner of Bosch & Associates Consulting, a public safety consulting firm focused on assisting fire departments with their training, emergency planning and management needs. Chris' firm serves as a bridge for departments and individuals who struggle with issues related to organizational cultural challenges, the transition from a management to a leadership, and from identifying the importance of coaching and mentoring in the field of public safety.

Chris earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degree from Park University in Kansas City, Mo. and attended Harvard University's Senior Executive in State and Local Government program at the JFK School of Government. Chris has written many articles on public leadership and leadership development in the fire service. He also holds memberships in IAFC, the NFPA, the American Society for Public Administration and several other professional organizations.

Chris is a founding member of Smart Mammals Consulting Group, and affiliate of the Pacific Institute in Seattle, Washington and is serving as the Board Chair for the Tracy Volunteer Care Givers and on the Board of the Capital Region Chapter of the American Red Cross in Sacramento.

Chris and his Wife Sue live in Tracy, California with three of their seven children and their three dogs. Chris enjoys traveling with his family and reading various books on leadership and management theory.

Prerequisite: The student shall have the basic knowledge of fire behavior and organizational structure.

Textbook Title: Managing Company Tactical Operations/Preparation Student Manuals, National Fire Academy
Managing Company Tactical Operations/Decision Making Student Manuals, National Fire Academy
Managing Company Tactical Operations/Tactics Student Manual, National Fire Academy

Learning Outcomes: The student must pass the exams with a minimum of 70% and complete a research paper following the guidelines set forth at the beginning of class.

Teaching Methodology, including description of interaction between student and instructor: N/A

Methods of Testing:
The final exam must be taken at an approved proctor site. All other exams will be administered via Blackboard.

Enrollment Procedures:
Non-degree seeking students applying for admission to SAU Tech must submit an application for admission, appropriate placement test scores or, if applicable, official college transcript(s) with proof of Composition I and Intermediate Algebra (having earned a letter grade of "C" or better).

Full-time degree seeking students and part-time degree seeking students applying for financial aid applying for admission to SAU Tech must submit an application for admission, appropriate placement test scores, immunization record (if born after 01/01/1957), high school transcript or GED scores, and official college transcript(s), if applicable. (Note: Part-time students not applying for financial aid do not have to submit immunization record.)

Students are responsible for all tuition and fees at the time of registration. Students must officially drop by written notice or in person in order to reduce their balance owed. If students never attend class, he/she will still be assessed partial tuition and full student processing fees, unless completely he/she completely withdraws during the 100% refund period.

In order for a student to drop a class, he/she must complete a drop form or send written request to his/her advisor. A $10 add/drop fee is assessed for adds/drops that take place after classes start.

Special Enrollment Issues (specialized software or equipment, access to a particular network, or similar requirements): Computer with access to the Internet and a calculator.

Special Attendance Requirements (student contact with instructor, proctored examinations, etc.):
The final exam must be taken at an approved proctor site.

Access to Learning Resources:
Students will receive all required discussion materials through the Internet, links to texts, and the electronic mail with Blackboard. Students will be required to purchase the course textbook, if applicable, and Learning Resource Center access is encouraged but not required to be successful. Textbooks can be ordered online. The Bookstore number is (870) 574-4510. The Library number is (870) 574-4518.

Other Considerations (writing ability, assignments/projects, time considerations, etc.):
Students will need Internet access, Microsoft Word, Adobe Acrobat Reader, and the ability to send and receive e-mail attachments using the e-mail within Blackboard.

Exams will count 50% of the grade, homework assignments will count for 25% of the grade and the research project paper will count as 25% of the grade.