

# WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

## Exploring Roles and Responsibilities of Fire Service Leaders

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Was that up to the Fire Chief or the Board of Fire Commissioners? That may be an unfortunate question to have to ask after a tragic incident has taken place. An alarming number of firefighters across the country are being criminally charged, injured or even killed while performing duties which were intended to protect the public. Both the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Chief have roles to play in the leadership and sometimes those roles are well defined while in other cases, the line may not be as clear. Chief Dave Denniston and Commissioner Bill Tricarico will moderate this discussion on the roles and responsibilities of each of these positions and how effective leadership can make your organization safer, more efficient, and reduce your District's liability exposure.

This no holds barred seminar will review the leading causes of injury, death and liability issues facing fire service organizations and provide sample policies and procedures to help limit exposure to the district.

Fire Service leaders have an obligation to the firefighters to provide a safe working environment and to the public to protect the interests of the tax payers and to limit liability that may be imposed on the district or department, therefore both Fire Commissioners and Chiefs are urged to attend this important session.

### Your Presenters:

#### **Dave Denniston**

Dave Denniston is the Client Education and Training Manager for McNeil and Company Inc. He also serves as Executive Director of the National FARMEDIC Training Program. Dave has over 20 years in Fire and Emergency Services with the Cortlandville Fire Department where he has served as Chief of the department, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Vice President.

Dave serves Cortland County as Deputy Fire and EMS Coordinator and as a Commissioner of the Virgil Fire District.

Chief Denniston has presented at trade shows and conferences across the US and holds a National Instructor II certification. He currently serves on two NFPA Technical Committees and instructs for NYOFPC as a State Fire Instructor.

#### **Bill Tricarico**

Bill Tricarico is the Director of Loss Control Services for McNeil & Company, specializing in providing insurance to emergency service organizations and related fields. Bill has over 35 years as a risk management consultant assisting companies from multi national corporations to small scale businesses. In addition he has over 25 years experience as a Firefighter/EMT with the North Bellmore FD holding many positions including Chief and Commissioner and currently is Fire Commissioner for the City of Cortland, NY.

Commissioner Tricarico is on the faculty of several fire service organizations throughout the country, has spoken at many national conferences and has been published in several national fire service and EMS periodicals. He also currently serves on two NFPA Technical Committees.

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Thursday, March 19, 2009  
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