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Instructor Biographies

Chris Angermuller

Chris Angermuller CFO, CTO and MIFireE is a 25 year veteran of the fire service and is currently the Deputy Fire Chief with the Grand Junction (CO) Fire Department. Prior to working at Grand Junction Fire Department, he served as the Assistant Fire Chief of the Kingman (AZ) Fire Department where he oversaw the departments daily operations and Special Operations Teams. During his time in Kingman he served as the departments Terrorism Liaison Officer with the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center and currently serves as a Committee Member for the International Association of Fire Chiefs Hazardous Materials Committee. He also currently sits on the International Fire Service Training Association validation committee for Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations and Technician text books. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas with a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He has also served as a lead instructor for the Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office where he was tasked with training and evaluating the states hazardous materials response teams.

Rob Backer

Rob Backer is a 17-year veteran of the fire service and currently serves as a Captain with Thornton Fire Department in Thornton, Colorado. As the owner and lead instructor of First Due Intelligence, llc, he has taught with Dave Dodson to assume responsibility for continuing the instruction of his popular program "The Art of Reading Smoke" nationwide, in addition to classes on size-up.

David Black

David Black, Ph.D. is the CEO of Cordico and leads a team of highly experienced psychologists serving more than 100 public safety agencies. Dr. Black is a Board Member of the National Sheriffs' Association Psychological Services Group, serves as the Chair of Technology and Social Media, is an Advisory Board Member for the National Police Foundation's Center for Mass Violence Response Studies, and served on the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Model Policy Working Group for Investigating Officer-Involved Shootings and Other Serious Incidents.

He oversees critical incident debriefings and specialized wellness programs for law enforcement, firefighters, and dispatchers. He has worked with first responders for 15+ years and began treating combat veterans suffering from PTSD in 1996. Dr. Black has provided psychological training programs for law enforcement crisis and hostage negotiation teams at the local and federal levels, and has also provided statewide training for forensic psychologists on topics including threat assessment, targeted violence, crime motive analysis, and violence risk assessment.

Jeff Dill

In 2011, Jeff Dill founded Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance (FBHA). This organization is a 501 (3) (C). www.ffbha.org

Jeff travels the United States & Canada holding workshops to educate firefighters & EMS about behavioral health awareness and suicide prevention. FBHA is the only known organization that tracks and validates data on all FF and EMT suicides across the United States. In addition, FBHA holds classes for counselors/chaplains, family members and preparing for retirement. Jeff Dill holds a Master's Degree in Counseling from Argosy University (IL), a Licensed Professional Counselor, and a retired Captain at Palatine Rural Fire Protection District in Inverness, Illinois.

Mark Emery

After 40-years of service, Mark Emery recently retired as the Fire Chief at East Valley Fire Department in Yakima County, WA. Mark self-published the ITAC Strategic Development manual, and has published numerous articles for Firehouse magazine, FireRescue magazine, and for the FDSOA Health and Safety Newsletter. Mark is co-developer of the Integrated Tactical Accountability System (ITAC), and creator of the popular ITAC Command Competency Clinic. Chief Emery was selected as the 2015 George D. Post Instructor of the Year at FDIC, and serves as the Region 10 Director of the National Fire Academy Alumni Association.

Eric Guevin

Chief Guevin joined the Tahoe Douglas Fire Department in the spring of 2010 as the Fire Marshal and serves in a rewarding career for the department. He enjoys contributing to the success of the Department and the safety of the Stateline NV, a Lake Tahoe community.

Eric Guevin started his career in Emergency Services early during high school when he was president of Medic 1 Paramedics BSA Explorer program. He received his Paramedic training at Truckee Meadows Community College. He worked for a brief time in Oakland, California, and was shaken back to his roots after the World Series Earthquake. Eric was then employed by REMSA as a Paramedic; working up the ranks to Director of Education and Director of Community Relations. During his 12 years at REMSA, he was a Flight Medic and Critical Care Paramedic. Eric became a major safety advocate and was the Founding Director of Safe Kids Washoe County Coalition, he created and lead the volunteer organization of REMSA's Point of Impact child passenger safety program. He received the American Ambulance Associations Star of Life award, Public Agency Community Service award from The Tahoe Chamber, and served as Chair on Governor Bryan Sandavol's appointed State Board Fire Services. Eric is an instructor for the TMCC Fire Science program.

In 2005, Eric started his fire career and joined the rapidly expanding Storey County Fire Department where he served for 5 years. He was promoted to Fire Marshal and Division Chief. Eric is a Certified Inspector II and Plans Examiner with the International Code Council. He holds a degree from Columbia Southern University in Fire Science and a Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration from Walden University.



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