



JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FIRE SCIENCE **CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY**

The Fire Science Division is offering the following shift friendly continuing education opportunity for current and aspiring fire officers and chief officers at our Olathe Health Education Campus. The registration link is below, and the course fee is for any one day and includes lunch on site.

COURSE INFORMATION:

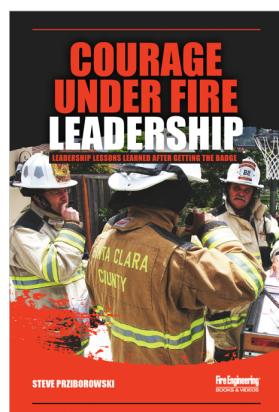
Title: Courage Under Fire Leadership

Days / Times:
Monday February 9, 2026 – 0800 to 1700 (Company Officer focused)
Tuesday February 10, 2026 – 0800 to 1700 (Company Officer focused)
Wednesday February 11, 2026 – 0800 to 1700 (Company Officer focused)
Thursday February 12, 2026 – 0800 to 1700 (Chief Officer focused)
Friday February 13, 2026 – 0800 to 1700 (Chief Officer focused)
- *Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday is a 1-day class repeated 3 times.*
- *Thursday & Friday is a 1-day class repeated 2 times.*

Registration:
Company Officer days (Monday, Tuesday OR Wednesday):
<https://continuinged.jccc.edu/courses/detail/48426>
Chief Officer days (Thursday OR Friday):
<https://continuinged.jccc.edu/courses/detail/48427>

Cost: \$100 each day (including lunch)

Course Description:



This session is intended for current and aspiring fire officers & chief officers. For a fire department to be successful, leadership and followership are both required. As a fire service professional and especially as a leader in today's fire service, one must possess "Courage Under Fire" and continuously aspire to be the best you can be for them – those you are fortunate to lead and serve. Do you have what it takes to be a great fire officer in the year 2026 and more importantly beyond?

Situations anyone in the fire service (especially a fire officer) may face today can have severe consequences to the positive image of the fire service, their career, or the careers of those they lead or follow. If you are an officer, and you want to be everyone's buddy, or never want to be "that person" when it comes to being the designated adult, then this session may not be for you. However, if you're willing to be the follower and leader you took the oath for when accepting the position (even as a firefighter), you will find some value to the information being discussed. Being a fire officer in today's fire service requires a delicate balance to ensure one is supporting their personnel and their command staff, while ultimately providing the best possible service to the community.

Current topics affecting the fire service, events that have occurred to the fire service (good and not-so-good), as well as personal lessons learned (some the hard way), will be shared and

discussed in a positive and productive manner. Attendees will be exposed to and can leave with numerous tips for leadership success – both on AND off the job!

Topics to be shared and discussed can include but are not limited to:

- Courage Under Fire Leadership – Being the best fire service professional you can be!
- Fire officer leadership lessons learned AFTER getting the badge
- Preventing career and/or life altering events
- Personal leadership / traits of effective leaders
- Leadership & teamwork doesn't start at the top – they start at the firehouse!
- Establishing your leader's intent and holding personnel accountable
- Mentoring & succession planning (Building our bench strength)
- Balancing leadership, management & supervisory responsibilities



Biography:

Steve Prziborowski, a 34-year fire service veteran, was a Deputy Chief with Santa Clara County (CA) Fire Department. He is an Instructor for the Chabot College (CA) Fire Technology Program, the National Fire Academy, and is actively involved in the fire service speaking, writing and mentoring personnel aspiring to get hired or get promoted to all ranks up to fire chief. Steve received the 2020 Ronny Jack Coleman Leadership Legacy Award from the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) and in 2008, is a Former Executive Board Member for the California Fire Chiefs Association, and a Former President of the Northern California Training Officers Association.

He has a master's degree in emergency services administration, has completed the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy, and has received Chief Fire Officer and Chief Training Officer Designation through CPSE. Steve is a regular speaker across the country, having presented sessions in 40 states, moving closer to reaching his goal of all 50 states. He has authored/contributed to articles, podcasts, videos, and books in the leading fire service publications, and has published five career development books: *"Courage Under Fire Leadership"* (published by Fire Engineering Books - 2024), *"101 Tips to Ace Your Promotional Exam"* (published by Fire Engineering Books - 2021), *"Reach for the Firefighter Badge,"* *"The Future Firefighter's Preparation Guide,"* and *"How to Excel at Fire Department Promotional Exams."*

Courage Under Fire Leadership is a topic he passionately discusses to ensure today's leaders are prepared for not only today's challenges, but also tomorrow's challenges. For more information on Steve as well as numerous free resources, visit: www.code3firetraining.com