

# BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

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## BURLINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING CENTER

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### **'BUILDING EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK'**

Effective teamwork has a direct effect on the success of any fire company. This is obvious for emergency incidents but it also applies to every day station life and our Fire Service training programs. In an effort to teach successful teamwork and leadership concepts, this program uses one of the most popular sports in this country for comparison.... **Football**. Examples used were taken from the Boise State documentary called "Out of the Blue" A film about Life and Football from Arts Alliance America.

Concepts discussed include:

- "Be Here Now"
- Win as a team or die as individuals
- It takes individual preparation
- Trust your teammates
- Know your teammates-Understand how they will react
- Be prepared
- We have a Blue Collar Mentality
- Continually getting better
- Believe in something larger than yourself
- Set goals-Meet expectations (Roll Call)
- You must have well defined standards for your team. Enforce these standards.
- CHARACTER TRAITS: Personal Discipline, Patience, Confidence, Handling Pressure, Work Ethic

We as fire company officers have to find creative ways to teach and encourage these concepts.

**LEAD BY EXAMPLE.** Design training drills and classes that encourage and emphasize these ideas.

This FDIC program will use video clips from the documentary to provide an entertaining look at how training and fire ground operations can be with the right attitude. Training does not have to be a bad word in your department? If it is, then it is time to start changing the training culture. The fire service is a team sport. We must depend on one another. We need to teach each member that they are expected to do their part for the success of the entire team. We have to start thinking more of We and less of I.

This program has been described as "inspiring", "thought provoking" and "professionally and personally challenging".

### **Battalion Chief Jerry Wells, Lewisville Fire Department, Lewisville Texas**

Jerry Wells is a Battalion Chief with the Lewisville, Texas fire department. With 26 years of service, he has served at all levels from Firefighter/Paramedic to Battalion Chief. He is a second generation firefighter and holds a bachelor's degree in emergency management from the University of North Texas. He has been a volunteer in his community and served as an adjunct instructor for a short time at Collin County Community College of Fire Science. He is a FDIC instructor and has written articles for Fire Engineering Magazine

**Target Audience: Fire, EMS, Rescue, 1<sup>st</sup> Responder, and Police personnel**

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person                      Dinner will be provided  
**Date-Time:** November 3, 2011                      6:00 pm – 11:00 pm (5:45-6:50 Dinner)  
**Location:** Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center  
53 Academy Drive, Westampton, New Jersey 08060

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## 2011 FALL SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

BUILDING EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK – BATTALION CHIEF JERRY WELLS – NOVEMBER 3, 2011

DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name	Last Name	(Print or type)	First Name	Last Name

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO  
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