

LESSON ONE

CHIEF 101

Ethical Considerations

DOMAIN: COGNITIVE

LEVEL OF LEARNING: KNOWLEDGE

MATERIALS

Updated Chief 101 content including lesson plans and PowerPoint presentations.

TERMINAL OBJECTIVE

To inform current and future chief officers of the various aspects and complexities surrounding the operations and organization of North Carolina fire departments.

ENABLING OBJECTIVES

1. Establish criteria that encourage fire service personnel to promote a culture of ethical integrity and high standards of professionalism in our field.
2. Mitigate and negate situations that may result in embarrassment and waning of public support for what has historically been a highly respected profession.

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MOTIVATION

Developed in response to the publication of the Fire Service Reputation Management White Paper, the purpose of this National Firefighter Code of Ethics is to establish criteria that encourage fire service personnel to promote a culture of ethical integrity and high standards of professionalism in our field. The broad scope of this recommended Code of Ethics is intended to mitigate and negate situations that may result in embarrassment and waning of public support for what has historically been a highly respected profession.

PRESENTATION

ENABLING OBJECTIVE # 1

Establish criteria that encourage fire service personnel to promote a culture of ethical integrity and high standards of professionalism in our field.

1. Discuss personal conduct and how it affects the department and the fire service in general.
2. Discuss the concepts of accepting responsibility as well as the concept of fairness while maintaining the value of divers thoughts and opinions.

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PRESENTATION

ENABLING OBJECTIVE # 2

Mitigate and negate situations that may result in embarrassment and waning of public support for what has historically been a highly respected profession.

1. Discuss the situations to avoid that could adversely affect the credibility of the fire service and how to assure that those situations don't happen.
2. Discuss financial pitfalls that have the potential to create the perception of impropriety.
3. Discuss discrimination and harassment as it relates to ethical issues in the fire service.

SUMMARY

“Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have a right to do and what is right to do.” — Potter Stewart.