

Battalion Chief Frank C. Montagna, FDNY (Retired)

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Profile

As a retired Battalion Chief for the New York City Fire Department, with a background of progressive growth and increased responsibility in fire suppression, protection, management and education, I continue training fire departments on utility emergencies and fires and writing on fire related topics.

Professional Experience

New York City Fire Department

July, 1970 – July, 2013

Battalion Chief-In-Charge of Curriculum and Officer Development at FDNY Bureau of Training ————— October 2003 – July 2013

- Responsible for conceiving, developing and teaching training courses for firefighters, lieutenants, captains and chiefs
- Create computer fire simulations for promotion courses and FDNY's training Kiosk
- Applied for and received accreditation for such courses on the collegiate level through the ACE and PONSJ programs
- Select and train instructors to assist in teaching developed courses
- Develop and administer tests and evaluations
- Constant review and revision of courses taught at the NYC Fire Academy
- Regular direction and guidance of instructors and lecturers through continuous evaluations and coaching
- Worked closely with Consolidated Edison Utility Company in creating training bulletins, videos, articles and courses.

Battalion Chief Battalion 58 ————— April, 1987 – October 2003

- Was responsible as Battalion Commander for overall management of four firehouses, six fire companies, and the training and supervision of three battalion chiefs, six captains, eighteen lieutenants and one hundred fifty firefighters.
- Directed strategy, tactics and safety at fires and emergencies
- Administrated and supervised personnel, building inspections and training of six fire companies
- Investigated apparatus accidents
- Evaluated department programs
- Acted as liaison between Fire Department and Community Board

Captain, Tower Ladder 149 ————— **October 1985 - April 1987**

- Held responsibility for administration and training of ladder company personnel
- Supervised company consisting of three Lieutenants and twenty-five firefighters
- Supervised ladder company at fires and emergencies and acted as incident commander until arrival of chief officer
- Directed building inspections
- Conducted daily training sessions

Captain-In-Charge, FDNY Apparatus

Chauffeur Training School ————— **August 1983 – October 1985**

- Selected, trained, supervised and evaluated ten Instructors
- Wrote and reviewed manuals, lesson plans and exams
- Monitored and evaluated students and instructors
- Selected, edited and composed copy for training films
- Coordinated resources and training activities
- Supervised apparatus maintenance

Instructor, Probationary Fire Academy ————— **March 1983 – August 1983**

- Taught firematics
- Prepared, researched and updated lesson plans
- Prepared visual educational aids
- Administered and scored exams
- Evaluated and tutored students

Lieutenant, Engine Company 88 ————— **February, 1979 – March 1983**

- Supervised five firefighters at fires and emergencies
- Responsible for building inspections
- Conducted daily training sessions

Firefighter, Ladder Company 13 ————— **March, 1978 – February 1979**

- Performed truck firefighter duties at fires and emergencies
- Worked as battalion firefighter

Firefighter, Engine Company 22 ————— **July, 1970 – February 1978**

- Performed engine company firefighter duties

Professional Contributions

Teaching Activities

- Lectures at the FDIC and other national conferences
- Designed, produced and delivered seminars and lectures on firefighting topics to various fire departments
- Trained as a carbon monoxide instructor by the International Association of Fire Chiefs
- Conduct seminars on CO response to various Fire Departments in US and Canada
- Developed and taught leadership and fire related undergraduate courses, including courses based on his book, for John Jay College as adjunct professor
- Acted as an assessor for the Huston TX Fire Department Captains Promotion Exam
- Designed computer fire simulations for promotion courses and online training
- Works with Long Beach NY FD on training issues and lectures on various fire related topics.

Contributing Editor Fire Engineering Magazine

- Review submitted articles for publication suitability
- Write articles on varied fire and training related topics
- Develop monthly on-line interactive firefighting training simulations for *Fire Engineering's* web site

Published

- 1992 to present - authored numerous articles on firefighting, firematics and training related topics for various trade publications including "Fire Engineering", "**Fire Rescue Interactive**" and "**WNYF**" (With New York Firefighters)
- 1999 – "**Responding To 'Routine' Emergencies**" hardcover published by Pennwell
- 2006 - companion workbook to "**Responding to 'Routine' Emergencies**"

Web Design Created/maintains training resource website:

<http://www.chiefmontagna.net>

Education BS in Fire Science, City University of New York, John Jay College

Additional Training

Homeland Security – Instruction on a variety of subject areas including bomb component recognition and weapons of mass destruction, terrorism awareness, surveillance, etc.

CIA – Workshops on evidence preservation and collection and chemical/biological lab recognition

Awards

- Meritorious Awards - Class A and Class B
- 9/11 Campaign Medal

- FDNY Administrative Award: "*Honorary Fire Officers Association Administrative Medal*"
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