

Kalamazoo County Fire Chiefs Training Committee Presents:

NOZZLE FORWARD

“All things Engine”

The one thing that every fire department in the country has is fire hose. The one event that happens on every single fire is a hose-line gets pulled and water gets flowed. The Nozzle Forward is a class for engine company crews. It is not a collection of technique; it is an adaptable system of hose line management and fire attack. It is focused around fighting fire, interior offensive firefighting, aggressive firefighting, for which we will never apologize. Aggressive firefighting is not the problem, it is the solution.

For today’s nozzle-person, the art of hose and fire suppression often has been obscured and put to the side in favor of other “hot topic” training. How to attack fire and move the line has been ignored and forgotten by many engine companies. “The fire goes as the first line goes,” so Go Dog Go.

It is the ongoing development of an in-depth study of all things engine. It is not a “what if” class, it is a program designed to engrain the nozzle team to make the right choice and be able to accomplish whatever task is necessary for a successful interior attack. It is not theory; it is proven on fire-grounds around the country. Adapted from a variety of sources, but reconstructed to be based around simple principles that maximize mechanical advantage.

The class answers the “whys,” not just the “what’s,” and quickly creates a system that can be adapted to fit any engine company from the urban to the rural.

The goal of the “The Nozzle Forward” is to help craft more efficient Engine Companies by increasing the individuals’ competency with their tools and expanding on the conceptual aspects of the fire environment.

The course will integrate the three major components of engine company work; fire behavior, hose management, and fire attack.

The class is 22 hours with the morning of day one being a lecture.

September 26 & 27th 2019
(2 day course) 8am-6pm both days
Location: Kalamazoo Regional Training Tower
Lunch will be provided

Class Fee: \$200
50 Student Max!!
Students must register on smoke and google doc
<https://forms.gle/ghpQJWecaDa593QQA>
S.M.O.K.E ID Q66F

Pre-Registration
Due by June 1st 2019

Any Questions Contact Chief Poenicke
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AARON FIELDS



Aaron Fields is a firefighter for the City of Seattle and the OG of the Nozzle Forward. Between his dad, brother, and himself, there is nearly always a Fields member on watch somewhere in the 5th battalion. His aspiration has always been to ride on the back of Engine 28, allowing him to work in the neighborhood he grew up in (98118 shout-out). After time at 28's, Aaron moved to his dad's spot on Engine Company 13, Battalion 5 headquarters. He is known for his dislike of "the MAN", tendency to question authority, and zealous belief that good basics win. Aaron developed the skills shared in the Nozzle Forward in an unrelenting pursuit of all things engine. The skills are adapted from many sources, but reconstructed to be based around simple principles that maximize mechanical advantage. At the request of folks who wanted to see how he was going about hand-line use the Nozzle Forward was born as a program and has been slap'in lines around since 2008. When all else fails, give 'em a West Coast Salute.....

Aaron is the recipient of the 2017 Fire Engineering/International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI) George D. Post Instructor of the Year Award, A firefighter with the Seattle (WA) Fire Department, he was named Seattle Firefighter of the Year in 2011 by his peers.

