BLUE CARD
Critical Thinking and Strategic Decision Making Workshop
Coming to Hamilton County April 27 & 28, 2027

The Blue Card Strategic Decision-Making & Critical Thinking Workshop is a **two-day program that takes an in-depth look at how incident commanders make decisions under rapidly developing fireground conditions**. Participants examine the Blue Card Strategic Decision-Making Model step by step, to learn how to make more effective fireground decisions.

Whether your department is implementing Blue Card for the first time or reinforcing an established program, this workshop provides the foundation that connects the system to the reasoning behind it. This workshop is critical to improving incident size-up, applying risk management, and preventing firefighters from working in offensive positions during defensive fire conditions.

The Blue Card Critical Thinking and Strategic Decision Making course is designed to reinforce the Functions of Command while developing a trainable, repeatable decision-making process for the fireground. This approach significantly reduces the risk of serious injury or line-of-duty death (LODD) for firefighters operating in offensive positions during defensive conditions. The course is grounded in proven incident command principles, the effective application of modern fire service research, and a clear, transparent decision-making standard.

One of the greatest challenges for initial and strategic-level incident commanders is the application of sound decision-making and the use of effective tactics on the fireground. This is achieved most effectively when the incident commander has a strong understanding of the incident command system, fire behavior, building construction, life safety, and a clear awareness of the operational capabilities and limitations of fire companies. This is an exceptionally demanding role.

Blue Card clearly defines the most effective and consistent incident command process through the Functions of Command. As a linear system, it provides a complete incident command framework applicable to any hazard from beginning to end. To effectively connect fireground tactics to strategy, incident commanders, division supervisors, and company officers must apply a critical-thinking process that links strategic-level considerations to tactical operations. This process must be already activated, consistently trained, actively monitored on the fireground, and reinforced through accountability. It ultimately becomes the foundation for all training and decision-making within the hazard zone.

Register at bshifter.com, follow the QR code or call (855) 872-5822

Springdale Fire Department - Springdale, Ohio
12147 Lawnview Avenue - Only 40 Seats!

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