

Effective Leadership for a New Decade

“The Heat of Battle; How well would you have done at Gettysburg?”

An interactive presentation that utilizes the movie “Gettysburg” to study the leadership characteristics and challenges of four generals who fought at the battle in July of 1863. Participants will get the chance to match their own characteristics and challenges against these distinguished Civil War officers from both sides – and how it pertains to the Fire Service of today.

Do you take the high ground? How do you use your intelligence? What trust do you put in your subordinates? Will your leadership guide ALL those that are moving with you?



Salt River Fire Chief David Bunce

Chief Bunce has 34 years of experience in the fire service where he has progressed through all ranks in three organizations. Chief Bunce started as a Hotshot with the USDA Forest Service out of Flagstaff, Arizona suppressing forest fires throughout the western United States. He then was hired by Rural/Metro Fire Department where he served as a Firefighter, Captain, Battalion Chief, and finally the National Fire Chief responsible for all their fire operations throughout the U.S. and in Bolivia.

After his retirement from Rural/Metro Fire Department, Chief Bunce accepted the position as Fire Chief and Emergency Manager for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Through strategic planning and visioning, the department has moved to a new level of safety services for the Community. The Chief has also has been instrumental in getting national fire service organizations to reach out and recognize the challenges of Native American fire departments.

During his career he has been asked to speak and provide guidance for fire service organizations throughout the world including departments in Sweden, Canada, and South America.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration and is currently finishing his Master's degree in Fire Administration. He is a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program from the National Fire Academy, as well as being one of its adjunct instructors in Incident Command and Organizational Theory. Chief Bunce is also an instructor for the Emergency Management Institute, co-located with the Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.