

Department of Fire Services Massachusetts Firefighting Academy

September 10, 17, 24, 2015 October 1, 22, 29, 2015 November 19, 2015 December 3, 10, 17, 2015 January 7, 14, 21, 2016

#### Course Number:

200-014-331-2015-FA-A

#### Location:

Massachusetts Firefighting Academy One State Road Stow, MA Classroom - 127

#### Time:

0800-1600

## Application Due Date:

July 3, 2015

#### Notes:

This is a "Priority Selection" course which is not first come-first serve.

## **Priority Selection Date:**

July 17, 2015

#### Credits

FCC = pending

FPO = 8

# CHIEF FIRE OFFICER MANAGEMENT TRAINING

The Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program is an intensive 13 session course, presented in partnership with the University of Massachusetts Edward J. Collins Jr. Center for Public Management.

This course is designed to provide the new chief officer with a variety of leadership and management skills essential in municipal management. The information covered and case histories will be pertinent to Massachusetts municipal government.

The topics covered include: leadership and the chief officer; administrative structure; communication skills; budget and financial skills; supervision and management; human resource management; community and intergovernmental relations; emergency management; logic, ethics and decision making; comprehensive safety and health programs; fire and life safety programs; and organizational and strategic planning.

# **Course Completion Requirements:**

Students are expected to attend and participate in 100% of all sessions. The participant is required to do a considerable amount of out-of-class preparation in advance of each session to maximize their understanding of the course materials.

A key requirement of this program is the successful development and completion of an applied research paper on a topic relevant to the student's duties and responsibilities as a senior fire official. Students will also be required to present and defend their paper in a separate oral presentation.

In addition to the course dates, those accepted will be required to attend a separate one-day orientation prior to the start of this program.