

## Battalion Chief Robert Avsec (Ret)

### **Biography**

Battalion Chief (Ret.) Robert Avsec served with the women and men of the Chesterfield County (Va.) Fire & EMS Department for 26 years. As a captain for 10 years and a battalion chief for his last eight years, he served in a variety of middle management roles in the department responsible for leading, guiding, and directing people in pursuit of the mission--delivery of high quality emergency services to a full-time population of 310,000 residents. Assignments during Chief Avsec's career included: command in the Emergency Operations Division; Director of Training and Safety Division; Director of Emergency Communications Center; and Director of EMS Division.

LRFES Program –

Friday Evening November 2, 2018 – 7:00 PM at Oakhill Fire Station - ***Community Risk Reduction is not a New Name for Fire Prevention.***

Saturday Morning – November 3, 2018 – 8:30 AM at Oakhill Fire Station - ***Incident and Crew Management***

Saturday Afternoon – November 3, 2018 – 1:00 PM at Oakhill Fire Station - ***How to become a Champion for Fire and Life Safety.***

Sunday Morning – November 4, 2018 – 8:30 AM at Bridgewater Fire Station - ***The fire officer's role in protecting their mental health and the mental health of their people.***

**Registration for LRFES Members is free, but we will serve a light lunch on Saturday for those attending both sessions, so we will require numbers.**

Friday Evening Session	Saturday Morning Session	Saturday Afternoon Session
<p>Conduct group discussion on the topic of:</p> <p><b><i>Community Risk Reduction is not a New Name for Fire Prevention.</i></b></p>	<p>Deliver a program on <b><i>Incident and Crew Management</i></b>. we'll discuss the key responsibilities a fire officer has for safely, effectively, and efficiently managing the emergency scene and the responding personnel.</p> <p>Today's fire officer must possess a wide range of leadership and management skills to successfully take care of their assigned personnel, apparatus and facilities.</p> <p>One of the core competencies for any fire officer is the ability to manage tactical operations for their crew and as the initial Incident Commander (IC) on incidents. This requires a skill set that includes, but is not limited to, the ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the advances made to improve firefighter safety</li> <li>• Describe the difference between reactive and proactive fire ground strategies employed by fire departments.</li> <li>• Develop and deliver a concise On-Scene Report via radio upon arrival at an incident;</li> <li>• Describe the process for conducting a 360-degree assessment of an incident;</li> <li>• Develop an Incident Action Plan (on "the fly" and "in your head");</li> <li>• Develop and deliver a Size-up Report via radio that provides additional information and initial tactical assignments from your IAP to incoming resources.</li> <li>• Manage a crew of 3-5 firefighters to accomplish tactical functions as assigned by the IC.</li> </ul>	<p>Deliver a program on <b><i>How to become a Champion for Fire and Life Safety.</i></b></p> <p>All firefighters and officers have important roles within their fire company. None should be more important than that of being a champion for fire and life safety education.</p> <p>This is not your "Mom and Dad's Fire Prevention Lecture!" This program will engage participants and show them how to champion public fire and life-safety education programs to reduce death and injury from preventable fires.</p> <p>Participants will come to know and understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How fire and life-safety education can reduce fire and life emergencies in your community.</li> <li>• The difference between public education and public relations.</li> <li>• The steps necessary to develop fire and life-safety education programs for the public.</li> <li>• List ways to evaluate public fire and life-safety education programs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sunday Morning Session</b></p>		<p>The fire officer's role in protecting their mental health and the mental health of their people.</p>