

Tennessee Firemen's Association to host another year of Nozzle Forward



For a third and possible final year, the Tennessee Firemen's Association is hosting Aaron Field's *Nozzle Forward* (www.NozzleForward.com) at the Doug Young Public Safety Training Facility in Murfreesboro, TN. The dates for the class are March 7 & 8, 2020.

This immensely popular class saw over 150 attendees last year and received rave reviews. Even firefighters with over 20 years' experience were astonished at how much they took away from this high energy weekend. Be cautious that this course is very physically demanding.

Registration information can be found online at <http://TNNozzleForward2020.Eventbrite.com>

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 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.

If you would like more information about the course, contact Lt. John Russ with Brentwood Fire & Rescue at John.Russ@BrentwoodTN.gov.