

Developing the Next Generation of Fire Service Leaders

Professional development is the planned, progressive and lifelong process of education, training, self-development and experience that one gains during their development. In the fire service, professional development is a critical element of being a leader and a professional. When we step up to accept the responsibility of leadership, we also accept an obligation to continue our training, education, learning, personal experience and growth as we strive to improve our effectiveness. Professional development is an excellent tool for meeting that obligation. As fire service organizations, we must strive to provide continuing guidance to our most valuable resource, our personnel, through a carefully crafted professional development plan that meets the specific needs of the organization. This program will help students with a guide to developing themselves as well as the ability to develop an organizational professional development model for their department.