

Douglas Cline

Chief of the Training and Professional Development Division with Horry County Fire Recue, a Metro Department with over 650 Fire and Emergency Medical Personnel, serving a diverse population and 1250 square miles of jurisdiction. He is the Executive Editor for The Fire Officer and Executive Director for the Command Institute in Washington D.C. A 38-year fire and emergency services veteran as well as a well-known international speaker and instructor presenting dynamic power packed /high intensity programs on leadership, instructor development, officer development, fire ground tactics, rapid intervention team training and firefighter safety and survival. Cline is a highly published author of articles, blogs and textbooks for both Fire and EMS. As a Chief Officer, Cline is a distinguished authority of officer development and has traveled internationally delivering distinguished programs on leadership and officer development. He also has a diverse line of training videos on Leadership, Rapid Intervention Team Training, Vehicle Fires, Hose Line Management, Emergency Vehicle Operations and Fire Ground Safety and Survival. Cline, a retired Fire Chief, is a Level III Fire Instructor, National Fire Academy Instructor and an EMS Instructor. Chief Cline is the Immediate President of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI), past President of the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs (SEAF), a member of the South Carolina and North Carolina Society of Fire and Rescue Instructors. Cline serves as a National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) Advocate for Everyone Goes Home, serves on the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Act Grant criteria development committee, Congressional Fire Service Institute (CFSI) National Advisory Committee, FDIC Advisory Board and a peer reviewer for the Fire Act Grants. In 1999, Cline was honored by the International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI) by being awarded the prestigious George D. Post International Instructor of the Year. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Services with a Minor in Education from Concord University. He is an Associate Professor at Horry Georgetown Community College teaching in the Fire Science Associates program. Chief Cline has been actively involved with the fire dynamics research conducted by ISFSI and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). As a Strategy and Tactics theorist he has worked to help translated the research data into cutting edge operational theories, methodologies instructional programs and fire ground tactical operations focused on the Modern Fire Environment. Chief Cline is the executive producer of Fire Engineering's "Fire and Training Blog Talk Radio show and Fire Weekly's radio show "The Chief's Trumpet", the official Blog Talk Radio show for the Southeast Association of Fire Chiefs. Cline is the co-producer of the Fire and EMS Blogs "The Fire Officer"