

Tim Binfet

Robert J. Colameta Jr. - He is the 2010 recipient of Instructor of the Year award presented at FDIC. The award, which incorporates the Training Achievement Award previously given by *Fire Engineering* at the FDIC, is named for George D. Post, who was a long-time member of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI). He is also a firefighter with the Everett (MA) Fire Department. He has more than 23 years of experience in adult education. He worked for the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services for 10 years, serving as assistant coordinator of curriculum development, assistant coordinator for the Office of Certification, and coordinator of staff services-instructor training. In 2003, he developed his own unique online training network called The Public Safety Education Network (www.publicsafetyedu.com). His company provides municipal fire departments with custom training opportunities to meet their specific needs at affordable prices. In 2005, he was contracted by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to develop a curriculum around the Courage to Be Safe® training program. In 2006, he became the national program manager of the Courage to Be Safe® program and has developed the Courage to Be Safe® Online Trainers Resource Network to interact, exchange stories, and access a library of media add-on materials to enhance the teaching experience. In addition, he has developed and deployed more than 42 online learning media segments based on the 16 Life Safety Initiatives. He continues to deliver training to departments across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as well as fire departments across the United States.

Howard Cross - Since 1987 he has been a highly sought after instructor at the National Fire Academy in Maryland where he teaches Executive Fire Officer and Interpersonal Dynamics Programs. He is in demand as a national speaker delivering special event keynote and closing addresses to large and small groups worldwide. Howard is the co-author of The Group Games Collection a book on team building activities.

Rick Jorgenson is the training officer and has been with the Lidgerwood Fire Department for 15 years. He is a NREMT-B, ND Auto Extrication Instructor, NDFA certified FF I, FFII, Fire Instructor I & II, a Firefighter I & II Certification Tester and a CTBS instructor. Rick also serves on the NDFA Certification Advisory Committee.

Rob Knuth has been a member of Minot Rural Fire Department since 2002. He has held the position of Company Officer and is currently an Assistant Chief. He is a ND Auto Extrication Instructor, NDFA certified FF I, FFII, Fire Instructor I and, a Firefighter I & II Certification Tester. Rob currently is the NDFA State Training Director.

Brooks Martin is a Capitan with the Bismarck Fire Department. Brooks has 15 years of fire service experience. His first two years was with the Valley City Fire Department before moving to Bismarck. Brooks is Certified Firefighter I & II, Fire Service Instructor I & II and a Firefighter Certification Tester with the NDFA. Brooks is the Region VIII Advocate for the "Everyone Goes Home: Courage to be Safe Program" (CTBS).

Tom Schons is a Captain with the Fargo Fire Department. He started his fire career in 1975 with the Moorhead Fire Department. In 1982, he joined the Fargo Fire Department where he has been a Captain for the past 15 years. Tom graduated from Moorhead State University with a degree in Education and has frequently participated as an instructor in the fire service over the past thirty years.



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