



Lieutenant Steve Robertson has been in the fire service for 33 years, the last 30 of which have been with the Columbus Division of Fire. Steve currently serves as the Lieutenant on Engine Company 18 in the South Linden neighborhood of Columbus. Steve has been a classroom instructor at FDIC for the past several years teaching engine company operations. Additionally, Lieutenant Robertson was the lead instructor of the FDIC HOT program Stretching for Success. Steve is an instructor for County Fire Tactics and has taught engine company tactics nationally. He has also instructed at the High Rise Operations Conference and Command Officers

Bootcamp, Water on the Fire Conference all in Pensacola Beach Florida. For the past 27 years, Steve has also been a state-certified Fire Safety Instructor. He is also a past member of the State of Ohio Fire Training Committee.

Lieutenant Steve Robertson will be presenting "Engine Company Tactical Traps" at the 2023 Ohio Fire & Rescue Officer Development Conference. We have all been there, the fire that goes sideways; we struggle to get it back on track. When tactical mistakes happen early in a fire, things tend to continue down that path. These fires happen all too often, yet we fail to address the real issue, bad tactical decisions. Tactical traps are all over the place on fire scenes and are often overlooked. This class will discuss several common ones, discount auto part stores, dollar stores, and all type 2 construction buildings. These types of structures offer several of the same tactical traps. We will discuss fortified rear doors, partition walls, and heavy fire loads. Also covered will be access to balloon frame void fires, cockloft, and attic fires. Basement fires to electric cars, hoarders' conditions to vertical stretches. Your initial tactical considerations will dictate the outcome of the fire. None of us are perfect. We all make mistakes on every fire; it's not that we make mistakes, it's how we recover from those mistakes. Unfortunately, no one on the fire ground is coming behind you to fix your problem. The class is 33 years of experience riding an engine company and 21 from the right front seat. Experience matters! We only get one chance to set the tone for the entire fire.