



# Size Up and Command for the Small Department



This four-hour seminar will be a fast-paced event with tons of information and fireground size up and command tools to help any officer of any rank on the fireground regardless of experience level. Attendees will better understand how to avoid the “Fog of the Fireground” which can catch anyone at any type of event. We will also review and better understand the MAYDAY from a command and company officer viewpoint. We will also review simulations created on YOUR buildings in YOUR response areas. Pronesti explains how small fire departments can make the most out of their limited resources to help them avoid the pitfalls that some larger fire departments are able to contain.

**Joseph Pronesti** is a 36-year veteran of the city of Elyria (OH) Fire Department, where he currently serves as Chief of the Department. He is a past multi-year FDIC Presenter, frequent contributor to Fire Engineers and also a member of two UL Firefighter Safety Advisory Boards.



**“My mistake of getting “sidetracked” on arrival could’ve led to a serious problem on one of my fireground commands. Don’t let your self be sidetracked and “lost” at your next serious event.**

**This class will review Size-Up utilizing simulations from local buildings, the handling of a MAYDAY and the review of Project MAYDAY Study. Whether you are a brand-new member of the fire service or a 30-year veteran, there will be something for all to take back to their respective departments.”**

The **Berrien County Firefighters Training Committee** is going to be hosting this firefighter training course that is Michigan – Office of Fire Fighters Training (OFFT) certified. Each firefighter that attends and completes the course will be issued a certificate from the OFFT.

This course will take place at the St. Joseph Township Hall / Fire Station # 1,  
3000 Washington Avenue, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

**This course is being held on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>; from 9:00am – 1:00pm**

- Student requirements: Must be a member of a Michigan Fire Department

**This course is being offered at no cost.**

**Register in SMOKE: 2025-2-11-Q66K-0262**

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For questions about the course or issues with getting registered to attend, please contact:  
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