

WVPST COURSE OFFERING

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LOCATION: Augusta VFC

DATE: May 30 – 6:30pm – 9:30pm

BIO...

Bill Adams has been involved with the volunteer fire service since 1976. He has held many positions including firefighter, engineer, lieutenant, captain, and for the past 11 years has served as the Assistant Fire Chief with the Metal Township Fire and Ambulance Company in Franklin County. Bill has been a Pennsylvania Fire Service Instructor since 2010 and an adjunct instructor for the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy. Bill's passion is working with firefighters to better educate them on vehicle operations. He donates a great deal of his time to help fire personnel and volunteers in the fire service get their CDL drivers licenses throughout the tri-state area. Bill spent 36 years as a professional overthe-road truck driver, hauling everything from general freight to heavy equipment and fuel, running coast to coast in the United States and Canada. Bill has logged more than 6 million miles, earning numerous safety awards, including the prestigious 5-million-mile safety award given after 5 million miles without a preventable accident. Bill has been a driver trainer in the trucking industry for most of his driving career. One honor that Bill is very proud of is his time serving on the Pennsylvania State and America's Road Teams, where he worked with media as well as state and national governments to promote safety in the transportation industry. In his spare time, Bill maintains a small farm in rural Franklin County, Pennsylvania where he and his wife of 35 years, Georgia, and their dog Aria raise beef cattle and till 90 acres of crop land.

INSTRUCTOR: Bill Adams

Assistant Chief of the Metal Township Volunteer Fire Department

HOURS: 3

In this "TRUE LIFE STORY," Bill Adams, Assistant Chief of the Metal Township Volunteer Fire Department in Franklin County, was responding to a fire in the rain when the fire engine he was driving suddenly hydroplaned. The truck slid off the road and down an embankment. Bill will bring his inspiring story of how he fought to survive against all odds and why this life- changing event made him more determined than ever to continue serving as an instructor and firefighter. The course reviews some basic philosophies of safe vehicle response and operation, and introduces the concept of space and speed management in the operation of any vehicle. On September 9, 2018, while responding to a working dwelling fire, Bill

was critically injured in a roll-over apparatus accident. His life and his family's life drastically changed in many ways. The brotherhood of the fire service and the community have rallied to help support his family and his department. This is his story...

This class is offered free of charge.

Pre-registration required online at <u>www.wvpst.org</u>. Select Martinsburg and click on the class in the calendar. Minimum of 15 students required.

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