



# King County Fire Training Officer's Association Officer Development Academy Course Syllabus

## Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations

### Course Information

Course Title:	Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations (S.T.I.C.O.)
Course Description:	STICO is designed to meet the needs of company officers responsible for managing multiple crews during firefighting operations. STICO is intended to develop the management skills necessary to accomplish strategic goals via tactical operations for various emergency operations.
Dates:	Oct. 3, 4 2012
Class Time:	0830 to 1630, with an approx one hr. for lunch mid-day.
Location:	Bellevue Fire Training Center 1828 116 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98005
Prerequisites/Pre-course Assignment:	Fire Department Affiliation There are no pre-course assignments.
College Credits:	No college credit currently offered since this is a two day class.

### Instructor Information

Instructor:	<p>Brian Maier is an engine company captain with the City of Seattle Fire Department. Brian spent 8 years at Ladder Co. 10 covering the East downtown corridor and Capitol Hill. He also spent over 2 years with the department's training division serving as an assistant to the In-Service Training Coordinator and as a recruit instructor. Brian serves on the department's tactical critical decision making committee and is a member of the post-incident analysis program.</p> <p>John Stuckey retired from the Bellevue Fire Department following 30 years in the fire service and over 23 years as an engine company officer. During much of this time he was an acting battalion commander and helped create the tactical curriculum for the Bellevue Fire Department. The primary training goal of this training was to develop each company officer so they could best manage an emergency incident. In focus specifically were; initial operations, fire ground</p>
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communications, strategy and tactics and developing a proper "span of control" at escalating alarms. Captain Stuckey and Captain Maier facilitate a parallel course on tactics and communication titled 'Strategic Management And Reductive Tactical' (S.M.A.R.T.) Training.

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Instructor Contact: John Stuckey is usually available during regular business hours but if no answer will respond to all messages left on the above phone number. For e-mail contact, please use STICO ODA in the subject line.

### **Course Design**

Text: There is no text necessary for the STICO class.

Additional Materials: All students from departments/districts in King County are required to bring one fully charged 800 MHz portable radio along with a charged spare battery to class, both days. Participants will likely be using a State Op's channel during classroom management of simulated alarms. If any attending students from within King County are willing to bring a couple of spare 800 MHz portables from their department, it will help those from outside the County who are unable to supply such a portable. Students from outside King County are encouraged to arrange for use of a King County 800 MHz portable by making contact with an agency within King County, such as the hosting fire department, or any other agency. Spare portable radios from the hosting department are not guaranteed to be available.

Course Objectives: The primary objective is to equip the initial arriving company officer as well as the later arriving battalion commander, with the skills necessary to implement, manage and successfully bring to completion a structural fire operation. A successful fire operation can be defined as one in which the incident strategy was well defined, tactical operations were clearly stated and implemented and safety practices were deliberately managed. STICO puts a strong emphasis on all aspects of the Incident Command System.



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**Course Policies:** Respect for all, participation in discussion and having an open mind and willing heart will enhance a positive experience for all attendees. Participants should remain focused, even while others are engaged as the incident commander. The opportunity to function in the role as an incident commander can have a great impact on each firefighter's career, especially for those who are willing to evaluate and change any unsafe behaviors identified during class.

**Attendance:** Day two of class builds on the material from day one. The material covered in class (in what used to be called MCTO), was covered over a four day period. Attending both days is strongly encouraged.

**Grading:** Per KCTOA policy, a written test and a practical skills demonstration will be administered during class. The practical skills will consist of the participant functioning as an incident commander during at least one simulated emergency operation. A total score of 100% is available.

	Percent
Skills Participation	50%
Written	50%



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Total

100%

Points	Grade	Grade
100-99	4.0-3.9	A
98-95	3.8-3.5	A-
94-92	3.4-3.2	B+
91-89	3.1-2.9	B
88-85	2.8-2.5	B-
84-82	2.4-2.2	C+
81-79	2.1-1.9	C
78-75	1.8-1.5	C-
74-72	1.4-1.2	D+
71-69	1.1-0.9	D
68-65	0.8-0.7	D-
64-0	0.6-0.0	F

Exams: There is a single written exam to be administered during class.

Instructor Tips for Success: Be in class, on time, with an open mind to concepts that will change your life as a professional firefighter.

### College Policies

College Credit Not applicable.

Students with Disability If you require an accommodation for a disability, please contact John Stuckey.