



From Arches to Ashes - Fighting Fires in Fast-Food Restaurants



Based on actual fire incidents and “behind-the-counter” photographs, this program is a must for every firefighter and fire officer alike.

Fast-paced and current, the course provides a comprehensive examination of fire causes in free-standing, lightweight-constructed buildings; the common construction methods and materials used; and key operational considerations and tactical approaches for effectively combating these fires—while prioritizing the safety and lives of both civilians and firefighters.



Presented by Chief (Ret.) Joseph Knitter

Chief Knitter is a 43+ year veteran of the fire service, retiring in 2022 as Chief for the South Milwaukee (WI) Fire Department, where he served for 37 Years, the last 10 as Fire Chief.

Joe has an AAS Degree in Fire Science, a BS Degree in Fire Service Management, and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program. In addition, Joe is a Wisconsin-certified Fire Officer II, Fire Instructor II, and Fire Inspector and is certified by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications as an Incident Safety Officer.

The **Berrien County Firefighters Association** will be hosting the above listed firefighter “Q” training course, that is State of Michigan – Bureau of Fire Services (FFTC) certified; in partnership the Fire Departments list below. Each firefighter that completes the course will be issued a certificate of attendance from the FFTC. This course will take place at the St. Joseph Township Hall – 3000 Washinton Avenue, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

This course will meet on **Sunday, May 3rd** – from 9:00am – 1:00pm

Student requirements:

- Member of an organized Michigan Fire Department
- Eighteen years of age

This course being offered at no cost.

To register email Doug deBest at debestfire@hotmail.com with the following information:

Name / Fire Department Affiliation / SMOKE ID # (six-digit number)

