

# ***“Reading Smoke”***

*BC Dave Dodson is coming to West Michigan*



What Firefighters are saying about this essential course....

“...the best class I’ve taken in my 23 years as a Fire Officer...”

“This class Rocks! Everyone in my department needs this class!”

“...of all the classes at FDIC (Indianapolis), this was the most powerful – hands down!”

“...A no (B.S.) class – great instructor!”

## **Catch this popular FDIC class close to home!**

It has been said, “So goes First-Due, So goes the Incident!” Our incidents are changing in scope, impact, and complexity – and so must our ability to RAPIDLY survey and decide the right course of action when first arriving. Often, the smoke issuing from a building is the only clue that a hostile fire event will quickly trap or kill firefighters. “Reading Smoke” tells us how to read a fire and predict its progress – the “Art of Reading Smoke” packages this information to help the first-arriving Company Officer or Battalion Chief make the right decision. *This is NOT your typical size-up class!*

**Saturday November 8, 2008**

Location: East Grand Rapids High School

2211 Lake Dr SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Class starts at 0830 hours and ends at 1700 hours

**Cost: \$50.00 per person includes lunch**

Contact Battalion Chief Sehlmeier for information at [ksehlmey@grcity.us](mailto:ksehlmey@grcity.us) or 616-889-3676

Send your check payable to the: “Grand Rapids Fire Department” to reserve your seat

Mail to: Reading Smoke Class

38 LaGrave SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**The Instructor:** *Dave Dodson, Former Battalion Chief and Safety Officer*

Dave has over 25 years in the firefighting business and is the author of the book, “*Fire Department Incident Safety Officer*,” (Delmar, 2007). He has served as an Incident Safety Officer for over 10 years and is a Past President of the Fire Department Safety Officer’s Association. His “Art of Reading Smoke” class is a “standing room only” presentation at FDIC. Dave is the recipient of the 1997 ISFSI George D. Post *Instructor of the Year*.