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Training Officers

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Training Officers are paramount in building strong and skilled teams, and in keeping firefighters safe. We're here to help you and your Training Officers do a great job. Check out the below online and TCFP Library resources available to you:

Identify a good Training Officer

Having a designated and focused training officer in your department will lead to more consistent, relevant, and organized training for your team. Who should this be? Your training officer should:

- Value training
- Make training interesting
- Be organized
- Be able to identify goals and deliverables
- Be a good communicator
- Inspire others
- Be able to build a strong team
- Be able to work with all types of firefighters and learners

General resources

Once you identify the best person for the job, make sure they have the tools to do the job:

- [Training Officer 101](#)
- [Improving Your Program](#)
- [Fire Engineering Training Officer resources](#)
- [Training Articles from Firefighter Nation](#)

[TRAINING BATTLE-READY FIREFIGHTERS](#)

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Identify training priorities

One great way to identify training needs and priorities is to look at After Action Reports and Near-Miss Reports:

- [AARs & 1410: Your Prescription for Training](#)
- [TCFP's Avoid Injury! blog posts on Post-Incident Analyses](#)

Emphasize team building

A good Training Officer also builds a good team within your department. Having each other's backs and helping each other strengthen skills builds trust within a team:

[The "I" in Team](#)

[TEAM TRAINING: THE CORE VALUES](#)

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[MAXIMIZING TEAM PERFORMANCE](#)

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Train safely

You train to keep firefighters safe on scene, but that training must also be done safely. Learn more about making training as safe as possible:

[Firefighter Safety During Training](#)

For assistance in choosing training materials, or to make recommendations for additions to the library, please contact Laura Bucaro, the commission librarian at (512) 936-3833, via e-mail at library@tcfp.state.tx.us, or visit the [Emerson Library](#) at the commission's headquarters facility during regular business hours.



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The TCFP Library is Here to Help You

Remember that your Training Officers can utilize our Audio-Visual resources to supplement your training programs on topics ranging from basic training skills to wildland firefighting.

Search our [online catalog](#) and [contact the library](#) for assistance.