

The Brave Fire Leader Academy

2026 TEEX Cohort Schedule

Level I - Leadership Intensive Series

Session	Class to Watch Before Meeting	Discussion Lead	Class Assignments
Session 1 Kick-Off: Cohort #1 Tuesday, Sept. 15th, 2026 (90 min) 1pm EST			
#1	Introduction & Preparing Leaders	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Please join with cameras on
#1	Watch: LV1-01 Introduction and How does the Fire Service Train Leaders	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	
Session 2: Cohort #1 Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026 (90 min) 1pm EST			
#2	Leading vs. Managing Read "The Benefits of Leadership Schizophrenia" in your manual.	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Identify the styles of your leaders and yourself. What is an alternate style that can help you lead in diff situations?
#3	Ethics and Leadership Values	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Think of and write down a possible conflict of interest that you could possibly be faced with sometime, what would your options be?
Session 3: Cohort #1 Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 (90 min) 1pm EST			
#4	Thinking Comprehensively	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Think of a personnel issue you have encountered and how you would apply "Prevention Thinking"
#5	Communicate Simply and Powerfully (2 parts)	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Complete "Be the Message" and determine what communication style you have.
Session 4: Cohort #1 Tuesday October 6th, 2026 (90 min) 1pm EST			
#6	The Coach Approach	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Think of 5 open-ended coaching style questions you could ask someone to help them open up.
#7	Setting Expectations	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Draft your own set of expectations for your personnel if you are a leader.
Session 5: Cohort #1 Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 (90 min) 1pm EST			
#8	Conflict Management and Having Difficult Conversations	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Complete Conflict Scenario worksheet in manual.
#9	Mentoring as a Key Responsibility	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Do you have or have had mentors? Make a list of them.
Session 6: Cohort #1 Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 (90 min) 1pm EST			
#10	10 Commandments and Goal Setting Level I Wrap Up	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Think about, how do you learn from your own experiences? Discuss with your accountability partner.
End Level I Class Sessions			

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Level II – Leadership Mastery Series

Session	Class to Watch Before Meeting	Discussion Lead	Assignments
	Intro & Preparing Leaders		Completed in Level I Does not Repeat
Begin Level II Class Sessions			
Session 6: Cohort #1 Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 (90 min) 1pm EST			
#2	Legal Liability and HR Management	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Identify who is available to help in legal situations. Do you have the relationships in place?
Session 7: Cohort #1 Tuesday, October 27th, 2026 (90 min) 1pm EST			
#3	Building Resources	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Make a list of your professional resources.
#4	Generational Style Differences	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Have you observed or been in a generational clash? What would have helped?
Session 8: Cohort #1 Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026 (90 min) 1pm EST			
#5	Politics - Avoiding Political Pitfalls	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Describe the political priorities of your community that your department must navigate.
#6	Productive Meetings	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Write down your best and worst experience in a meeting.
Session 9: Cohort #1 Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 (90 min) 1pm EST			
#7	Time Management	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	What wastes your time? Name an improvement you can and will make to your time management.
#8	Engage and Mobilize your Employees	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Come to class with your best ideas to engage employees – we will mastermind this.
Session 10: Cohort #1 Tuesday, November 17th, 2026 (90 min) 1pm EST			
#9	Passing the Baton	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	Write down what you hope to leave as your legacy in the Fire Department.
#10	Lessons Learned	Kelly Walsh Mike Burton	What is one important lesson you have learned in your career? Be prepared to share with others.
End Level II Class Sessions			