



## Meet the Instructor

Name: **Josh Mullett**

Program: FF1, FF2, EMT Basic, EMT Advance, OTC+ (FF1, FF2, EMT Basic)

About You: Josh grew up in Gambier and now lives in Bladensburg with his dog. When he's not busy teaching public safety classes at KTC or serving with local fire districts, you'll likely find him in his workshop. Josh is a passionate leatherworker who creates high-quality, handmade gear for fellow firefighters, including custom straps and suspenders.

What is your educational background and career experience? Josh has built a comprehensive career in public safety since earning his fire card at KTC in 2014. After securing his FF1 and FF2 at the State Academy, he expanded his impact by becoming an EMT through Central Ohio Technical College and ultimately a licensed Paramedic via Mid-East Career and Technology Center. He holds advanced certifications in Rope Ops I, Fire Officer I, and Fire Safety Inspector, and serves as a state-certified Emergency Services Instructor. Josh is a full-time firefighter with Eastern Knox County Joint Fire District and a part-time/volunteer member of the Bladensburg Fire District. Beyond his work in the field, he shares his extensive expertise as an instructor at Knox Technical Center, where he is the Lead Firefighting Instructor.

What do you enjoy most about teaching this subject? "These students represent the next generation of firefighters and EMTs. It is a privilege to play a role in shaping the future of the fire service."

What is your approach to teaching adult learners, especially those who may be returning to education after a break or changing careers? "I believe in meeting students where they are. In the classroom, I use humor and a relaxed approach to help adult learners overcome the 'academic' jitters of testing and writing. On the training grounds, however, that levity is replaced by a high standard of discipline and maturity. Safety in the fire service isn't a joke, and I make sure my students have the work ethic to match the stakes."

In an ever-evolving field, staying current is vital. What modern tools and emerging technologies will students be seeing? "We're seeing new reporting software and better ways to do rope rescues. We also keep an eye on new tech like drones, but those are expensive, so not every department has them yet. In this course, I make sure students learn the classic, reliable ways of doing things while also staying up-to-date on the latest tools."

What career paths are students typically prepared for after completing this course? "After finishing this course, students can get right to work as part-time firefighters. Many departments will help their part-time staff attend Paramedic training so they can move up in their careers".