

**LEADING CAREER AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS: Searching for Buried Treasure
By John Benoit and Kenneth Perkins**

Running a composite fire department is a tough job; unfortunately, little research has been done to try to make the job easier or more effective. This is the first book on the subject that goes beyond one case. Previous research has been limited to one case or short magazine articles.

LEADING CAREER AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS examines four types of composite fire departments. The book presents several lines of social science research that can be applied to analyze the management problems a chief officer faces when managing career and volunteer firefighters. The book also considers the relationship chiefs have with their municipal governments. Finally it recommends strategies on how to manage composite fire departments more effectively.

WHO SHOULD READ THIS BOOK?

Fire Chiefs in composite departments, chief officers in career or volunteer departments that might encounter the “other kind of firefighter” because their municipalities amalgamate, Chief Administrative Officers in municipalities that have composite fire services and students of fire service administration and students of public administration.

LEADING CAREER AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS is jointly written by Dr John Benoit and Dr Kenneth B Perkins. Both of these sociologists have researched, taught and consulted with the fire service for nearly their entire careers. They have studied fire departments in Canada and the United States for many years.

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