

### *Bio - Chris Garniewicz*

Chris Garniewicz is a Truck Captain with the Bluffton Township Fire District. He has a Bachelor's Degree from Northeastern University (MA) and is an IFSAC Fire Instructor II. He is an instructor with the SC Fire Academy, SAFE Firefighter LLC and the Recruit Cadree with Bluffton Fire. Chris began his rope career as a theatrical and industrial rigger in the Metro Boston area before his move to the fire service.

### *Abstract - From the Classroom to the Street: Low Angle Rescue with Limited Resources*

Most low angle rope evolutions do not require an extensive rescue cache or weeks of intensive training. These evolutions are usually rapid and occur with a minimum of personnel. This class is geared towards those events.

We have a tendency to focus on the greater (more involved) rescue operations while letting the day-to-day slip by. For a first arriving crew with a minimum of equipment there needs to be a realization that they can effect a rescue without a designated rescue asset on scene. Being able to take the information from a formal class and tailor it to what you have is the key for this lecture.

We will look at paring down the necessary equipment, along with the associated theoretical and actual mechanical advantage created (lost). By dispelling rumors and myth, we will create systems that are practical and efficient. By minimizing the complexity, companies will be more apt to train with and utilize what they have. The allocation of equipment and budgetary restraints will also be discussed.