

Presenter Bio: DEB WESTFAHL

Deb is an Instructional Consultant with Fox Valley Technical College, focused on new faculty training and technology teaching tools. In addition to designing and delivering programs to FVTC faculty, Deb also serves as a Professional Communications Program Instructor where she works with adult students in the community. Deb has over twenty years' experience in the field and her passions include adult learning, helping improve student outcomes, and accelerated learning principles as well as instructional technology. Deb has a Master's Degree in Management and Organizational Behavior with an emphasis in HR and Training & Development from Silver Lake College. In addition, she serves as a volunteer firefighter with the Town of Neenah Fire Department and previously with Clayton Fire Rescue. Deb has two grown sons and is on her fourth Golden Retriever.



Presenter Bio: TIM FRANZ

Tim Franz retired from the City of Oshkosh Fire Department after 33 years of service, 18 of them as Fire Chief. He has taught in an adjunct instructional capacity at Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) since 1990. He is a graduate of FVTC's Associate Degree program, and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Fire Safety and Engineering from University of Cincinnati. In addition, Franz earned the Executive Fire Officer diploma from the National Fire Academy.



Chief Franz worked as one of the original members of a group to develop a pathway for FVTC Fire Protection graduates to earn a bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and his service on several local and state fire industry boards spans over 14 years.

Tim and his wife Jennifer have three grown daughters and is on his fourth Dalmatian.

Deb and Tim will co-present the workshop – “Firefighter I for the New Generation” as part of Instructor Development Track A at WSESI’s Annual Instructors Conference, February 17-19, 2023 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

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