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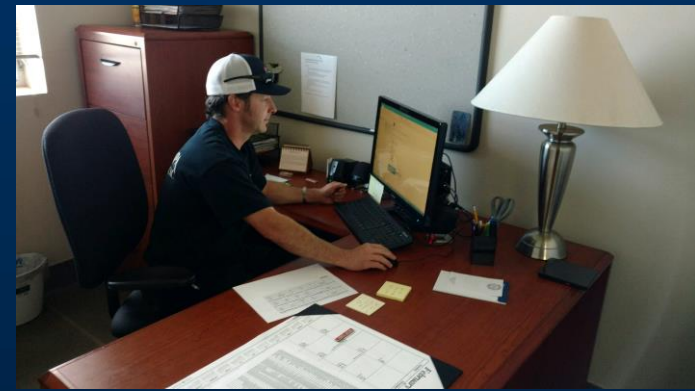
# Maricopa Fire/Medical Department

## Battalion Safety Officers(BSOs)

"The mission of the Fire Department is to protect the lives and property of the residents, businesses and visitors within the City of Maricopa"

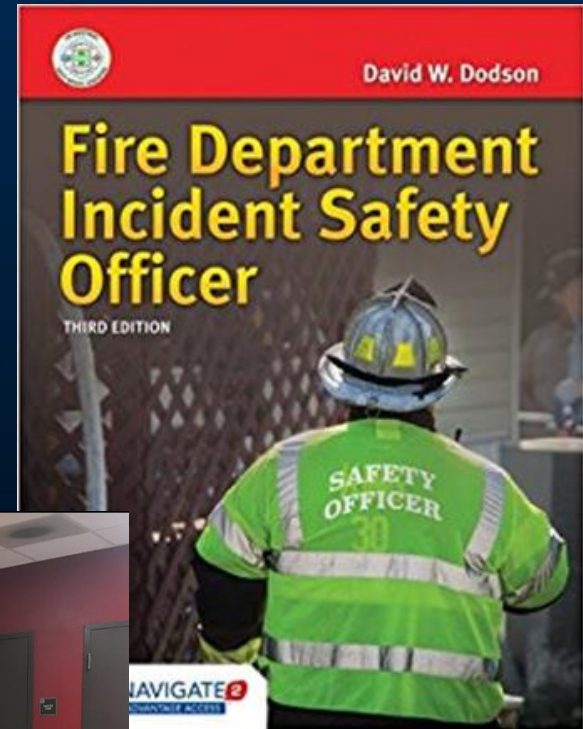
# What is a BSO?

- Works directly with the Battalion Chief
- Captain level position
- One assigned to each shift “A-B-C”
- Can be EMT or Paramedic
- Specialized training with a focus on scene safety
- Assists with administrative duties



# Why have BSOs?

- NFPA 1521 Fire Department Safety Officer requirement
- Phoenix Auto Aid requirement
- Assist with daily staffing of response units
- Assist with injury prevention and reporting
- Fills in for the BC for consistent supervision
- Serves as a Training Officer





# “All Hazards” Emergency Scenes

- Allows the BC to respond to radio traffic, mobile phone calls, computer terminal info, and safe tracking of personnel



- Becomes the “eyes and ears” of the Incident Commander
- Monitors the risk management plan
- Challenges the strategy throughout the incident
- Fills in as the MPD/MFMD Liaison during emergency incidents (active shooter)



# Risk Management Model

- WE WILL RISK A LOT, IN A CALCULATED MANNER, TO SAVE SAVABLE LIVES
- WE WILL RISK A LITTLE, IN A CALCULATED MANNER, TO SAVE SAVABLE PROPERTY
- WE WILL RISK NOTHING FOR WHAT IS ALREADY LOST



# Designated authority to...

- Alter the current actions
- Suspend actions to justify the risk
- Terminate actions and/or assignments



Basically, the most powerful position on the emergency incident....



# Questions?