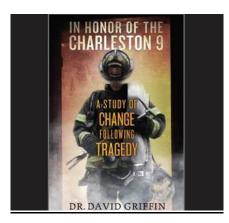
## The Town Of Saugerties Emergency Service Association Presents Dr. David Griffin

## Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 at the Saugerties High School Auditorium

## # 310 Washington Ave. Beginning 6:30 PM.

David Griffin was the driver of the first due engine to respond to the disastrous 2007 Sofa Super Store in Charleston, SC, that claimed the lives of nine of his fellow firefighters. Plagued with survivor's guilt, he numbed himself with alcohol, painkillers, and blood sports so much so that it nearly cost him his life.



## Strive for Excellence...

Every morning we wake up, we have a choice. We can choose to be average, or we can choose to be great in everything that we do. Excellence is not an accident. It is a habit. If we practice excellence continuously, it becomes a staple in all parts of our lives, personally and professionally.

All of this starts with our first step out of bed in the morning. If we rise ready to complain and carry around a negative attitude to our firehouse, learning will become difficult, with this attitude permeating to others. Research indicates that this presents a significant snowball effect. Once this snowball gets rolling, it turns into an avalanche extremely quickly, affecting the rest of the workforce. To combat this effect, fire departments must develop into dynamic learning organizations where inspiration and learning are staples of their daily activities. These types of fire departments facilitate an environment that not only ensures leaders can practice innovative techniques to increase customer service but also allows personnel to be the driver of the needed change to do so.

David found out about this avalanche following the loss of nine of his fellow firefighters in the furniture store fire. He turned a blind eye to new leadership, development, and learning activities. This proved to be a monumental mistake for David. He veered down a dangerous path for three years until he was able to overcome his demons...

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