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In order to introduce Mike, it's best to use a dynamic style host who can deliver a witty introduction.

Here we go! *Reader introduction begins here:*

Welcome, everyone. It's great to see so many people come here today.

The Fire of Leadership begins with a SPARK! So get fired up, because our featured speaker is someone who knows a lot about fire <u>and</u> leadership. We are fortunate to have Mike Stanley with us. He has just stepped in from the Aurora, Colorado Fire Department to talk to you. And let me tell you, this is one speaker who will ignite the flame of leadership within each and every one of you.

As Captain and 18-year veteran of the Aurora, Colorado Fire Department and EMS paramedics, Mike offers a unique vantage point on the topic of leadership. Aside from the daily dangers associated with such a courageous profession, it takes a brave guy to instill leadership within his team of firefighters, many who place their lives on the line every day to help people just like us.

Aside from his impressive background and three degrees, including a Masters in Education and Human Resources from CSU, Mike is the founder of On Purpose Leadership. He travels around the country "on purpose" to help create leaders out of those fortunate enough to hear him speak, so today I hope you will find new "purpose" after hearing his great advice. It's great to have a passion for what you do in life, and that is my hope for all of you!

Mike is not all serious though, you'll find his quit wit and clever analogies to be truly intriguing. Heck, you might even get a good chuckle every now and then. One thing is for sure, you will get some great leadership wisdom that you've never heard.

And hey, anyone who can put out fires – both big and small – is a true leader in my eyes.

So put your hands together and give a warm welcome to Mike Stanley! *(point to Mike and smile)*

... and Mike, don't be afraid to hose these guys down if they get too rowdy! (addresses Mike to make audience laugh and then points and claps at the audience as he bows out)...