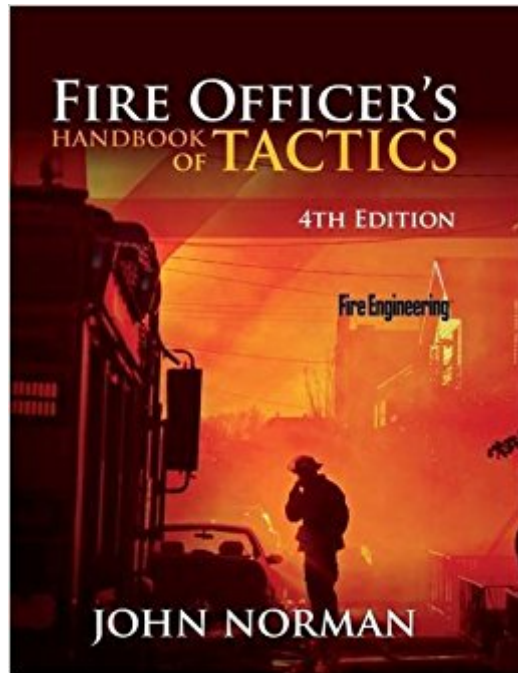




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Synopsis

John Norman has updated his best-selling book, a guide for the firefighter and fire officer who, having learned the basic mechanics of the trade, are looking for specific methods for handling specific situations. In this new fourth edition, readers will find a new chapter on lightweight construction, a new chapter on electrical fires and emergencies, updates to many chapters including such topics as wind-driven fires, and many new illustrations.

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Customer Reviews

Deputy Assistant Chief John Norman is a veteran of more than 35 years in the fire service, with a wide range of experience. He has fought fires in rural, suburban, and urban settings. Since Sept. 11, 2001, Norman has been the Chief of Rescue Operations with the New York Fire Department. Until that date, as a Battalion Chief, he had been assigned to the 16th Battalion in Harlem. In the days after the collapse of the Twin Towers, Norman was designated as the Search and Rescue manager for the World Trade Center site. He operated in that position as a member of the Incident Commanders General Staff for two months before assuming his assignment as the Chief in Charge of the Special Operations Command on a full-time basis. He is the best-selling author of *Fire Officer's Handbook of Tactics*, Third Edition, also from Fire Engineering Books & Videos.

This book is an excellent source of information. I originally bought it for a promotional exam, but as I read it, I was constantly finding the information for back step firefighters as well as officers. After

buying this new edition, I gave my 3rd Edition to my new probie to read through. Chief Norman is a great example of a well-rounded fire protection professional having extensive experience in both fire protection and safety engineering as well as firefighting. The new edition has more information, illustrations/captions explaining main ideas, and is better organized than the previous edition. Excellent resource for any rank and experience level.

I bought his 1st edition years ago when he was an instructor at the Nassau County Fire Training Academy

I was recently promoted and while in LT school this book was recommended by several different officers. When chiefs & captains with 30+ years tell you this is a must read, take heed. I am still making my way through this book and reference it often when I have a question. Easy to read. I work for an urban fire department with around 4,000 career firefighters, so the tactics used are similar to what we see here, as far as command structure, response personnel and building construction. I will be reading and re-reading this book for years to come as I try to navigate what I'm told is the hardest transition in the fire department, from a single minded fire fighter to seeing the "big picture" tactics of an officer.

A must have for your library, need the study guide to be effective.

As a fire officer in a big US city fire department, I have utilized this book for everyday knowledge to help me keep my guys safe, and for the purpose of promotional preparation...it has been invaluable on both fronts. It is worth its weight in gold and then some. Another outstanding book is "Strategic and Tactical Considerations on the Fire Ground" by Philly DC James Smith. Two must own books for any fire officer.

This book is a little intimidating at first because I was expecting just another overwritten text book with a lot of repetitive, blah, blah; but this is not the case. Each section is clear written with accompanying summaries for what you have just read. My battalion chief recommended this book, as he still references it on occasion. I went straight to the calls that I needed help with: electrical emergencies and gas-related emergencies, and I'm glad I did. It seems that someone with all levels of experience can get something from this handbook. So glad it was recommended.

I've read dozens of books for promotional exams and Norman's book is by far the most informative and enjoyable to read. The author puts plenty of excellent tactical information and lays it out in an easy to read fashion. I highly recommend this book for fire officers and those who want to get better at their job.

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