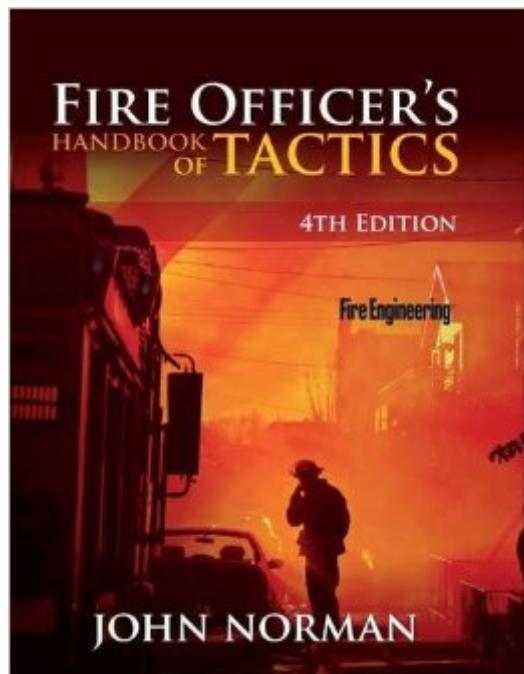


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# Fire Officer's Handbook Of Tactics, 4th Edition (Fire Engineering)



## **Synopsis**

With this fourth edition, Chief John Norman once again brings invaluable wisdom from his four-decade-long career to firefighters aspiring to the officer level and those seeking to promote safety and effectiveness in their organization and the communities they serve by improving their own skills. In his highly readable style, Chief Norman imparts his wisdom and experience by offering advice informed by actual outcomes from the fireground and tying all the elements together into an understandable big picture. Divided into two parts General Firefighting Tactics and Specific Fire Situations Fire Officer's Handbook of Tactics, 4th Edition, begins with establishing the ground rules for structural firefighting and then moves on to specific situations, dealing with fires and emergencies in the most common structures and occupancies. The many photos, illustrations, and anecdotes help readers further understand the concepts and lessons in the text. NEW to this edition Chief John Norman has updated his best-selling handbook for fire officers and firefighters to include: A new chapter on lightweight construction A new chapter on electrical fire and emergencies Updates to many chapters including such topics as wind-driven fires Many new illustrations

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## **Customer Reviews**

As a newly-minted company officer on a small rural department, I was seeking a resource to further my training beyond the Firefighter II level. I looked at the required reading lists for promotion on a number of career departments and chose this book. It proved ideal for my purpose, and I highly recommend it to any fire officer. As textbooks go, this is eminently readable. Unlike the IAFC

"Fundamentals of Firefighter Skills" text, which is written by committee and broken into stand-alone chunks, Chief Norman's book has a real narrative flow to it. It is still very technical, but the organization of the book is very thoughtful and polished, and anecdotes from Chief Norman's career keeps it moving without going off on tangents too badly. The density level is good, no fluff but not so dense as to require that you read the same sentence five times to unpack the meaning, either. There are also many interesting photographs, clearly collected over a very long career. At times you have the feeling of sitting down with an old salt and going through the scrapbook, which I found very enjoyable. The illustrations and tables are nothing amazing but they are clear and used liberally. Anything that can be presented visually is given a chart, table, or photo. Chief Norman's perspective is definitely that of an urban firefighter, and a lot of this book is dedicated to various types of high-rise multiple occupancies and commercial properties, with the presence of aerial devices, automated suppression systems in commercial occupancies, and hydrants taken for granted. However, he does an excellent job of addressing a much broader audience, and of presenting lessons drawn from his career in the New York metro area in such a way as to make them relevant to firefighters everywhere.

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