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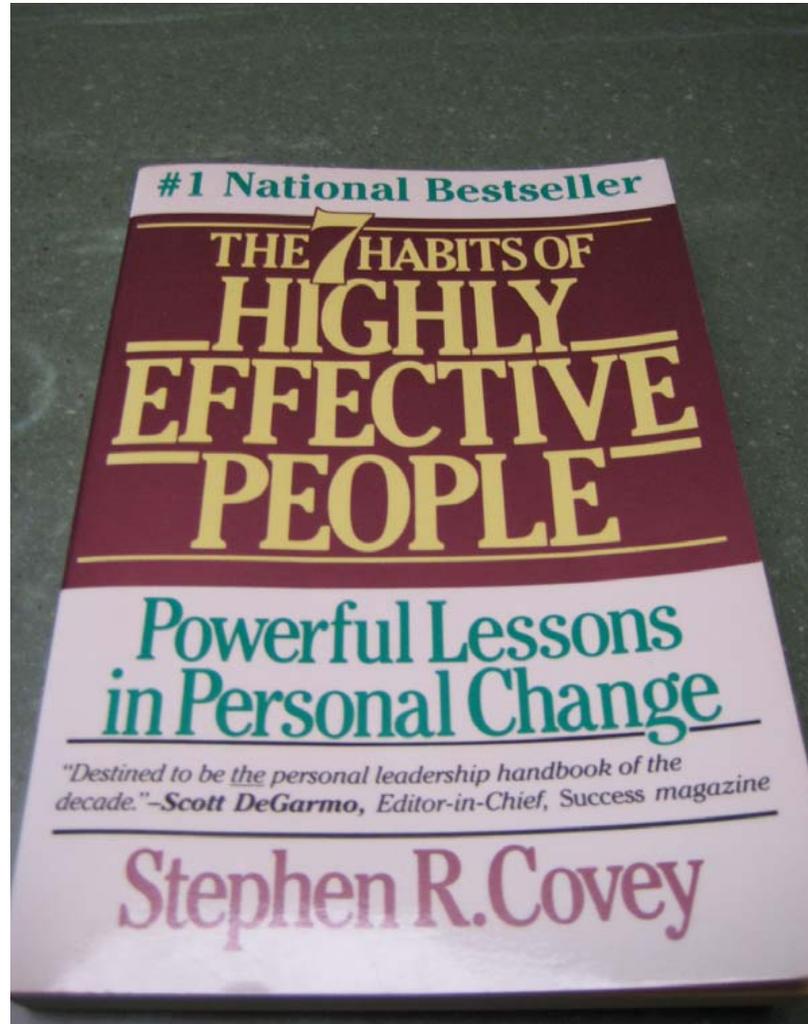
Seven Habits of the Successful Fire Chief, Program Manager, and Fire Protection Engineer



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The foundation of this presentation is the best-selling book by author Stephen Covey.



Seven Habits of the Successful...

Most of us live by one or more personal philosophies (e.g. religious, economic, political, etc.)

The purpose of this presentation is to attempt to convince you of the benefits of adopting and implementing a professional philosophy, based on the principles of Steven Covey.



Seven Habits of the Successful...

What might be some of your suggestions for a beneficial professional habit?

(“Always remain sober and conscious.” is a given.)



Habit 1: *Begin with the end in mind.*

Consider the perspective of the stakeholders: DOE AHJ, (DNFSB), Management, AB community, public.

Consider the final fire protection and emergency response configuration, (based on) governing rules, standards, and DOE directives.

Consider what paperwork is **really** needed.



Habit 2: *Seek First to Understand... Then be Understood.*

What are the minimum expectations of the governing authorities?

What trade-offs are possible? (To what extent can equivalencies be employed?)

Maintain communication, document agreements, brief new players.



Habit 3: *First Things First*

Focus attention and resources on predominant risks and major emergency response and fire protection deficiencies.

Ignore trivial audit findings. (Practice self-filtration to avoid distractions.)



Habit 4: *Be Proactive*

Implement compensatory measures pending final resolution of deficiencies (e.g. AEDs and training for EMS response time limitations)

Establish comprehensive metrics with the AHJ. Meet annually to assess success or failure. Adjust efforts accordingly.



Habit 5: *Think “Win” / “Win”*

Propose fire safety solutions that will save lives and save money and save time (e.g. NFPA 25, NFPA 72, NFPA 1500 “Implementation Plans.”)

Independent oversight auditors should adopt self-assessment findings.

Practice open and cooperative assessments.



Habit 6: *Synergize*

Combine documents to reduce paperwork (e.g. FHAs / Fire Safety Assessments)

Conduct multi-authority reviews / assessments.

Integrate fire protection organizations for optimal efficiency.



Habit 7: *Sharpen the Saw* (Periodically re-evaluate what you are doing.)

Eliminate useless paperwork (e.g. encyclopedic BNAs).

Reduce redundant efforts (e.g. facility inspections)

Homogenize redundant AHJs (e.g. “Fire Council”)

Compensate for the loss of corporate knowledge and experience.



The potential benefits:

- Acceptable fire risk
- Code conforming programs (with “Equivalencies”)
- Greater efficiency
- Reduced costs
- Enhanced communication and cooperation



Questions?



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