The Psychology of Firefighters

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Type A Vs. Type B Personalities

Type A
- Competitive
- Time urgent
- Hostile and aggressive

Type B
- Relaxed
- One thing at a time
- Express feelings
My Hypothesis

- Firefighters are Type A personality because
  - I am the perfect “Type A” model
  - Heart Disease

- How do Type A people learn?
Study on How Fire Science Students Learn Best

Survey Results - Preferred Learning Styles

- Hands on
- Discussion
- Lecture
- Utilization of Online Resources
- Other*

Survey Results - Fire Science Bachelor Degree

- Yes
- No
Atypical Learner

- Lynn A. Tovar, Lewis University. Study on atypical learners with a Police and Fire focus

- Study included police and firefighters from Chicago, Cook County and Will County.
- Various positions within police and fire organizations. Ages anywhere from 22 to 44

Atypical Learner Keys to Success

- Know yourself; what you need to be successful
- Learning Oriented over performance oriented
- Draw on previous knowledge base
- Make connections to link new material in a meaningful pattern
- Allow students to receive feedback and correct mistakes
- Make sure the student knows why what is being taught is important to their situation