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# From Buddy To Boss: Effective Fire Service Leadership



## Synopsis

Whether you're a new officer or in need of a mentor, *From Buddy to Boss: Effective Fire Service Leadership*, is a must-have management book you'll turn to over and over again. Fire service veteran Chase Sargent has taken his popular course and written a no-holds-barred leadership book for the fire service in a conversational and easy-to-read style. He tells you how to accept and survive politics, deal with the fringe employees, and keep your cool -- tricks of the trade that usually take years to acquire. In this book you'll learn:

- Your credibility is a valuable currency that takes time to build up. What you do, not what you say, is the ultimate test of your credibility, reinforcing your expectations.
- That leadership requires individuals and organizations to create an environment where people and their ideas can thrive.
- How to use stories to impress upon our new members the necessity of doing certain things.
- That the quickest ways to lose trust are to inconsistently apply and enforce rules and to allow your personal feelings to dictate what you will and won't enforce.
- Why leading by example and from the front -- doing, not saying -- is critical to your success.

Reading *From Buddy to Boss* is like turning to a trusted friend for wisdom and advice you can count on to improve your job performance. Use this book to master your leadership as well as your management skills and successfully make the transition to boss.

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## Customer Reviews

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While I'm sure the author is a great leader, he should not have written a book or at least had someone do it for him. I agree with him 100% but this book is very repetitive and goes in the same circle over and over. I had to get this for a promotion exam in the fire dept. and feel that it could be a good book if it were cut in half, but 400 pages of the same point reworded takes a toll on the human mind. He should have put trust in the reader that his message was received the third time around before reaching ch 4. This book has good points, but needs to be put in a logical and applicable

order. On the next edition , please proof read as I'm sure there will be a 2nd edition , which inevitably is what these writers do to keep making money off of those that have to purchase these books.

I am dissapointed with the organization and format of the CDs themself. I am only on disk 6 right now and already 1 disk is labelled wrong or the narrator called it the wrong disk and the beginning of one of the chapters is cut off. I agree with the person that complained about it being 17 disks. Certainly, they could have used a different format that would have been more user friendly. As far as putting it on a phone or mp3, it's a bit of work to get them transferred and I'm still working on it. The disks do play well in the car. The narrator has a great reading voice, except for a couple mispronunciations of technical terms. You get the gist of the material, but I would recommed buying the book on this one and getting a different audio book. I'm going to leave the material itself alone. I'm reading (or rather listening) to this for a promotional process so my oppinion on the that part of it doesn't matter.

This book is terrible. The author rambles and contradicts himself throughout the book. It Cleary did not have an editor that read it through. Not to mention that it has a very negative tone toward his former dept and other government agencies. Just a complete waste of time.

Seriously, 17 disks? File information isn't even the same from disk to disk so that when you put them into iTunes they end up in the same place. I'm not an iTunes guru, and maybe someone could explain it to me, but 17 disks is an inconvenient way to use this material.

I'd give it zero if I could. Repetitive and repulsive. Author talks about how great he is 1/3 of the time and the rest of the time contradicts himself.

Bought this book for a course requirement. Good reading for leadership in emergency services!

Was part of the reading list for promotional exam. Fair price, I highly recommend this seller.

Great read...very relevant to a Fireman job.

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