

## 18 Leadership Skills

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Strategic leadership.** Vision ... “seeing the forest” ... planning ahead ... doing the right things to pave the way for continued success for the organization.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Tactical leadership:** Detail orientation ... understanding the “trees” and how to find your way through the forest. Practicality. Getting the job done.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Motivational ability:** Inspiring people; bringing out the best in them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Team-building:** Including the ability to avoid burn-out in veterans and to engage new volunteers
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Organizational ability:** Including follow-through and multi-tasking
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Project management:** Keeping the train on the track
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Problem-solving:** Leading positive brain-storming sessions that define the problem *once*—not ten different ways (that’s hand-wringing)—and focus on solutions
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Communication ability:** The agility to adjust to the audience and situation
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Perseverance:** Hanging tough under stress and prevailing against long odds
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Realism:** Knowing when to hold ’em and when to fold ’em
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Prioritization:** Ability to prioritize team objectives and allocate resources accordingly
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Personality:** This is an intangible that can be anywhere on the personality spectrum; it’s what makes people enjoy working with you and follow your leadership
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Creativity:** Thinking outside the box, sometimes even throwing the box out altogether
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Discipline:** Coloring inside the lines; insisting that others do so as well
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Delegation:** Trusting your teammates (even when you think you could do a better job yourself). Knowing your limits and putting your time where it counts most.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Talent development:** Personnel analysis, matching personnel to tasks
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Unstoppable positivity:** Refusal to be defeated; the attitude that failure is not an option
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Decisiveness:** Knowing when it’s time to act and doing so. Not being impulsive, but when you do act, doing so with authority and conviction