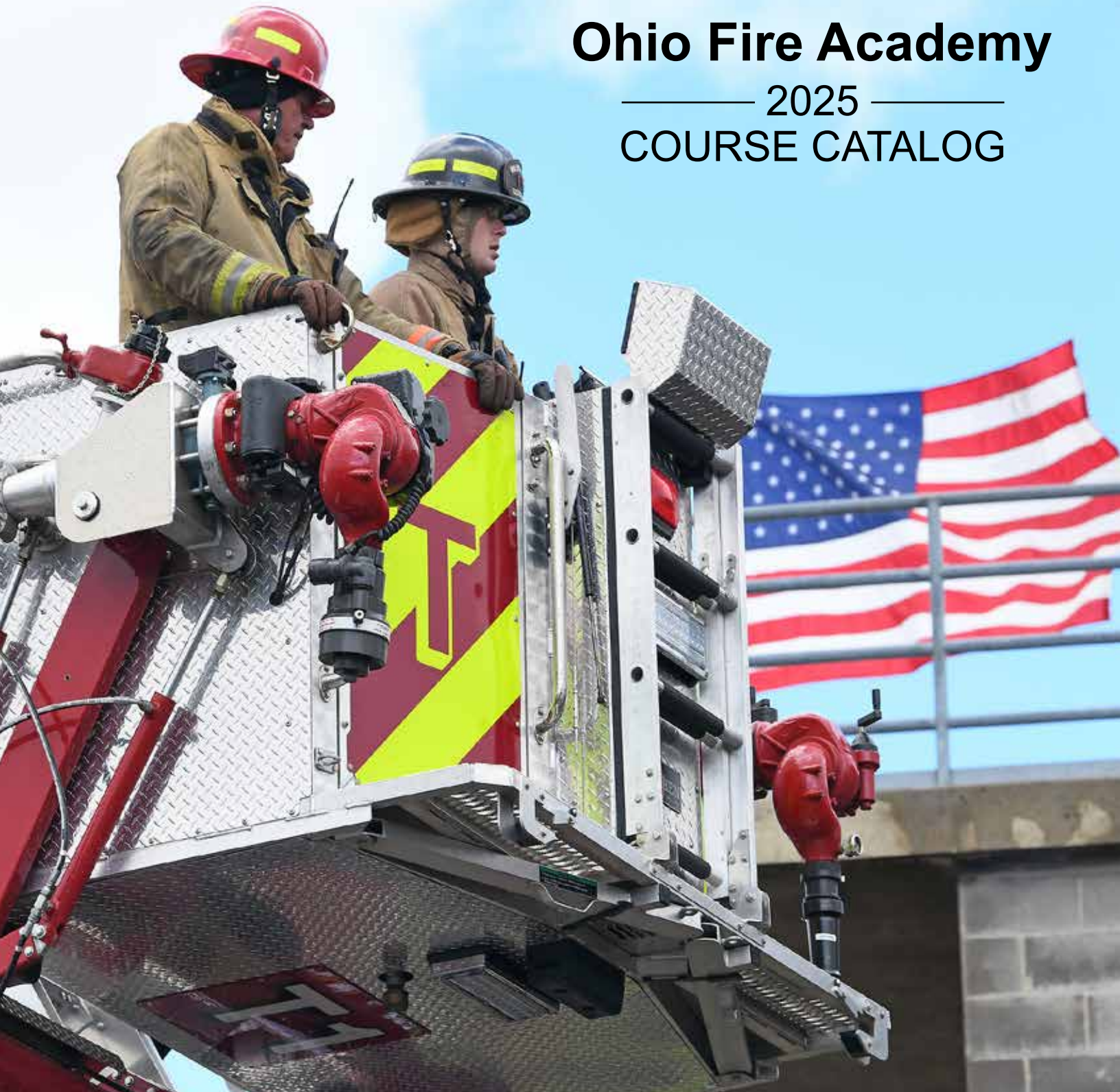




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- CAMPUS** Campus: Courses provided at the Academy’s Reynoldsburg location.
- ONLINE** Online: Courses delivered entirely through internet presentation.
- HYBRID** Hybrid: Courses that begin online and finish on campus.
- CLOSE TO HOME** The Close to Home series brings training to students while offering the same expert instructors and OFA’s extensive range of apparatus, equipment and training simulators. These courses are delivered at your location at times chosen by you. Courses also can be made available to multiple departments in a region. When three or more departments are enrolled, the Academy will provide the course(s) at no cost. If your department is looking for specific training needs, the Academy will work with you to customize a course that meets your needs.
- BY REQUEST** Courses not regularly scheduled, but can be offered if demand meets minimum enrollment requirements.

NOTICE: All prices and course dates are subject to change without prior notice due to fuel prices, unforeseen economic circumstances, and/or low student enrollment. Please check the Ohio Fire Academy website at ofa.com.ohio.gov for the most up-to-date information.

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Look for these abbreviations throughout

- SFM – State Fire Marshal
- OFA – Ohio Fire Academy
- NFPA – National Fire Protection Association
- IFSA – International Fire Service Accreditation Congress
- USFA – United States Fire Administration
- ODPS – Ohio Department of Public Safety
- O.A.C. – Ohio Administrative Code
- O.R.C. – Ohio Revised Code
- NFIRS – National Fire Incident Reporting System
- OFIRS – Ohio Fire Incident Reporting System





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Ohio Fire Academy through the years

Our Vision:

To be recognized as the national premier leader in the development and delivery of fire, emergency medical services, and emergency responder training programs.

Our Mission:

To provide fire service personnel and other allied professionals with training, education and accredited courses that are consistent with nationally recognized standards to improve the safety and proficiency of Ohio's Fire Service.



Our History

1967: Ohio State Firemen's Training Academy, now known as the Ohio Fire Academy, is established. Since then, the OFA has served more than 600,000 first responders.

1979: The Ohio Fire Academy holds the first on-Campus Firefighter 1 & 2 Course. The Class of 12 graduates was the start of a new era in fire training in Ohio. Today's flagship program averages over 30 students per class.

1999: OFA purchased two engines and a ladder, bringing its apparatus to a modern state, and introduced the Mobile Fire Behavior Lab.

2002: OFA's third burn building went into service.

2006: Several major infrastructure projects were started to improve training grounds that continue today, including a 70-bed dorm facility and renovated classrooms. The OFA built a driver's training pad, purchased Engine 4, installed campus-wide generator/electrical upgrades, added new metal roofs and renovated the apparatus building.

2011: Introduced online CEUs for Ohio's fire and EMS providers, which now has over 18,000 users. Engine 3 was purchased and refurbished. Introduced largest and most comprehensive Grain Bin Rescue Trailer in the nation.

2012: Placed Search & Rescue Trailer and new Mobile Fire

Behavior Lab in service and formed partnership with COTC.

2014: Partnered with Findlay Fire Department to use its Mobile FireBlast Live Fire Training Trailer.

2016: Implemented Acadis Operating System to manage all OFA day-to-day operations.

2017: Introduced Mobile Driving Simulator; purchased Heavy Rescue truck; renovated training tower. Named one of the nation's top fire training academies by FireRescue1 magazine.

2018: OFA underwent reaccreditation process with IFSAC, successfully accrediting 35 levels.

2020: Purchased a new engine and a 100-foot ladder tower.

2021: Successfully transitioned 36 traditional classes to online delivery.

2022: Added four additional mobile training simulators, bring the Academy's fleet to a total of nine.

2023: Constructed a single-family Search & Rescue house, and added 18 additional IFSAC accreditations, bringing the Academy's to 57.

2024: Completed a comprehensive master plan for State Fire Marshal campus upgrades.



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Kevin S. Reardon

Dear Fire Service Professional,

The fire service in Ohio is at a crossroads. Most every fire department across the state, including volunteer and career paid departments, are struggling to recruit new personnel while, at the same time, retain current employees. This has been an issue for some time now, but it is one that is getting worse by the day. Financially, many fire departments are finding it difficult, if not impossible, to meet the demands and expectations that communities have for them. Sadly, as budgets get increasingly tight, many Fire Chiefs are having to make difficult decisions, especially as fire levies fail, which we've seen over the past couple of years.

The challenges moving forward for the Ohio fire service are difficult and critical, which is why I am grateful to the men and women of our state's fire service who, despite these challenges, have made the decision to serve in this important role. The training of Ohio's firefighters is not simple nor easy. In difficult times, we must never diminish the need for high quality training for Ohio's firefighters.

With the release of the 2025 Ohio Fire Academy (OFA) catalog, I am reminded of the important role training plays in our profession. When I look back on my own career, I am amazed at the many changes that have taken place in how we train firefighters. We truly have gone from taking a relatively low-tech approach that was common decades ago to taking innovative and high-tech approaches to protect and save lives. Keeping pace with this evolving technology is a challenge, but there's no question that its implementation has made training safer, more productive and more effective. I am proud to see our profession embrace these changes and move forward with an open mind, so we can become the best-trained firefighters our citizens and communities deserve.

I encourage you to look at our many course offerings and consider enrollment so that you too can establish that relationship with our instructing staff to benefit your training as a firefighter. Looking ahead at our future, we are actively working on plans to bring many new features and structures to our training ground to help us begin to prepare the next generation of firefighters. A great deal of planning and discussion has gone into this process with the primary focus being to make sure we create a training campus for the future that will result in some of the best trained and prepared firefighters anywhere in the world.

As we adjust to this new environment and embrace new tools, resources and approaches, it's important that you know the planning that is underway to make certain we can provide members of Ohio's fire service with the quality training you deserve to protect our communities.

The OFA training staff and instructors have remained steadfast in their pursuit of excellence as we begin a new training year. They thrive on the challenges of the training environment, and I appreciate their efforts because they truly understand and realize the seriousness of our profession and the need to provide the best training possible.

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Reardon
State Fire Marshal



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Ohio Fire Academy

A message from the Chief



Scott King

Dear Fire Service Professional,

As the new Bureau Chief of the Ohio Fire Academy (OFA), I am deeply committed to upholding the high expectations for quality and excellence in the training that Ohio's fire service, including your department, receives from OFA. We provide this high standard of training as we implement our continuous process improvement plan for all OFA programs and operations. This commitment to fire service excellence is a shared goal that I know you also uphold, and your role in this mission is crucial.

The evolving and ever-changing hazards and risks that first responders face daily make this job tough enough. Significant budget constraints facing many departments can also limit training opportunities, sometimes making it feel like we're doing this job with one hand tied behind our backs. I understand the challenges you face, and we're here to help.

The fire service is being impacted by several factors, including new technologies, changing strategies, and recruitment challenges. Occasionally, due to these and other factors, we fail to properly educate and train personnel on new methods and perspectives to prevent firefighter injuries and deaths. We must embrace continuous improvement in our training and processes, a commitment that will help to ensure the safety of our personnel and the communities we serve.

Fire departments are using new technologies to make their jobs safer, more efficient, and more manageable. These technologies may involve drones, robotic adjuncts, smart helmets, and the use of predictive analytics. Together, we have worked to guide efforts to reduce community and human risk by predicting resource needs, health and wellness, and firefighter injuries.

There are some simple things we can do to stay safe, such as always wearing a seat belt and educating ourselves on the scientific data relative to fire and heat flow through improper ventilation. There also are other steps that can be taken to protect and save firefighter lives, such as by improving apparatus design, reducing our exposure to cancer-causing products, getting fire ground rehab, keeping ourselves fit, and demanding that your fellow firefighters do the same. Remember, a well-trained, fit, critically thinking firefighter is just as essential to protecting our citizens as a reliable fire truck or a properly operating smoke detector.

As always, the Ohio Fire Academy stands ready to assist you in obtaining the education and training you need to develop a "New Perspective." The catalog is filled with classes that challenge your competence and skills, and I invite you to consider how OFA can help you prepare to face tomorrow's challenges. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or feedback; I'd love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Scott E. King
Bureau Chief
Ohio Fire Academy

2025 training options are

■ On-Campus Training

This traditional method of training offers in-person, instructor-led classes that are held at the Ohio Fire Academy's Reynoldsburg campus. On Campus training

gives students the opportunity to interact and learn from some of the most respected and experienced instructors from across the state of Ohio.

All on-campus courses throughout the Academy's 2025 catalog will feature this logo:

MAIN CAMPUS


■ Online Training - The OFA offers two types:

Traditional Online (synchronous learning)

Online training uses the Microsoft Teams environment with instructors and students in separate locations (synchronous learning). All lectures and in-class activities are conducted online in this format. Some courses may also require students

to complete additional homework assignments on their own. Certification courses require students demonstrate competency by successfully passing computer-based final exams. These exams can only be completed on campus.

To locate an online course offering:

- 1) Go to: <https://ofa.com.ohio.gov/AcadisViewer/Registration/ListOfAvailableTraining>
- 2) Click on the  icon at the top of the page, and type the word online in the Keyword box. This will populate a list of all online course offerings.

All online training courses throughout the Academy's 2025 catalog will feature this logo:

ONLINE

Self-Paced (asynchronous learning)

Online training is a computer based, self-paced (asynchronous) learning environment that takes place online at your convenience. The Academy has arranged for greatly reduced pricing for online training memberships for all Ohio fire departments, EMS agencies, individual firefighters and EMS providers. Memberships feature

content from Public Safety Group (PSG) RECERT, 24/7 – Fire and 24/7 – EMS and Action Training Systems. This content can be used during initial certification training or for continuing education requirements. Every course is approved by the OFA to meet your department or individual training needs.


To find Online Self-Paced training course offerings, go to: www.ofots.com.

■ Hybrid Training

This training starts online with a combination of Online Instructor-Led Training (VILT) and online self-paced homework assignments. This computer-based training generally lasts for 4-6 weeks before the course moves to face-to-face instructional activities on our main campus, or at

another predetermined location. Certification courses are then concluded on campus with students successfully completing both hands-on skills assessments and computer-based final exams. Computer-based and practical skills testing for certification courses can only be completed on campus.

To locate a hybrid course offering:

- 1) Go to: <https://ofa.com.ohio.gov/AcadisViewer/Registration/ListOfAvailableTraining>
- 2) Click on the  icon at the top of the page, and type the word hybrid in the Keyword box. This will populate a list of all online course offerings.

All hybrid training courses throughout the Academy's 2025 catalog will feature this logo:

HYBRID

■ By-Request Training

These are courses that are not regularly scheduled, but can be offered if demand meets minimum enrollment requirements.

Please contact the Ohio Fire Academy Registrar Office at 614-752-7196 for more information.

All by-request courses throughout the Academy's 2025 catalog will feature this logo:

BY REQUEST

For more information, contact:

By phone: 614-752-7262

Online: <https://ofa.com.ohio.gov/AcadisViewer/WebForms/Public/DataCollectorList.aspx>

available in many forms

Close to Home Training

The OFA Close to Home series brings training to students while offering the same expert instructors and OFA's extensive range of apparatus, equipment and training simulators. To better manage time and resources, students can select from a wide range of courses taught at a location and time near them. Times include days, evenings and/or weekends. Individual courses are offered at the department's location of choice, and at times selected by the department. Courses can

also be made available to multiple departments in a region. If firefighters from three or more departments are enrolled, the Academy will provide the course(s) at no cost. If your department is looking for specific training needs, we will work with your department to customize a course that meets your needs. To request a Close to Home course, go to ofa.com.ohio.gov to submit a web form (one form per each requested course offering). See below for additional contact information.

All Close to Home courses throughout the Academy's 2025 catalog will feature this logo: **CLOSE TO HOME**



Fire Blast Trailer



Hazardous Materials Tanker



Hazardous Materials Rollover Trainer



Grain Bin Trailer



Fire Behavior Trailer



Fire Behavior Trailer



Driver Training Simulator



Mobile Search & Rescue Training Lab



Fire Blast Trailer

Our strength: Instructors

NEWS



Instructor Asa Snouffer monitors a student during ladder maze day.

From those who recently joined the Academy to long-time mentors, our instructors provide students a wealth of fire service knowledge through on-campus or online instruction.



Instructor Chris Hrach stresses a point during a break in training.



LEFT: Glenn Ullom discusses hose couplings to students. **MIDDLE:** Dave Woodward works with cadets during foam application training. **RIGHT:** Brian Thompson works with a cadet during donning drills.



Allan Young demonstrates airway management techniques to EMT students.



Carl Ryan oversees a student during Rope Rescue Technician class.



Nelvin Young works with a cadet during ropes and knots lab.

2025 Academy Instructors

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| Bob Arnold | Ken Ledford |
| Brandon Assmann | Michael Lenix |
| Clay Atkins | Joshua Lester |
| Shawn Barnett | Jeremy Leonard |
| Cory Barney | Scott Lerman |
| Robert Bates | Mark Lundy |
| Tyler Baughman | Carl Mack |
| Tom Bentley | Jason Marzilli |
| Tim Berczik | Ann-Marie McDonald |
| Josh Black | Bill Mercurio |
| Bryan Boone | Travis Molter |
| Sam Broska | Paul Montavon |
| Bryan Broyles | Bradley Moore |
| Abbie Buday | Eric Moore |
| Ed Collet | Adam Noble |
| Craig Collins | Lyn Nofziger |
| Walt Cook | Kyle O'Brien |
| Ben Coppes | Jim O'Connor |
| John Cox | Bob Perko |
| Jonathan DeCola | Tim Perry |
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| John Eing | Kai Rieger |
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| Eric Kincaid | Brandon Wogan |
| Colby Kinsey | Dave Woodward |
| Jared Kitt | Allen Young |
| Curtis Kyer | Nelvin Young |
| Greg Lash | Dan Ysseldyke |

Ohio's fire departments

Pending approval by the Ohio General Assembly, if the Governor's proposed FY24 budget is approved, funding for all SFM grants and loan programs will increase substantially. Check the OFA website for updated information.

Grants

■ Fire Training Reimbursement Grant

Reimbursement is available for training classes, including the cost of tuition, training manuals and student workbooks. Classes ranging from EMT, Firefighter I & II, Fire Officer classes, Wildland, HazMat, and Leadership Development courses are eligible for reimbursement. Complete lists of eligible course and maximum reimbursement amounts are listed on the online grant

OFA courses eligible for the Fire Training Reimbursement Grant feature this logo throughout the catalog: 

application. Fire departments that provide primary fire protection to an area with a permanent population of 25,000 or less qualify for the grant. Applications must be submitted electronically before the deadline for consideration.

Contact: CommerceGrants@com.state.oh.us for more information.

■ Individual Fire Department Equipment Grant

This grant funds the purchase of equipment including protective clothing, SCBA, communications equipment and other miscellaneous equipment. Eligible fire departments must serve a population of 25,000 or less, be in compliance with the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund outlined

in Ohio Revised Code 146, and have submitted incident fire reports for the previous year. Applications become available in December of each year. Grant award and non-award notifications are forwarded in the spring of each year.

■ Joint Fire Department Equipment Grant

This grant funds equipment including protective clothing, SCBA, communications equipment and other miscellaneous equipment. Eligible fire departments must serve a population of 25,000 or less, be in compliance with the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund outlined in

O.R.C. § 146, and have submitted incident fire reports for the previous year. Applications become available in December of each year. Grant award and non-award notifications are forwarded in the spring of each year.

■ Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) Grant

The MARCS Grant assists fire departments in purchasing systems, equipment, and/or services that are part of, integrated into, or otherwise interoperable with the MARCS

operated by the state of Ohio with respect to providing fire protections services. To be eligible, fire departments must serve a population of 25,000 or less.

■ Firefighter I Training Grant

This grant provides funding to cover the costs of providing Firefighter I or Firefighter I Transition certification courses free of charge at SFM-approved class providers. By partnering with eligible providers, this grant eases the costs to local governments, promoting shared services

and broadening the availability of courses throughout the state. Grant funding is limited to \$500,000 statewide and is dispersed to compliant course providers on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications become available in July of each year.

■ Volunteer Firefighter Assistance (VFA) Grant (formerly RCFA Grant)

The VFA Grant program is a cooperative effort between the Division of State Fire Marshal's Ohio Fire Academy and the Department of Natural Resources' Division of Forestry. The grant supports training for firefighters who serve rural communities of 10,000 residents or fewer. Successful VFA grant applicants may receive full waivers of tuition and dormitory fees for certain courses. Funds do not cover meals or transportation/mileage. Support for this program is

provided, in part, through a federal grant via the U.S. Forest Service and is matched by the Ohio Fire Academy. Grants are allocated on a first-come, first serve basis. Generally, a fire department may receive one scholarship per class for one student. However, multiple grants for a single class may be offered if funds are available. The maximum amount of an eligible agency is \$1,500 per grant cycle.

eligible for loans, grants

Loans

■ Small Government Fire Department Services Revolving Loan

This program was created by the Ohio General Assembly to assist local governments in funding certain fire department major expenses. A revolving loan can be used to expedite the purchase of major firefighting, rescue or

EMS equipment, as well as for construction or renovation of fire department buildings. Applications become available in December of each year. Grant award and non-award notifications are forwarded the following spring.



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Check online for updates to grants

OFA at the forefront of accredited training

What sets us apart?

Who do you want tying the knots in your rope rescue system or backing you up on the hose line in a structure fire – someone who just sat in a class, or someone who had to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities in order to earn their certification?

With 57 IFSAC accredited certifications, the Ohio Fire Academy now ranks in the top 5% internationally, amongst 48 US state fire academies, 30 fire academies across 15 foreign countries, and 47 college-based fire training programs throughout the US and around the world. Accredited by IFSAC and chartered by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS, the OFA has the unique distinction of being the only entity in Ohio whose students are eligible for both IFSAC and ProBoard certifications. These distinctions make the OFA your one-stop location for accredited training and demonstrate our commitment to providing you with some of the highest quality training opportunities in the world right here at home.

Why does accreditation matter?

The Fire Service has transitioned from just being a job to being a profession. This transition includes the development of professional standards which have been in place for nearly 50 years. Being a profession means we live up and adhere to these recognized standards.

Accreditation is the stamp of approval from a third-party review of an agency or organization's certification system. The review includes all aspects of certification testing, including completeness, fairness, security, validity, and correlation to the national standards.

When you select a college for yourself or your children you want to know the college you select is accredited and that the degree is going to have value and be recognized by employers rather than just having a piece of paper. The same holds true for your professional training. Do you want training conducted by provider who is recognized by an organization willing to stand behind the training, or do you just want a piece of paper? Any individual, group, institution, or organization can provide training, but not all of them meet or comply with the professional standards required to be accredited.

What is IFSAC?

The International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) is a world-wide organization made up of 125 member entities that includes 48 US state fire academies, 30 fire academies across 15 foreign countries, and 47 college-based fire training programs throughout the US and around the world. IFSAC provides third-party validation of OFA testing procedures that authenticates and validates our education processes. IFSAC assures the compliance with NFPA 1000, the Standard for Fire Service Professional Qualifications Accreditation and Certification Systems.

IFSAC accreditation is the third-party stamp of approval that includes all aspects of certification testing including completeness, fairness, security, validity and correlation to the national standards. Holding an IFSAC accredited certificate says you have passed the most rigorous testing and highest standard of performance in our industry.

Compliance with this standard provides many benefits for Ohio firefighters

- Provides documentation showing competency of individual knowledge and job skill performance requirements that are correlated to industry standards and best practices
- Provides credibility to individual firefighters as meeting professional standards in their field
- Acknowledges a firefighter's commitment to ongoing training and life-long learning
- Provides a specific training path for career advancement
- Provides firefighters with credibility and accountability in cases involving litigation

- Enhances fire service professionalism and reliability
- Enables professional mobility through nationally and internationally recognized certification
- Produces portable certificates for individual mobility that can be applied to both civilian and military personnel
- Increased employment opportunities

What is the difference between certification and accreditation?

Accreditation is often confused with certification. Accreditation is a verification that the institution, as well as its policies, procedures, and content comply with a recognized standard such as the NFPA 1000 Professional Qualification Series of standards. Based on that verification process, accreditation is the granting of approval to the institution to issue certifications granted by an independent third party who has no vested interest in the success or failure of the program. These independent third parties represent the industry and the students - not the training institutions.

Certification is simply written documentation of a qualification or privilege held by an individual. Just because a "certificate" is awarded, does not mean that the individual is "certified" to an identified professional standard. Look closely at the wording on the program's "certificate". What does it say? "Certificates" are typically only an acknowledgment of attendance or participation. If the document says the individual is "certified" to a certain level, you need to ask who established the requirements or standard that the individual is being "certified" to? Was it an independent third party or the individual, group, institution, or organization itself? Who holds the training organization accountable to following the professional qualification standard and how is it documented?

Accreditation gives official recognition or approval of quality standards, provides credentials, and represents standards that qualify its graduates for admission to higher or more specialized institutions or for professional practice



Certifications offered by OFA



IFSA

NFPA 1001 Chapter 4 , 2019 Edition Firefighter 1
 NFPA 1001 Chapter 5 , 2019 Edition Firefighter 2
 NFPA 1002 Chapter 4, 2017 Edition General Requirements
 NFPA 1002 Chapter 5, 2017 Edition Apparatus Equipped with Fire Pump
 NFPA 1002 Chapter 6, 2017 Edition Apparatus Equipped with an Aerial Device
 NFPA 1002 Chapter 7, 2017 Edition Apparatus Equipped with a Tiller
 NFPA 1003 Chapter 4, 2019 Edition Airport Fire Fighter
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 12.1 2021 Edition - Trench Rescue Awareness
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 12.2 2021 Edition - Trench Rescue Operations
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 12.3 2021 Edition - Trench Rescue Technician
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 17.1, 2021 Edition - Surface Water Rescue Awareness
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 17.2, 2021 Edition -Surface Water Rescue Operations
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 17.3, 2021 Edition - Surface Water Rescue Technician
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 18.1, 2021 Edition - Swiftwater Rescue Awareness
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 18.2, 2021 Edition - Swiftwater Rescue Operations
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 18.3, 2021 Edition - Swiftwater Rescue Technician
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 22.1, 2021 Edition - Watercraft Rescue Awareness
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 22.2, 2021 Edition - Watercraft Rescue Operations
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 22.3, 2021 Edition - Watercraft Rescue Technician
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 5.1, 2021 Edition Rope Rescue Awareness
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 5.2, 2021 Edition Rope Rescue Operations
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 5.3, 2021 Edition Rope Rescue Technician
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 7.1, 2021 Edition - Confined Space Rescue Awareness
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 7.2, 2021 Edition - Confined Space Rescue Operations
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 7.3, 2021 Edition - Confined Space Rescue Technician
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 8.1 2021 Edition - Passenger Vehicle Awareness
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 8.2 2021 Edition - Passenger Vehicle Operations
 NFPA 1006 Chapter 8.3 2021 Edition - Passenger Vehicle Tech
 NFPA 1021 Chapter 4, 2020 Edition Fire Officer I
 NFPA 1021 Chapter 5, 2020 Edition Fire Officer II
 NFPA 1021 Chapter 6, 2020 Edition Fire Officer III
 NFPA 1021 Chapter 7, 2020 Edition Fire Officer IV
 NFPA 1031 Chapter 4 ,2014 Edition Fire Inspector I

NFPA 1031 Chapter 5 ,2014 Edition Fire Inspector II
 NFPA 1033 Chapter 4, 2014 Edition Fire Investigator
 NFPA 1035 Chapter 4, 2015 Edition FLSE 1
 NFPA 1035 Chapter 5, 2015 Edition FLSE 2
 NFPA 1035 Chapter 6, 2015 Edition FLSE 3
 NFPA 1035 Chapter 8, 2015 Edition Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist
 NFPA 1035 Chapter 9, 2015 Edition Youth Firesetter Program Manager
 NFPA 1041 Chapter 4, 2019 Edition Fire and Emergency Instructor I
 NFPA 1041 Chapter 5, 2019 Edition Fire and Emergency Instructor II
 NFPA 1041 Chapter 6, 2019 Edition Fire and Emergency Instructor III
 NFPA 1041 Chapter 7, 2019 Edition Live Fire Instructor
 NFPA 1041 Chapter 8, 2019 Edition LFI In Charge
 NFPA 1072 Chapter 4, 2017 Edition HazMat Awareness
 NFPA 1072 Chapter 5, 2017 Edition HazMat Operations Core
 NFPA 1072 Chapter 6.2, 2017 Edition HM Ops - MS:PPE
 NFPA 1072 Chapter 6.3, 2017 Edition HM Ops - MS: Mass Decon
 NFPA 1072 Chapter 6.4, 2017 Edition HM Ops - MS:Technical-Decon
 NFPA 1072 Chapter 6.5, 2017 Edition HM Ops - MS:Evidence-Preservation&Sampling
 NFPA 1072 Chapter 6.6, 2017 Edition HM Ops - MS: Product-Control
 NFPA 1072 Chapter 6.7, 2017 Edition HM Ops - MS: Air-Monitoring&Sampling
 NFPA 1072 Chapter 6.8, 2017 Edition HM Ops - MS:Victim-Rescue&Recovery
 NFPA 1072 Chapter 6.9, 2017 Edition HM Ops - MS: Illicit-Laboratory-Incidents
 NFPA 1072 Chapter 7, 2017 Edition HM Technician
 NFPA 1521 Chapter 5, 2020 Edition Incident Safety Officer

ProBoard

Firefighter I, NFPA 1001
 Firefighter II, NFPA 1001

OFA accommodations



TOP: Academy dorm rooms were recently renovated with fresh paint and new flooring and offer twin beds, cable television, closet space, desks, workspace, and private bathrooms. **ABOVE:** The OFA student lounge includes foosball, air hockey and pool tables. Students also have access to Cybex fitness machines and other equipment including free weights during their on-campus stay.

Stay, Eat, and Study with Us!

The Ohio Fire Academy offers modern and affordable accommodations that are conveniently located adjacent to the training grounds. Room rates are \$30 per night for a double occupancy room or \$60 per night for a single occupancy room. Our dorms are so popular, they fill up fast. So, make sure you add a dorm request during the course registration process!

We've recently replaced the flooring, freshly painted the walls, and equipment update in each dorm room. We also offer a student lounge with cable television, a meeting space for after-hours study groups or just socializing, and a foosball, Air Hockey and pool table. Dorm rooms offer twin beds, cable television, closet space, desks, workspace, and private bathrooms.

Students will also have access to our physical training facility equipped with a wide range of workout equipment including free weights, Cybex machines, and an aerobics room is also available.

See you soon!

SFM / Academy grounds

The State Fire Marshal's office is located at 8895 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. The Division of State Fire Marshal, under the Ohio Department of Commerce, houses seven bureaus including:

- Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations
- Code Enforcement
- Fire & Explosion Investigation Bureau
- Fire Prevention
- Forensics Lab
- Ohio Fire Academy
- Testing & Registration

The Ohio Fire Academy is the main teaching arm of SFM, offering a wide variety of courses to thousands of students from throughout the state each year. Below is a list of the main areas of our grounds:

1. Dormitories
2. Main Building
3. Driving Pad
4. A Building
5. B Building
6. Burn Building
7. Search & Rescue, Training Tower
8. LPG Burn Area
9. Arson Pods
10. Extrication Area
11. Rail Cars Area
12. Trench Rescue
13. Search & Rescue, Residential

FUTURE EXPANSION:

- A. Search & Rescue Tower Complex
- B. Live Fire Training Tower



OFA supports initiatives



Everyone Goes Home® Program

For many years prior to 2004, United States fire service leaders discussed the need to reduce line-of-duty deaths (LODDs).

Different organizations had developed programs and strategies to attack the problem, but despite their best efforts, no holistic vision or clear, cohesive strategy to address the issue had emerged.

Several events were driving the issue to the forefront: the seemingly immovable annual average of 100 or more LODDs, the startling and unexpected multiple impacts of 9-11, and a goal declared by the United States Fire Administration to reduce firefighter LODDs by 50 percent within a decade. By 2004, reducing line-of-duty injuries and fatalities was on everyone's radar.

In March 2004, the Firefighter Life Safety Summit was held in Tampa, Fla. to address the need for change within the fire and emergency services. Through this meeting, 16 Life Safety Initiatives were produced to ensure that Everyone Goes Home®. The goal of the Everyone Goes Home® Program is to reduce the number of preventable firefighter line-of-duty injuries and deaths.

The program, founded by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, provides free training, resources and programs to implement the initiatives.



Firefighter Cancer Support Network

The objective of the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN) is to provide timely assistance to all fire service members and

their families in the event of cancer diagnosis. The FCSN maintains and continuously updates a roster of mentors who have personal experience with many types of cancers and will personally guide those affected through the process of dealing with a specific illness.

In addition to the mentor program, the FCSN is always in need of volunteers to assist by helping to support various committees, specialized task programs, member support activities and specialized events. The FCSN also provides awareness to fire service members and their families about the importance of cancer prevention and screening by coordinating educational opportunities with various health programs.

The FCSN does not provide legal or medical advice, but can offer assistance and guidance for support options like behavioral health services, fire service organizations, fire service chaplains and other cancer support programs.

The FCSN is in collaboration with the American Cancer Society and the Live Strong Foundation, and is made up of fire department members and their relatives, all of whom volunteer their services.

Five steps to better protection

Limit exposure to carcinogens on the fire scene and at the firehouse by implementing the following guidelines:

1. Make sure all fire apparatus are connected to a Source Capture Exhaust System in the stations. (This is the most effective system per IAFF & FEMA).
2. Do NOT remove your PPE, including the SCBA, until the area has been monitored and deemed safe by your safety officer.

3. DECON yourself by taking a hot shower immediately after any fire or when an exposure to toxins or carcinogens may have occurred.

4. Keep PPE out of living and sleeping quarters. Properly store them in a separate enclosed room with an outside exhaust fan.

5. Clean and properly maintain your PPE after each use, as specified in NFPA 1851 and manufacturer's recommendations.

For more information, go to: www.everyonegoeshome.com or www.firefightercancersupport.org

OFA Partnerships

The Ohio Fire Academy is a bureau within the State Fire Marshal, part of the Ohio Department of Commerce, Ohio’s chief regulatory agency. The Department is focused on promoting prosperity and protecting what matters most to Ohioans. The Ohio Fire Academy has many strategic partnerships that allow for the sharing of knowledge and resources with leading agencies, educators, researchers and professional associations. These partnerships create a high-quality learning environment unmatched in Ohio.

State Agencies

- Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation
- Ohio Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry
- Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft
- Ohio Dept. of Public Safety, Division of EMS
- Ohio Dept. of Transportation
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Ohio Adjutant General’s Dept., Ohio National Guard
- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

State Associations

- Ohio Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians
- Ohio Fire Chiefs’ Association
- Ohio Professional Firefighters Association
- Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors
- Ohio State Firefighters Association

Sponsorships and Causes

- Firefighter Cancer Support Network
- National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, Everyone Goes Home

National Agencies and Organizations

- National Fire Academy
- National Volunteer Fire Council
- U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms
- U.S. Dept. of Defense, U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Dept. of Justice, U.S. Marshal’s Service

Partnerships

- Central Ohio Technical College
- QuickClear – TIMS Traffic Management
- The Ohio State University, Agricultural Safety & Health Program
- The Ohio State University, Center for EMS
- The Ohio State University, College of Veterinary Medicine
- The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
- Tri-Med Tactical

Associations and Accreditations

- International Fire Service Accreditation Service (IFSAC)
- International Society of Fire Service Instructors
- The ProBoard

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The National Volunteer Fire Council: Your Ally in the Volunteer Emergency Services

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is here for you. We provide critical resources, programs, education, and advocacy for first responders across the nation, including:

Make Me A Firefighter Campaign: Enhance your department's recruitment initiatives with free tools including a materials generator, volunteer opportunities database, ready-to-use PSAs, and much more.

Share the Load Support Program: Find resources to support behavioral health, including a helpline, directory of local behavioral health professionals ready to assist responders and their families, and a toolkit and training to help department leaders foster a psychologically healthy fire department.

Health and Safety Resources: The NVFC is committed to keeping firefighters and EMS providers healthy and safe, from cancer prevention best practices to resources to promote heart health and much more.

Education and Training: Access dozens of courses and webinars on topics of importance to the fire and emergency services.

Legislative Advocacy: The NVFC is the voice of the volunteer fighting for federal legislation that benefits the volunteer emergency services, in standards setting committees, and in national emergency service workgroups and task forces.

Grant and Giveaway Programs: Apply for special grant, giveaway, and scholarship opportunities from the NVFC and our partners.

Membership: Join the NVFC to access a variety of benefits, including an AD&D policy, First Responder Helpline, all training free in the Virtual Classroom, Volunteer Voices member forum, and much more.

Learn about all of these initiatives and more at www.nvfc.org.



Access free and low-cost fire service training in the NVFC Virtual Classroom



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- Leadership
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- Recruitment & Retention
- Safety & Equipment
- Wildfire
- Grants & Funding
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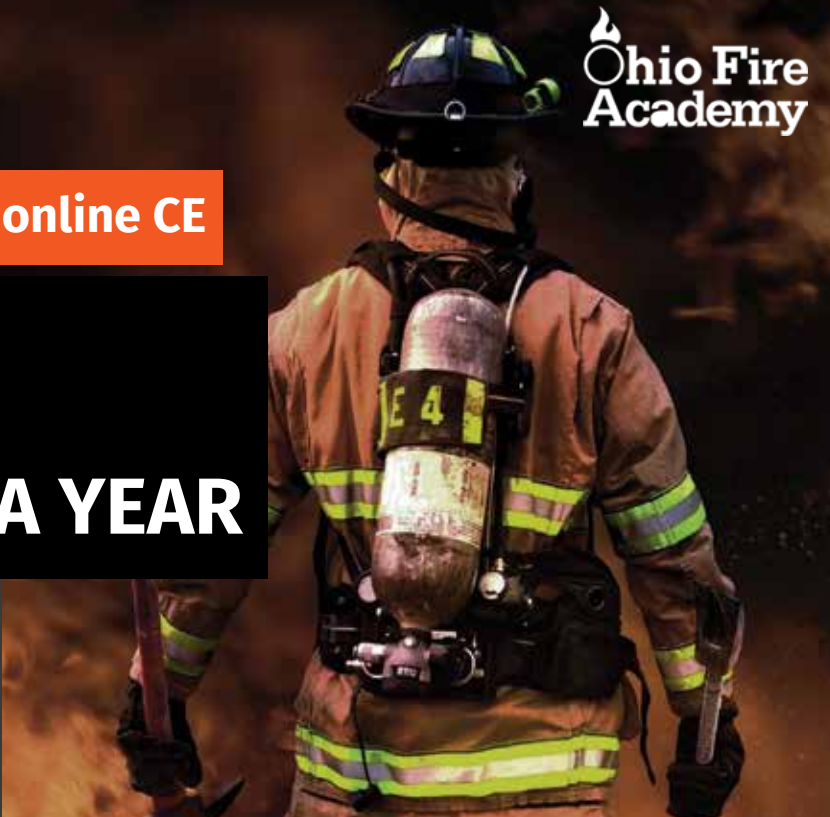
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NEWS

W0636 - Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction:

This two-day course is designed to help fire and emergency services learn what community risk reduction is and how to build organizational support for it.

W0521 - Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change:

Develop an understanding of skills associated with exercising leadership to resolve adaptive problems (those problems where the solution is either unknown or requires significant change, or both).

W0455 - Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations:

This two-day course is designed to meet the needs of Company Officers (COs) responsible for managing the operations of one or more companies during structural firefighting operations. This course is designed to develop the management skills needed by COs to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires.

W0609 - Introduction to Unified Command for All-Hazard Incidents:

This two-day course is designed to provide Company Officers (COs) with a better understanding of multiagency needs and a Unified Command structure. The attendees will gain an understanding of the requirements of a Unified Command organization and provide learners with the knowledge and skills necessary to operate effectively in complex incidents.

W0610 Wildland Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer:

This two-day course identifies operational activities and safety concerns for structural Company Officers (COs) assigned to a wildland urban interface (WUI) incident.



- Classes start on Friday evening end at 2 p.m. on Sunday
- Registration announcement to be published on the OFA website and on social media
- Cost: \$160.00 (estimate, to be announced) and does not include travel
- Ohio volunteer firefighters can attend at no cost
- Registration is online only!



Ohio Fire Academy's



Firefighter I & II

Our flagship program at the Ohio Fire Academy, Firefighter I & II, is a physically and academically intensive 10-week program consisting of 454 hours of classroom and hands-on training. This program exceeds the requirements set forth by the State of Ohio and is the only program in the state where students earn eight different certifications in addition to their Firefighter I & II certification.

The program is also the only recruit class in the state where students earn certification for NFPA 1010, Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator. The Ohio Fire Academy is the only program in the state accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

Graduates are also eligible to apply for ProBoard certification after completion of our program. Therefore, OFA graduates are in the highest demand by employers across the state and why many communities send new hires to the OFA even if they have been previously certified as a firefighter.

Students will be immersed in the fire service culture and

core values from the first day. Structured to accurately simulate working in the profession, students will be taught by some of the greatest instructors in Ohio's fire service. No other recruit program in the state offers the opportunity to operate multiple types of fire apparatus including our brand-new 100' platform aerial and new fire engine.

With two other trucks currently on order, the OFA's entire fleet will be the largest and most modern fleet of fire training apparatus in the state. The OFA utilizes a wide range of training props for training of all types including a 3-story burn building, a 5-story search and rescue tower, as well as a vehicle extrication area and propane props for live fire scenarios, to name a few.

This course is a fulltime in-residence program. On campus residency is required Monday-Friday but dorm fees are not charged for this class.

The Ohio Fire Academy is unique in that it is a bureau within the State Fire Marshal's Office. Come join us at the Ohio Fire academy because "It's Your Ohio Fire Academy".

flagship courses



■ Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

If you are looking for a career or looking to switch careers and enjoy people and high stress environments, then a career in emergency medical services just might be for you. The Ohio Fire Academy's Center for EMS offers multiple EMT courses as well as an EMT refresher course throughout the year.

To increase your chances of landing a good job in the emergency medical services industry, it is necessary to first enroll in the EMT classes at the Ohio Fire Academy. Here are some irrefutable reasons to join us here at the Academy.

1) We prepare you. Our highly qualified EMS instructors will help you to be fully prepared for the arduous tasks ahead as you begin your future in EMS. We have state of the art tools meant to simulate real-life scenarios as well as opportunities to experience real world emergency medical calls made by real patients.

2) We have dormitories. Here at the Ohio Fire Academy, we provide living quarters to our EMT students which is included in the cost of the course, and dormitory stay is mandatory for every EMT student. Every dorm room has 2 twin beds, 2 desks, a mini fridge, 2 lockers with adjustable combinations,

and a bathroom with shower. In addition to the dorms, there are also laundry facilities to help you stay caught up while you are here. You don't have to worry about commuting while exhausted after studying all night or being in class all day! Our dorms are just a short walk away from all training facilities.

3) We have countless industry affiliations. When you enroll at the Ohio Fire Academy, you will have the upper hand when it comes time to applying for jobs in public and private EMS including finding specific departments or companies to work for. Your training will be conducted by leaders in the industry who are well connected and presently employed locally as well as all 4 corners of the state. Whether you are seeking a career in the public sector or desire to work for a private entity, it can be very beneficial to have been educated by the best in the business.

The training and education you receive will be the most important aspect of your development as you become a highly qualified EMT. Make sure you choose your training and educational facility wisely.

Course Listings | Fire & EMS

FIRE & EMS



Icon key:



Grant eligible



IFSAAC certification eligible



Free courses



NFA class taught at OFA



Pro Board Accredited

Aerial Apparatus Operation

This class will demonstrate the safe and proper use of aerial apparatus with field evolutions. Students will demonstrate a basic understanding of safe aerial operations, aerial apparatus positioning, and setting up and operating elevated streams.

The class is designed for small-to-medium-sized departments that respond with ladder companies.

REQUIREMENTS: Must have a valid driver's license and be certified as a firefighter.

MAIN CAMPUS	Dates: May 7, June 30, Aug. 5, 2025	GE	CLOSE TO HOME	Fee: \$160/class
	Fee: \$50 Hours: 6		Deadline: 45 days prior	
	Deadline: 7 days prior		Class min/max: 12/24 Hours: 6	

FIRE & EMS

Driving Simulation Lab

Acquired through an Assistance to Firefighters Grant, the Mobile Driving Simulation Lab system is a training resource that is integrated into a driver skills and judgement training curriculum. It provides a bridge between classroom-delivered instruction and actual operation of a motor vehicle on a prepared course or public roadway. A driver

can experience the consequences of making decisions based upon incomplete information. Drivers can practice making decisions in simulated life and death situations similar to those actually encountered on the road that would be too dangerous to perform in the real world.

CLOSE TO HOME	Dates: Based on availability	Fee: \$500/Class	Deadline: 45 days prior
	Class min/max: 12/24	Hours: 4	

Fire Behavior Lab

This course is a must for all firefighters, both new and seasoned veterans. The OFA brings live fire into the classroom and demonstrate the destructive force and power fire has utilizing the OFA's mobile flashover trailer. A lack of understanding fire behavior can lead to inaccurate

predictions, the destruction of property and the loss of life. All students must possess a current certificate to practice as a firefighter issued under O.R.C. § 4765.55.

REQUIREMENTS: See online course description.


CLOSE TO HOME	Dates: Based on availability	Fee: \$400/burn	Deadline: 45 days prior
	Class min/max: 8/12 Burn	Hours: 4	

Fire Investigator

This course complies with NFPA 1033, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigators and is designed for those with at least five years of experience in fire service and/or law enforcement. Students will learn the fundamentals of fire scene investigation for origin and cause determination through interactive classroom presentations, lecture, group exercises and hands-on practical exercises. Upon completion of this course, students will have the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to participate in a fire origin and cause investigation.

cognitive and hands-on performance will be conducted throughout the course, as well as with a final exam. Students who successfully complete all course requirements are eligible for certification by IFSAC.

REQUIREMENTS: Documentation of completion of National Incident Management System 100 and 700; Employment Verification Letter and Statement of Qualifications forms; Ohio Department of Public Safety Firefighter or Law Enforcement Certification; BCI and FBI Back Ground Check (must be received 45 days prior to the start of class, OFA Code Number 109-578). This information must be sent regular mail to the OFA Registrar's Office.

HYBRID	Dates: March 31 - May 4 (O); May 5 - 16, 2025 (C)	Fee: \$250	Deadline: 7 days prior	
BY REQUEST	Also offered if demand meets minimum requirements	Hours: 129		

Firefighter I & II

This extensive 50-day firefighter training program is the only one of its kind in the state of Ohio recognized by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and ProBoard. This course exceeds the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) requirements for firefighters and the standards identified in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards.

Upon course completion, students will have the knowledge necessary to successfully complete the Ohio Firefighter 1 & 2 examination. In addition to basic firefighter job skills, students learn essential job functions including professionalism, leadership, teamwork, honor, firefighter safety, emergency vehicle operation and apparatus pumping. The course runs weekdays from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., with occasional night lectures. Students must pass written and practical skill evaluations for successful course completion.

The fast-paced course is mentally and physically demanding, requiring high levels of dedication and commitment from every student. Embedded in this course is a daily one-hour physical training program requires students to run 1.5 miles on the first day.

Students are responsible for providing their own turnout gear and course textbooks. The academy does provide Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) rental for an additional fee. Information on obtaining these materials is provided upon official acceptance into the course.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: This program requires students to have residency on campus in OFA dorm rooms, at no additional cost, (Sunday available) Monday-Thursday for the duration of the program.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: See online course description.

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: Feb. 18 - April 25, 2025 (Orientation Jan. 8, 2025)
May 12 - July 18, 2025 (Orientation April 9, 2025)
Aug. 25 - Oct. 31, 2025 (Orientation July 23, 2025)

Hours: 429

Deadline: 35 days prior

Fee: \$1,550



Graduation Dates: April 25, July 18 & Oct. 31, 2025

Interagency Wildfire (S-190/S-130/L-180)

This national certification (Red Card) course is a combination of courses from the National Wildfire Coordinating Group: Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior, Wildland Firefighter Training, Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service, and the Work Capacity Test (pack test optional). The course meets the NFPA 1051 Standard for Wildland Firefighter Personnel Professional Qualifications and is offered in two formats: a week-long class held Monday – Friday, and a weekend class held over three weekends. Perfect attendance is required for successful completion.

This is a 'Red Card' course, an annual national qualification card issued by a wildland firefighter's sponsoring agency. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources will only provide an Incident Qualification Card (Red Card) to students who plan on being available for deployment through the Ohio Interagency Fire Crew.

REQUIREMENTS: National Incident Management System Introduction to Incident Command System (IS-100) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) an Introduction (IS-700).

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: Feb. 22 - 23, March 1 - 2,
March 8, 2025 (Weekends)
Oct. 6 - 10, 2025

Hours: 40

Fee: \$95

Deadline: 14 days prior



Interagency Wildfire RT-130 Refresher (NWCG)

This wildland firefighting recertification is the equivalent to the National Wildfire Coordinating Group RT-130 course and is required for firefighters planning on western wildland fire support. This course covers the four core Interagency Wildfire Red Book topics: entrapment avoidance, current issues, hazards and safety issues, and fire shelter. Students will also complete the Work Capacity Test (pack test). The Ohio Department of Natural

Resources only provides an Incident Qualification Card (Red Card) to students who will be available for deployment through the Ohio Interagency Fire Crew. For the pack test, students may wear tennis shoes, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts or sweatpants.

REQUIREMENT: Interagency Wildfire (S-190/S-130/L-180).

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: Feb. 26, March 5, April 23,
May 7, May 21, 2025

Hours: 6

Fee:



Deadline: 14 days prior

Fire Dynamics: Bringing the Science to the Streets

This class is intended for all members of the fire service including suppression, investigation, code enforcement, public education and CRR staff. Based on information developed by Underwriters Laboratories, students will review traditional fire dynamics as we have understood them, how fire dynamics have changed in the last decades, and the implication of those changes. Topics covered

include fire dynamics, flow path, smoke as a fuel, the significance of door and ventilation control, the impact of temperature and pressure on fire development, water mapping and air entrainment. Students will then consider the impact this information has on fireground operations, fire code application, fire investigations and Community Risk Reduction.

MAIN CAMPUS
Dates: April 24 - 25, 2025
July 29 - 30, 2025

Hours: 16 **Fee:** \$50 **Deadline:** 14 days prior


The Hose and Nozzle Package

Do you know the actual pump discharge pressure to ensure you are pumping the proper flows for today's fires? "As goes the first lines, so goes the fire" is a well-known phrase in the fire service. However, this adage can be completely overshadowed if the first line is not set up for success long before the fire happens. This course evaluates multiple hose and nozzle packages. It builds upon information taught in the Pump Operator I course and

provides department specific information regarding the effectiveness of attack and supply lines. Class time discusses the intricacies of all types of nozzles, hoses and loads, bringing into account which of these work well together and which do not. Hands-on evolutions provide hard facts of flow rates, pressures, and nozzle forces. Upon completion, students will have a better understanding of the elements that make a highly effective hose and nozzle package.

MAIN CAMPUS
Dates: July 2, 2025

Fee: \$65 **Hours:** 8

Deadline: 7 days prior

CLOSE TO HOME
Fee: \$160/class

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24 **Hours:** 8

Mobile Water Supply Operations

This course meets the requirements of NFPA 1010 Chapter 17, Mobile Water Supply Apparatus Driver/Operator, and focuses on safe and efficient tanker/tender operations during water shuttle procedures.

It provides an overview of tanker/tender design, handling, and safety considerations as well as fill site and dump site operations. Students will learn pre-operational inspections of tanker/tender apparatus, positioning of tanker/tender

apparatus at the fill site and dump site, setting up dump sites, and effective communication via radio and phone.

Students hands-on performance evaluations and a written final exam are considered for passage of the course.

REQUIREMENTS: Documented completion of an Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVO) course from McNeil, VFIS, CEVO, or other recognized provider. Students will be required to complete a pre-course assignment.

CLOSE TO HOME
Dates: Based on availability

Hours: 16

Fee: \$160/class

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24

Perfecting the Initial Line

"So goes the first line, so goes the incident." The argument can be made that in the first 300 seconds of an incident, there is no more vital action to increase the odds of a positive outcome than a correctly deployed and functioning initial attack line. This three-day class is designed to evaluate that initial line using modern scientific data and

proven tactic- and task-level actions.

Students will get reps in drills covering aggressive hose movement and fire attack strategies to improve the initial attack lines probability of success. Upon completion, students will have a better understanding of what it takes to achieve an effective initial line.

BY REQUEST
Dates: Course is not regularly scheduled for 2025, but can be offered if demand meets minimum enrollment

Hours: 24

Fee: \$50

Deadline: 14 days prior

Pump Operations I

This one-day course focuses on the knowledge operators need to be successful on the fire ground. It covers advancements in pump controls technology of today's pressure governors without forgetting the operational nuances of old-school analog controls. The class contains classroom and theory elements, as well as field operations

focusing on initial attack from tank water, hydrant operations and drafting water from a static source.

Students will learn the proper pump discharge pressure to give the desired flow to the attack team, how to use and manipulate a pump chart, and rough estimate methods to provide the flows to the fire ground.

MAIN CAMPUS Dates: May 8, July 1, Aug. 6, 2025

Fee: \$65 Hours: 8 Deadline: 14 days prior

CLOSE TO HOME Fee: \$160/class Hours: 8

Deadline: 45 days prior Class min/max: 12/24

Pump Operations II

This two-day class builds on the foundation of Pump Operations I, and focuses on the conveyance of water from a supply point to a destination using both open and closed relays. Along with basic hydraulic calculations, students go

beyond interpretation of pump charts to learn how to use test equipment to develop pump charts. Foam equipment and standpipe supply will be covered.

MAIN CAMPUS Dates: Aug. 14 - 15, 2025

Fee: \$65 Hours: 8 Deadline: 14 days prior

CLOSE TO HOME Fee: \$160/class Hours: 8

Deadline: 45 days prior Class min/max: 12/24

Search & Rescue Training Lab: Three-day Course

Our Mobile Search & Rescue Training Lab (MSRL) is provided for three days of intense instruction using your own instructors. The MSRL is an exceptional training tool with a unique design of a residential dwelling and a confidence maze.

From new recruits to seasoned veterans, this unit will meet your training needs. A key feature of the MSRL is to provide

you with the lowest possible cost. For organizations that already have qualified training staff, this option provides the most cost-effective way to obtain up-to-date training. OFA includes all the necessary tools for your staff to conduct effective programs. Whether you are a full-time, combination or volunteer fire department, the MSRL meets most organizations' needs.

CLOSE TO HOME Dates: Based on availability Hours: 18 Fee: \$300/Class Deadline: 45 days prior
Class min/max: 12/24

Structural Fire Attack Lab (Fire Blast)

The Mobile Structural Fire Attack Lab (MSFAL), in partnership with the Findlay Fire Department, is available as part of our Close to Home and Regional Delivery package. The MSFAL features three live-fire training props, as well as a roof ventilation simulator.

The unit supports a number of training scenarios

including structural and transitional fire attack, vent-enter-search, basement fires, industrial fires, rescue, and ventilation from ground ladders and aerial devices. This unit meets training demands for all department sizes. Training can be customized to meet specific needs.
REQUIREMENTS: See online course description.

CLOSE TO HOME Dates: Based on availability Hours: 8 Fee: \$650/Class Deadline: 14 days prior
Class min/max: 12/24

Tactical Response To Natural Gas Emergencies

This online class will provide a tactical response to Natural Gas Emergencies using procedures based on the Natural Gas industries best practices. Students will be given critical information on natural gas hazards, migration routes and leak scenarios. This course will feature specific scenarios based on recommended procedures for many

of the natural gas emergencies that firefighters routinely respond to such as outside odor call, the locked building, excavation damage, inside odor of gas and when gas ignites.

REQUIREMENTS: Book titled "Tactical Response To Natural Gas Emergencies" (ISBN# 978-159370-574-9) by Jerry Knapp and Brian Focht.

ONLINE Dates: April. 2, 11, 17, 23, 2025 Hours: 8 Fee:  Deadline: 30 days prior

July 29, Aug. 4, 13, 19, 2025

Nov. 4, 13, 19, 25, 2025

Classes meet two hours each night

Volunteer Firefighter


This 36-hour awareness level course meets the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) requirements for volunteer firefighters. Students gain entry level knowledge of the fire service in the areas of ladders, ropes, ventilation, forcible entry, personal protective equipment, hoses and water movement. This course is a comprehensive, fast-paced course that requires time for studying outside of the classroom.

Students must pass written and practical skill competency

evaluations to successfully complete the course. It is held over two weekends - Friday evening to Sunday evening.

Attending students must have perfect attendance to be eligible for certification. There are no course fees, and tuition, meals, course materials and dormitories are provided free of charge. Students must supply their own personal protective equipment (PPE) and SCBA.

REQUIREMENTS: See online course description.

MAIN CAMPUS	Dates: Aug. 15 - 17 & Aug. 22 - 24, 2025	Hours: 36	Fee: 	Deadline: 35 days prior
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EMS COURSE OFFERINGS

Advanced Tactical Operations Medical Specialist (ATOMS)

Tri-Med Tactical, LLC takes great pride in producing the most scientifically, statistically, clinically and tactically sound medicine available today and exceeds the National Tactical EMS Initiative and Counsel curriculum. Tri-Med uses concepts from Tactical Emergency Casualty Care and Tactical Combat Casualty Care in conjunction with over 200 years of professional staff experience to give students the most realistic and up-to-date training available.

This course is an intense didactic and scenario-based training in austere environments. At the end of the course, students will have a firm understanding of the tactical environment and how to mitigate the most dynamic situations tactical units face today.

REQUIREMENTS: Must be an EMT, AEMT, EMT-P, RN, NP, PA, and/or MD. Additionally, students must have an endorsement letter from a law enforcement agency.

MAIN CAMPUS	Dates: May 5 - 9, 2025 Nov. 3 - 7, 2025	Hours: 72	Fee: Contact Tri-Med Tactical, Dorm fee via OFA	Deadline: 14 days prior
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Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

This intense program includes classroom and off-site clinical instruction to prepare students to the level of EMT.

This course runs Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. with some Saturday and evening sessions. Embedded in this course is a daily one-hour physical training program. Students will be required to complete squad and hospital clinical time. Attendance is required for all physical training, classroom and clinical sessions.


This course emphasizes the practical application of material learned during class time. Evaluations of students' cognitive

and hands-on performance will be conducted throughout the course, as well as with an in-course final exam.

Students who successfully pass the in-course testing will be eligible for National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification testing.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: This program requires students to have residency on campus in OFA dorm rooms, at no additional cost, (Sunday available) Monday-Thursday for the duration of the program.


OTHER REQUIREMENTS: See online course description.

MAIN CAMPUS	Dates: Jan. 21 - Feb. 28, 2025 (Orientation Dec. 16, 2024) March 24 - May 2, 2025 (Orientation Feb. 10, 2025) June 30 - Aug. 8, 2025 (Orientation May 19, 2025) Sept. 8 - Oct. 17, 2025 (Orientation July 28, 2025)	Hours: 212	Fee: \$800	
	Graduation Dates: Feb. 28, May 2, Aug. 8, Oct. 17, 2025		Deadline: 45 days prior	

Emergency Medical Technician Refresher

This course is offered for EMTs needing to maintain certification and fulfills the requirements for certification renewal and will give students the most current skills and information needed to perform their duties efficiently. Students will learn from traditional classroom lecture and

scenario-based instruction. Students must successfully complete all skill stations and pass the written exam. This course also meets remedial training requirements for candidates needing additional attempts to pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) exam.

MAIN CAMPUS	Dates: March 10 - 13, 2025	Hours: 32	Fee: \$100	Deadline: 14 days prior	
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Health & Wellness



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After the Call

This course provides administrators with concepts and techniques used after a traumatic incident to deal their own feelings, the personnel in their agency, all while also juggling tasks critical to their job. Officers, just like the personnel under them,

can have a emotional reactions to a tramatic incident. The course stresses that it's okay to ask for assistance in dealing with feelings after an event, and aids in providing guidance and oversight to personnel working through the aftermath of a traumatic event.

ONLINE

Dates: Feb. 28, Sept. 12,
Oct. 27, 2025

Hours: 2

Fee:



Deadline: 7 days

Class min/max: 12/100

Crisis Awareness

This course provides students with ways of identifying signs of physical and emotional issues people may exhibit after a traumatic event brought about by an incident at work, in their personal life, or as the result of the cumulative effects of exposure to traumatic situations. It also provides techniques used to help someone in need. Issues discussed include physical, cognitive and emotional responses to

trauma, alcohol/drug issues, and techniques and strategies for working through the effects of a traumatic incident.

This course offers opportunities to ask questions about trauma and stress, and provides resources to help others. Also included is one hour of addiction awareness focusing on both chemical addiction (drugs & alcohol) and process addiction (gaming, shopping, sex etc.).

ONLINE**Dates:** March 3, May 23, Oct. 6, 2025**Hours:** 4**Fee:****Deadline:** 7 days**Class min/max:** 12/100

Self-Care

Life happens. Our lives outside of work can cause stress, anxiety and issues that we must deal with to be healthy and happy. Often, self-care takes a backseat to taking care of others and completing our work responsibilities.

This course stresses that in order to take care of others,

we must first take care of ourselves. Physical, emotional, mental, spiritual and behavioral effects are discussed. Strategies for dealing with these effects in a healthy and safe way are discussed, as are concepts for family and friends. Lastly, resources are provided for additional assistance.

ONLINE**Dates:** May 1, July 3, 2025**Hours:** 2**Fee:****Deadline:** 7 days**Class min/max:** 12/100

Retirement: Surviving Being a Member of the Survivor's Club

Retirement is what we all aspire to reach from the day we walk into the Academy, however, for many, this can be more like facing a deep chasm vs. a well-deserved finish line.

Knowing what to expect and how to prepare for retirement can help reduce the fear and questions about

what it's like to be a member of the Survivor's Club.

This course helps personnel who are ready to retire, or those who have recently retired, begin to think about how they can move into the next chapter in a healthy and happy way.

ONLINE**Dates:** June 9, Oct. 3, 2025**Hours:** 2**Fee:****Deadline:** 7 days**Class min/max:** 12/100

QPR: Question, Persuade and Refer

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer — the three simple steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. The course objective is to save lives and reduce suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training. Students learn how

to recognize the warning signs of suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. QPR can be learned in as little as one hour. Students will learn to recognize the warning signs, how to offer hope and know how to get help for someone with suicidal behaviors.

ONLINE**Dates:** March 17, Oct. 10, 2025**Hours:** 2**Fee:****Deadline:** 7 days**Class min/max:** 12/100

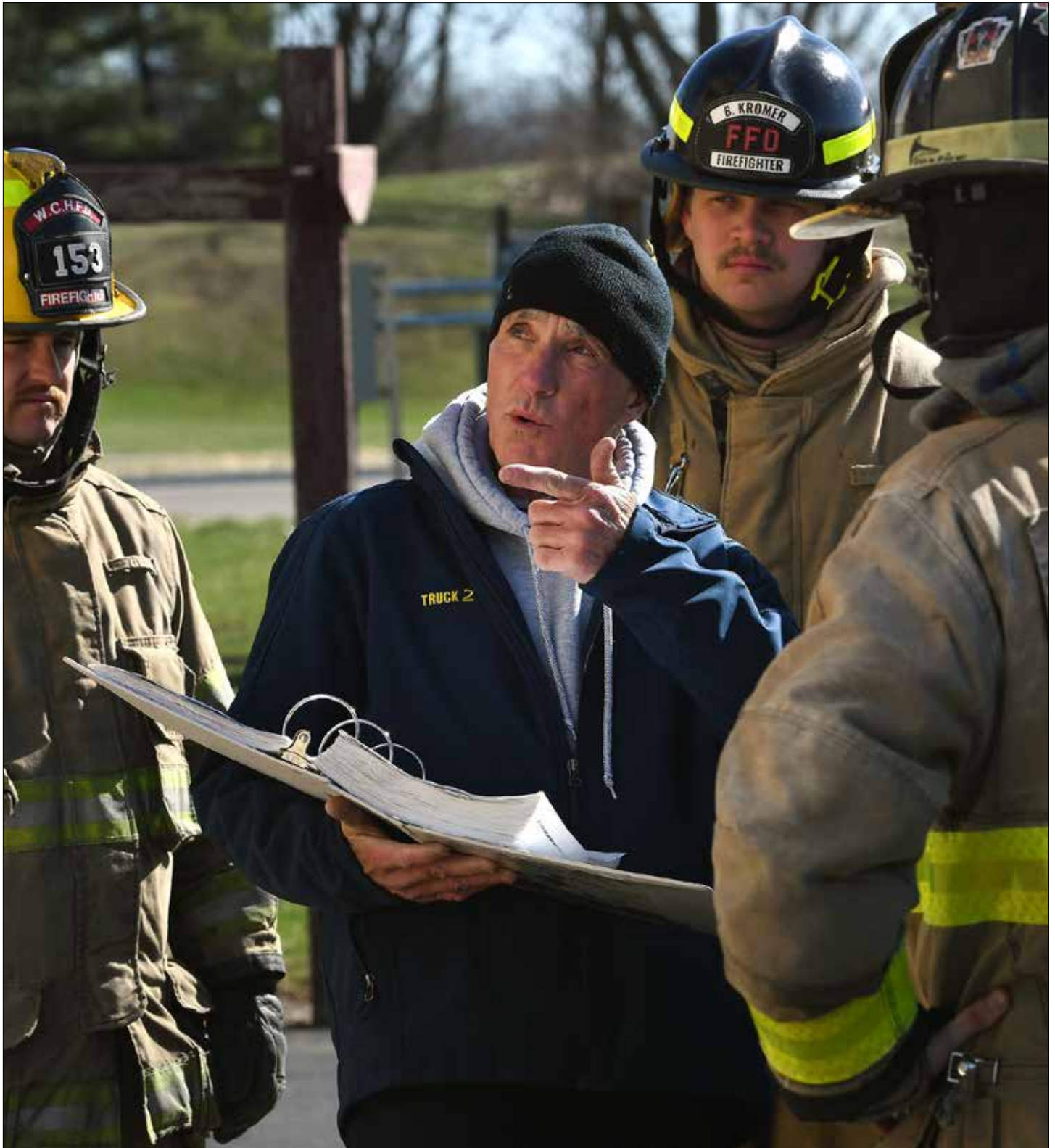
Stress First Aid for Fire and EMS Personnel

This course is designed to reduce the risk of stress reactions in fire and rescue personnel. It recognizes individuals who are reacting to a wide range of stressors in their work and personal lives and are in need of intervention to promote healing. The course offers a spectrum of one-on-one or group interventions to ensure safety, reduce the risk for more severe stress reactions and to promote recovery. The class discusses

the principles of peer teams in fire and EMS services, and how they can be organized to promote healing through the model of firefighter behavioral health as departments adapt to new ways of supporting firefighters. Training is delivered by a National Fallen Firefighters Foundation behavioral health specialist and a fire service member trainer. The class is designed for leaders of emergency responders.

CLOSE TO HOME**Dates:** Based on availability
Class min/max: 12/24**Hours:** 2**Fee:****Deadline:** 0 days prior

Instructor



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IFSAAC certification eligible



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■ Fire & Emergency Services Instructor I & II

This course meets all Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS objectives for Fire Instructor, EMS Instructor, and Fire Safety Inspector Instructor and NFPA 1041, Standard for Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I & II. It provides basic knowledge, skills and abilities needed to deliver effective instruction from a lesson plan while maintaining associated records.

Students learn theories of modern adult education and practice teaching skills with in-class presentations, speeches, demonstrations and teaching from their own lesson plans. Curriculum includes lectures, case studies and class discussion. Students must attend all classes and pass both written and practical exams to complete the course.

For certification, students must pass the Division of EMS Instructor Techniques exam and complete student teaching requirements. Those who successfully complete all course requirements are eligible for International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) certification.

EMS INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATE: Possess a certificate as an EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, RN or PA; in the preceding seven years, have at least five years of experience as an EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, RN or PA; pass the instructor knowledge exam at the level of certification within last three years, (RN and PA tests at medic level); pass practical skills exams, administered by the sponsoring institution, at the level of certification within last three years, (RN and PA tests at medic level); and comply with O.A.C. 4765-18-03.

ASSISTANT EMS INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATE:

Possess a certificate as an EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, RN or PA; in the preceding five years, have at least three years of experience as an EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, RN or PA; pass the instructor knowledge exam at the level of certification within last three years, (RN and PA tests at medic level); pass practical skills exams, administered by the sponsoring institution, at the level of certification within last three years, (RN and PA tests at medic level); and comply with O.A.C. 4765-18-18.



EMS INSTRUCTOR KNOWLEDGE EXAMINATION:

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) provides the assessment examination required for this class. Information may be found at www.NREMT.org.

FIRE INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATE: Possess a current firefighter certificate; in the preceding seven years, have at least five years of experience as a certified firefighter; pass instructor knowledge examination at the firefighter II level; and comply with O.A.C. 4765-21-03.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR

CANDIDATE: Possess a current fire safety inspector certificate in good standing; in the preceding seven years, have at least five years of experience as a certified fire safety inspector; pass instructor knowledge examination at the fire safety inspector level; and comply with O.A.C. 4765-21-03.

MAIN CAMPUS	Dates: March 3 - 26, 2025	Hours: 88	Deadline: 7 days prior	 
	Aug. 11 - Sept. 3, 2025	Fee: \$300		
	Sept. 22 - Oct. 15, 2025			
	Nov. 3 - 26, 2025			
All classes run Monday - Wednesday for four weeks				

■ Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I

This course is designed for those individuals who wish to become certified as an IFSAC Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I in order to meet the Fire Officer I prerequisite requirement as stated in NFPA 1021 section 4.1.


The course will provide participants with the basic knowledge and skills to adapt and deliver instruction effectively from a lesson plan and maintain the associated records.

The participants will learn about the theories of modern adult education and their application by using techniques to maximize student learning. The participants will practice

teaching skills during in-class presentations.

The course utilizes online instruction, traditional interactive lecture, case studies, class discussion and student participation in presentations and projects. Students will prepare and deliver a speech, give demonstrations and teach from their own prepared lesson plans.

Students are required to attend all scheduled classes and pass both a written and practical examination to successfully complete this course. To ensure course content is adequately covered, students can expect online as well as evening and weekend assignments and projects.

ONLINE	Dates: Jan. 13 - Feb. 19, 2025	Hours: 32	Fee: 	Class min/max: None
	March 31 - May 7, 2025			
	July 7 - Aug. 13, 2025			
	Sept. 15 - Oct. 22, 2025			
	Nov. 3 - Dec. 10, 2025			

INSTRUCTOR

Fire & Life Safety Educator Level I

This course meets the requirements of NFPA 1035, Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Level I, and focuses on building comprehensive community fire and injury prevention programs aiming to eliminate/mitigate situations that endanger lives, health, property or the environment.

It provides an overview of the responsibilities of a fire and life safety educator, describes how the position works in a typical fire department and highlights various educational programs. Students will demonstrate the ability to

coordinate and deliver fire and injury prevention programs, learn to select age-appropriate educational materials, adapt and present prepared programs for various audiences and learn how to work with media personnel.

Evaluations of students' cognitive and hands-on performance will be conducted throughout the course, as well as with a final exam. Students who successfully complete all course requirements are eligible for IFSAC certification.

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: Feb. 4 - 6,
April 29 - May 1
Aug. 19 - 21
Oct. 21 - 23, 2025

Hours: 18

Fee: \$50

Deadline: 7 days prior



CLOSE TO HOME

Fee: Free

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 18

Fire & Life Safety Educator Level II

This course meets the NFPA 1035 standard for the level II fire and life safety educators, working at the management level of their positions. Students will work in groups to complete tasks helping them understand political processes, community analysis, community partnerships, intervention strategies and implementation, and determining results using process, impact and outcome evaluation methods. Budget processes, evaluating team performance and determining where high-risk audiences

are located are also discussed. Finally, students will gain an understanding of the development stages of learners and design effective educational and informational materials.

Evaluations of students' cognitive and hands-on performance will be conducted throughout the course, as well as with a final exam. Students who successfully complete all course requirements are eligible for IFSAC certification.

REQUIREMENT: Fire and Life Safety Educator I.

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: June 3 - 5, 2025
Dec. 2 - 4, 2025

Hours: 18

Fee: \$50

Deadline: 7 days prior



Live Fire Instructor

This course is designed to deliver a comprehensive live-fire training program in accordance with NFPA 1402, NFPA 1403, and NFPA 1500. Using lecture and practical teaching techniques, students will learn how to apply the above standards to all live-fire training.

This course will discuss all chapters of NFPA 1403 and applicable sections of NFPA 1402 and 1500; review the required NFPA 1403 staff positions, safety requirements, checklist and standard operating procedures. Students will

inspect the OFA burn building, conduct an evaluation of an acquired structure and develop a live-burn plan for NFPA 1403 compliance and review.

The course provides processes to educate students on proper techniques and requirements for live-fire training evolutions, ensuring they are conducted in safe facilities that minimize exposure to health and safety hazards. The course meets requirements for O.A.C. 4765-21-03 (c).

REQUIREMENTS: See online course description.

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: March 31 - April 15; Oct. 6 - 21, 2025*

Meets Mon. & Tues. each week

Deadline: 7 days prior

Hours: 64

Fee: \$150



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Fire Officer I

This course meets the requirements of the NFPA 1021, Standards of Professional Qualifications for Fire Officer I and is the only Fire Officer I course in Ohio one can obtain International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) certification. Students also receive certificates from both the Ohio and National Fire Academies upon completion of the course. To receive IFSAC certification, students must have IFSAC or ProBoard certification for their prerequisites or complete the required knowledge and skills exams for prerequisites in which they are not certified.

Students learn essential techniques and skills in leadership, supervision, decision making practices, legal responsibilities, communication, report writing, workplace safety, quality assurance, delegation, pre-incident planning and prioritization in both routine and emergency situations. This course guides the firefighter in the transition from peer to officer.

REQUIREMENTS: Firefighter II, Instructor I certifications.

HYBRID

Dates: Jan. 13 - April 11 (O);
Feb. 24 - 26 & April 7 - 9, 2025 (C)
Sept. 8 - Dec. 5 (O);
Oct. 15 - 17 & Dec. 3 - 5, 2025 (C)

Hours: 80 **Fee:** \$50

Deadline: 7 days prior



Volunteer Fire Officer

This course was designed specifically for volunteer and part-time firefighters and fire officers. While it meets the knowledge and skill requirements of the NFPA 1021, Standards of Professional Qualifications for Fire Officer I, it eliminates the NFPA prerequisite requirements of Firefighter II and Fire Instructor I. This course is not accredited, does not meet the prerequisite for entry into other Fire Officer Courses at the Ohio Fire Academy, and should not be used for promotional processes in paid or combination fire departments. Students who are paid career firefighters and any student seeking certification for Fire Officer II, III, and IV should enroll in the regular Fire Officer I course. Students will receive a certificate of completion from the Ohio Fire Academy at the completion of the course.

Students learn essential techniques and skills in leadership, supervision, decision making practices, legal responsibilities, communication, report writing, workplace safety, quality assurance, delegation, pre-incident planning and prioritization in both routine and emergency situations. This course guides the firefighter in the transition from peer to officer.

Evaluations will be conducted throughout the course, including skills testing and a comprehensive course final exam covering all Fire Officer I objectives. Students will have the opportunity to put skills to use in practice simulations and role play scenarios. There will be two weekend on-campus sessions, meeting Saturday/ Sunday.

REQUIREMENTS: Ohio Volunteer Firefighter, Firefighter I and/or II certification.

HYBRID

Dates: Jan 13 - April 11 (O);
Feb. 22 - 23 & April 5 - 6, 2025 (C)
Sept. 8 - Dec. 5 (O);
Oct. 18 - 19 & Dec. 6 - 7, 2025

Hours: 80 **Fee:** \$50

Deadline: 7 days prior



Fire Officer II

This is the only Fire Officer II program in Ohio which allows students to receive both National Fire Academy and International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) certification. This course is for fire officers in leadership roles for their departments and is designed to meet or exceed NFPA 1021, Standards of Professional Qualifications for Fire Officer II. To receive IFSAC certification for this class students must have IFSAC or ProBoard certification for their prerequisites or complete the required knowledge and skills examinations for those prerequisites in which

they are not certified.

We will expand on management techniques learned in Fire Officer I and focus on public education and community relations, budget preparation and requests, legal responsibilities, time management, handling conflicts in the fire service, dealing with various media agencies, crew resource management, and emergency operations management.

REQUIREMENTS: Completion of Firefighter II, Completion of Fire Officer I, Completion of Instructor I.

ONLINE

Dates: Jan. 27 - March 14, 2025

Hours: 60 **Fee:** \$25

HYBRID

Dates: Sept. 15 - Oct. 17 (O);
Sept. 15 - 19, 2025 (C)

Deadline: 7 days prior



Fire Officer III & IV

This is the only Fire Officer III & IV program in Ohio which allows students to receive International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) certification. The course meets and exceeds NFPA 1021, Standards of Professional Qualifications for Fire Officer III and Fire Officer IV. This course is intended for students whose primary responsibilities are as a shift commander or function out of class.

Topics covered include the principles of management theory and its application to the fire service including topics on communications, professional development, community and

intergovernmental relations, human resources, legal issues, strategic planning, public education, budget and financial issues and emergency management.

To receive IFSAC certification for this class students must have certification for their prerequisites or complete the required knowledge and skills examinations for those prerequisites in which they are not certified.

REQUIREMENTS: Completion of a Fire Officer II program, completion of NIMS 300, certification as an Instructor I, certification as a Firefighter II.

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: May 12 - Oct. 11, 2025*

*Meets on campus May 12 - 14, July 9 - 11, Aug. 27 - 29, and Oct. 9 - 10, 2025

Hours: 80 **Deadline:** 7 days prior

Fee: \$50



Incident Safety Officer

This course focuses on knowledge, skills and abilities required of an effective incident safety officer and is ideal for any fire officer who has been newly appointed as a safety officer or is likely to fill the incident safety officer role.

The course covers information on issues and trends relevant to the incident safety officer role; requirements of NFPA 1521 as it relates to the incident safety officer; reading buildings, reading smoke, assessing risk, hazardous

energy; preventing firefighter injuries through effective “prehab” and “rehab”; the challenges of interacting with the incident commander on scene; and the Incident Safety Officer Action Model.

Evaluations of student performance will be conducted throughout the course and includes a final exam.

REQUIREMENTS: See online course description.

ONLINE

Dates: Feb. 24 - March 28, 2025
Sept. 8 - Oct. 10, 2025

Hours: 40

Fee: \$75

Deadline: 7 days prior

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SFM Fire Officer Symposium

This symposium is for all officers, new or veteran, and leadership team members. It includes an overview of the responsibilities of the SFM, current topics and issues relating to Ohio’s fire service, and how the SFM can assist fire departments. It is an excellent chance for new fire chiefs and command staff officers to ask questions, and network with veteran fire chiefs, as well as support those junior officers that are being mentored for succession

planning. Additional topics include fire and EMS training and certification requirements, Volunteer Firefighters Dependents’ Fund, vehicle stickers, fire investigation and reporting, code enforcement inspections, legal aspects, and the OFA. There are also presentations from Ohio Fire Chiefs’ Association, Ohio State Firefighters Association and National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: Feb. 8 - 9, 2025

Hours: 12

Fee: Free

Deadline: None



National Fallen Firefighters “Everyone Goes Home” Series

Courage to be Safe® (CTBS)

This is a moving presentation by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, through the Everyone Goes Home® program, and is designed to change the culture of accepting the loss of firefighters as a normal occurrence.

Firefighters must have the courage to face a multitude of risks to save lives and protect their communities. Their courage allows them to willingly risk their own lives so that others can be saved. A different type of courage is required to stay safe in potentially dangerous situations, avoiding needless risks and tragic consequences. This program is

a must for all who care, share, and have a feeling for the safety of firefighters.

Building on the untold story of line-of-duty death survivors, it reveals how family members must live with the consequences of a firefighter death. This presentation provides a focus on the need for firefighters and officers to change fundamental attitudes and behaviors to prevent line-of-duty deaths.

The course promotes the courage to do the right thing and ensure that “Everyone Goes Home” at the end of the day.

ONLINE
Dates: April 15, Dec. 9, 2025

Hours: 2

Deadline: 7 days prior

Fee: N/A


Leadership, Accountability, Culture & Knowledge (LACK)

This compelling presentation by the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation examines the root causes of line-of-duty deaths and the role of Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge (LACK) as it impacts the result.

Many fire departments “LACK the right stuff” to prevent themselves from being on a path to a line-of-duty death. LACK

are the elements that need to be addressed and managed in those environments. Through education and training, departments can improve their survivability by understanding the root causes of firefighter fatalities and tackling these four elements with special emphasis on understanding fire service culture. **REQUIREMENT:** Courage to be Safe course.

ONLINE
Dates: April 17, Dec. 11, 2025

Hours: 2

Deadline: 7 days prior

Fee: N/A


Leadership So Everyone Goes Home (LEGH)

A course of the Everyone Goes Home® Program of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation designed to assist in the reduction of line-of-duty deaths utilizing a series of case studies. Each study will include what happened, why it happened, what could have avoided it, were safety measures available and used and how it can be prevented in the future.

The benefit of this program is the review of cultural change or adaptive challenge, rather than just enacting a technical fix, which in most cases does not work. A great program for senior fire officers and administrative office.

REQUIREMENT: Courage to be Safe and Leadership Accountability, Culture & Knowledge courses.

ONLINE
Dates: June 16 - 18, 2025
Dec. 16 - 18, 2025

Hours: 4

Deadline: 14 days prior

Fee: \$50


National Fire Academy Managing Officer Program Courses

Shaping the Future

Developed by the National Fire Academy, this course is designed to assist first- and second-level supervisors and company officers in developing knowledge, skills and abilities in contemporary approaches to organizational problem-solving. Topics include creative approaches to identifying trends within organizations, applying problem-solving methodologies, the importance and application of continuous

improvement, how to quantify problems and solutions, factors in organizational and individual resistance to change and strategies for implementing change. The course incorporates facilitated, student-centered methodologies, including lecture, small and large group activities, and individual assessments and is one of the required courses for the National Fire Academy Managing Officer Series.

ONLINE
Dates: April 14 - May 9, 2025

Hours: 14 **Fee:** \$150

Deadline: 40 days prior


National Fire Academy Managing Officer Program Courses

Strategy and Tactics for Initial Single Company Operations

Initial Single Company Operations is designed to meet the needs of Company Officers responsible for managing the operations of initial arriving companies during structural firefighting operations. This course will develop the skills needed to determine and accomplish initial tactics at structure fires. Information presented is based on experience, research completed by NIST &

Underwriters Laboratory and the Firefighting Strategies & Tactics Text. (Fourth Edition)

Topics covered include; Fire Dynamics, Coordination & Control, Extinguishing Agents, Reading Smoke, Fireground Cues & Clues, Incident Management, SLICERS, Safety & RIT, Ventilation and Line Placement.

ONLINE**Dates:** April 14 - May 14, 2025
Sept. 8 - Oct. 10, 2025**Hours:** 14**Fee:** \$75**Deadline:** 7 days prior**GE**

Strategy and Tactics for Initial Multiple Company Operations

Multiple Company Operations is designed to meet the needs of Officers responsible for managing the operations of the companies on the initial and subsequent alarm assignments during structural firefighting operations. This course will develop the skills needed to determine and accomplish appropriate strategies and tactics at structure fires. Information presented is based on experience,

research completed by NIST & Underwriters Laboratory and the Firefighting Strategies & Tactics Text. (Fourth Edition)

Topics covered include ICS, Built in Fire Protection, strategies, tactics and building construction in; 1 & 2 Family Dwellings, Multiple Family Dwellings, Commercial Buildings and Places of Assembly.

ONLINE**Dates:** May 19 - June 20, 2025
Oct. 20 - Nov. 20, 2025**Hours:** 12**Fee:** \$75**Deadline:** 7 days prior**GE**

Strategy & Tactics for Initial Single and Multiple Company Operations

The Initial Single Company Operations portion of this class is designed to meet the needs of Company Officers responsible for managing the operations of initial arriving companies during structural firefighting operations. This course will develop the skills needed to determine and accomplish initial tactics at structure fires. Topics covered include Fire Dynamics, Coordination & Control, Extinguishing Agents, Reading Smoke, Fireground Cues & Clues, Incident Management, SLICERS, Safety & RIT, Ventilation and Line Placement.

The Multiple Company Operations portion of this class is designed to meet the needs of Officers responsible for managing the operations of the companies on the initial and subsequent alarm assignments during structural firefighting operations. This course will develop the skills needed to determine and accomplish appropriate strategies and tactics at structure fires. Topics covered include ICS, Built in Fire Protection, strategies, tactics and building construction in; 1 & 2 Family Dwellings, Multiple Family Dwellings, Commercial Buildings, taxpayers, and Places of Assembly.

MAIN CAMPUS**Dates:** Jan. 6 - 10, 2025
July 21 - 25, 2025**Hours:** 12**Fee:** \$75**Deadline:** 7 days prior**GE**

Leadership in Supervision

This six-day course is the combination of the three two-day courses within the Leadership in Supervision Series (Course 0646, Course 0647, and Course 0648).

This series presents the fire and emergency medical services (EMS) supervisor with the basic leadership skills needed to perform effectively, to successfully transition to supervisory and leadership roles, and establish a conceptual foundation

and framework for success in leadership roles by exploring creative, analytical, political and critical thinking perspectives.

The course includes the development of a personal plan for active engagement in the provision of leadership in supervision and meets the requirements of the Managing Officer Program for completion of Leadership I, II, and III.




Refer to the listings below for more information.

MAIN CAMPUS**Dates:** Aug. 17 - 22, 2025**Hours:** 12**Fee:** \$150**Deadline:** 7 days prior**GE****CLOSE TO HOME****Fee:** \$975/Class**Deadline:** 45 days prior**Class min/max:** 12/24**Hours:** 36

Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth

Developed by the National Fire Academy, this course is the first module in the Leadership in Supervision series and is a requirement for the National Fire Academy Managing Officer credential. The course presents the supervisor with the basic leadership knowledge, skills and abilities needed to perform effectively. The course includes concepts related to

a successful transition to supervisory and leadership roles, including that of adaptive leadership; change management; active followership; effective communication, including difficult conversations and advocacy-inquiry based dialogue; ethics; authority; power; decision-making; and active engagement through development of a personal plan.

MAIN CAMPUS	Hours: 12	 	CLOSE TO HOME	Fee: \$325/Class			
Dates: March 6 - 7, 2025 Sept. 8 - 9, 2025	Fee: \$50		Deadline: 7 days prior	Deadline: 45 days prior		Class min/max: 12/24	Hours: 12

National Fire Academy Managing Officer Program Courses

Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking

Developed by the National Fire Academy, this course is the second module in the Leadership in Supervision series and is a requirement for the National Fire Academy Managing Officer credential. It provides the supervisor with the conceptual foundation and framework for success in leadership roles by exploring creative, analytical,

political and critical thinking perspectives. The course addresses skills needed for assessing situations from multiple perspectives, making critical decisions, fostering creativity and innovation, and using persuasion.

REQUIREMENT: Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth.

MAIN CAMPUS	Hours: 12	 	CLOSE TO HOME	Fee: \$325/Class			
Dates: April 10 - 11, 2025 Oct. 7 - 8, 2025	Fee: \$50		Deadline: 14 days prior	Deadline: 45 days prior		Class min/max: 12/24	Hours: 12

Leadership in Supervision: Frameworks to Success

Developed by the National Fire Academy, this course is the third and final module in the Leadership in Supervision series and is a requirement for the National Fire Academy Managing Officer credential. It provides the supervisor with the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform successfully in the fire and EMS environments. The course addresses professionalism, resilience,

emotional intelligence, and situational awareness, as well as managing conflict, delegating mentoring, coaching, empowering, and building collaboration and synergy for professional growth.

REQUIREMENT: Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth and Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking.

MAIN CAMPUS	Hours: 12	 	CLOSE TO HOME	Fee: \$325/Class			
Dates: April 28 - 29, 2025 Nov. 6 - 7, 2025	Fee: \$50		Deadline: 14 days prior	Deadline: 45 days prior		Class min/max: 12/24	Hours: 12



Prevention



PREVENTION

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Grant eligible



IFSAAC certification eligible



Free courses



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■ Fire Safety for Healthcare Providers - Train the Trainer

This Course was developed by the SFM Prevention Bureau. Communities throughout the State of Ohio are comprised of healthcare facilities tasked with caring for patients experiencing a myriad of health and rehabilitation issues. These facilities have specific Ohio Department of Health requirements for fire safety education including P.A.S.S., R.A.C.E., Fire Drills and the use of Fire Extinguishers.

This course teaches fire departments to not only address these issues with facilities in their response districts but also teaches them critical fire safety education techniques and skills specific to healthcare.

At the end of the class, departments will have the ability to launch their own healthcare facility fire safety education that is tailored to their own communities.

ONLINE	Dates: Jan. 6, April 8, July 9, Nov. 6, 2025	Fee: 	Deadline: 7 days prior
			Hours: 1

■ Fire Safety Inspector Continuing Education

The fire safety inspector continuing education course meets the recertification requirements for inspectors certified by the Division of EMS under O.A.C. 4765. The course will help refresh inspectors on elements of

inspection and review components of the Ohio Fire Code. Specifics topics and rules covered for each one of the four sessions will be published on the OFA website.

MAIN CAMPUS	Dates: April 15, April 16, Sept. 22, Sept. 23, 2025	Hours: 6	Fee: \$45	Deadline: 7 days prior
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■ Fire Safety Inspector

This course is designed to meet the requirements for Fire Safety Inspector as prescribed by the O.A.C. 4765-20-03 and NFPA 1031. Students learn the skills necessary to conduct fire safety inspections from the OFA in conjunction with the SFM Code Enforcement Bureau. This course meets certification eligibility requirements for IFSAC Fire Inspector I and Fire Inspector II certification. Students will gain an understanding of the fire inspector's role in code enforcement, general fire prevention practices, fire safety requirements related to hazardous materials, electrical systems and fire protection systems. Students must attend

all classes and pass all written and practical exams to successfully complete the course. For certification, students must pass the Division of EMS Fire Safety Inspector exam.


REQUIREMENTS: Documentation of competency of NFPA 472, 2013 edition; Chapter 4 HazMat Awareness requirements, or the equivalent. For Ohio Certification, students must also submit: Documentation of completion of National Incident Management System 100 and 700; Employment Verification Letter and Statement of Qualifications forms; Ohio Department of Public Safety Firefighter Certification.

HYBRID	Dates: Jan. 28 - March 19 (O); Jan 28 - 29, March 4 - 5 & March 25 - 27 (C) Aug. 5 - Sept. 25 (O); Aug. 5 - 6, Sept. 9 - 10 & Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2025 (C)	Deadline: 7 days prior	 
		Hours: 100	
		Fee: \$300	

■ Fundamentals of Sprinklers and Standpipes

This course covers the history and evolution of sprinklers, requirements for different systems, and hands-on practice with multiple standpipe and sprinkler systems in our lab. Students learn operations and maintenance procedures of all types of automatic sprinkler and standpipe systems.

The course is approved for three hours of Board of Building Standards (BBS) continuing education credit, and 12 hours of continuing education for fire safety inspectors, per O.A.C. 4765-20-16.

MAIN CAMPUS	Dates: April 30 - May 1, 2025 Oct. 8 - 9, 2025	Hours: 12	Deadline: 7 days prior	
		Fee: \$50		

PREVENTION

Ohio Fire Incident Reporting System (OFIRS)

This course provides students with both instructions for reporting data in NFIRS and an understanding of the data elements collected by the system. The course identifies NFIRS as a tool fire departments use both to report fires and other incidents to which fire departments respond and to maintain records of these incidents in a uniform manner. Through this course, students will learn efficient methods of accessing

coding hierarchy and reduce errors.

Students will gain an understanding of the benefits of NFIRS and NFIRS data, learn methods of using their data for funding opportunities, define a reportable incident, identify NFIRS modules, gain a working knowledge of how to use the USFA NFIRS Complete Reference Guide and how to submit their incidents to OFIRS.

ONLINE
Dates: Feb. 10 (Day), Feb. 10 (Evening), March 11, May 14, June 12, Aug. 11 (Day), Aug. 11 (Evening), Sept. 9, Nov. 12 (Day), Nov. 12 (Evening), Dec. 11, 2025

Deadline: 7 days prior

Fee: N/A

MAIN CAMPUS
Dates: Jan. 13, April 8, July 9, Oct. 16, 2025

Hours: 6

Plan Review for Fire Officials

This class is designed for fire safety inspector recertification and is a three-day basic course designed to meet the needs of the fire prevention officer.

This course uses a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on skill building. It addresses code application during building construction, interpersonal communication, code interpretations, acceptance testing and maintenance of fire protection systems.

Course objectives include: determining the need for a plan review; the steps of the plan review process; the general elements of a systematic plan review; site plans; building plans and construction drawings for plans review;

determining if plans meet egress code requirements; types of fire protection systems; what is required for a plan review and whether the system plans are code compliant.

Also covered are topics including: water supply requirements for automatic sprinkler and standpipe systems; design requirements for sprinklers; practical exercise on water supply calculations and basics system demand for varying types of sprinkler systems; plan review and approval standards for sprinkler systems; fire alarm systems; means of egress and fire department access.

This course is approved for 17 hours of BBS continuing education credit.

MAIN CAMPUS
Dates: Jan. 14 - 16, 2025
June 10 - 12, 2025
Nov. 12 - 14, 2025

Hours: 24 **Fee:** \$125 **Deadline:** 7 days prior


Public Safety for Frontline Firefighters

This course was developed by the SFM Fire Prevention Bureau and it meets NFPA 1001 6.5.2, NFPA 1021 4.3, NFPA 1035 4.4.1

This course introduces the Frontline Firefighter to fire safety and Public education as it pertains to the fire services' mission. This course will cover how to effectively deliver age-appropriate messaging and the overall

importance of public and fire safety. This class is designed for those Firefighters who help with prevention education efforts in their community or aspire to become a fire prevention educator.

This is an introductory class to Fire Life Safety Educator 1 and will give the student a basic understanding of Fire safety education.

ONLINE
Dates: Jan. 6, April 8, July 9, Nov. 6, 2025

Fee:

Deadline: 7 days prior

Hours: 2


Underground Storage Tanks Installer

This course prepares students to perform underground storage tank (UST) installations. It covers general practice and rules governing work activities as related to the installation, removal, abandonment in place, major repairs and testing of UST systems. It also includes Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR) regulations, delegated authority, enforcement, American Petroleum Institute (API) standards, compliance checks, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety and health regulations, confined space entry, safety manuals, material data sheets,

record keeping, tank upgrades, unattended sites, cathodic protection, testing and backfill techniques.

Requirements found in O.R.C. § 3737.881; O.A.C. 1301:7-9; API-1604; API-1615; PEI-RP-100; PEI-RP-1000 and NFPA-407 are addressed. This course is a prerequisite for the UST Inspector course and is designed specifically for certified fire safety inspectors planning to become UST inspectors. Anyone wishing to become a certified UST installer must seek training through a private course sponsor. **REQUIREMENTS:** See online course description.

MAIN CAMPUS
Dates: April 28 - May 2, 2025

Hours: 36

Fee: \$100

Deadline: 7 days prior

Underground Storage Tanks Inspector

This course prepares students to perform underground storage tank (UST) inspections with an emphasis on general practices and rules governing work activities. The course leads students through installation, removal, abandonment in place and major repairs of UST systems. The emphasis of this program is on how to inspect UST sites. Course content includes Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations, field inspection reports,

permit application and review procedures, and operational compliance monitoring. The course addresses UST requirements found in O.R.C. § 3737.881; O.A.C. 1301:7-9; API-1604; API-1615; PEI-RP-100; PEI-RP-1000 and NFPA-407. An exam fee of \$25 is required, payable to Treasurer, state of Ohio, on the first day of class. This fee is not included with enrollment. **REQUIREMENTS:** Copy of current Ohio Fire Safety Inspector certification and Completion of Underground Storage Tank: Installer course.

MAIN CAMPUS
Dates: May 12 - 15, 2025

Hours: 30

Fee: \$100

Deadline: 14 days prior

Youth Firesetting Intervention Specialist

Designed by the SFM Fire Prevention Bureau, the course introduces the concepts of NFPA 1035 Youth Firesetting Intervention Specialist I. The class is designed for fire and life safety educators and other professionals having youth firesetting responsibilities. Through group activities, students learn if a child's firesetting behavior can be

treated through fire safety education, or if it is a symptom of problems requiring a referral program. Characteristics of fire-setting behavior for age groups 4-7, 8-11, and 12-14 are covered. Interviewing techniques to classify fire-setting behavior and methods of establishing a community youth firesetting referral program are also discussed.

MAIN CAMPUS
Dates: May 7 - 8, Nov. 18 - 19, 2025

Hours: 12

Deadline: 7 days prior

Fee: \$50

GE

Youth Firesetting Program Manager

This course is designed for those responsible for leading a youth firesetting prevention and intervention program. The course covers the following: review of NFPA 1035 for Youth Firesetting Intervention Specialist Level II; leading a youth firesetting prevention and intervention program; program development; and program evaluation.

At the course completion, students will be able to: explain the differences in NFPA Standard 1035 between Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention Levels I & II; summarize the overall job performance requirements of

a youth firesetting prevention and intervention program; develop a youth firesetting prevention and intervention program in their community; and demonstrate how to evaluate a youth firesetting prevention and intervention program. Students are encouraged to partner with other agencies for this training. Partners can include fire investigators, law enforcement, mental health, social services, juvenile justice, or other stakeholders who can assist in building and maintaining programs in their communities. **REQUIREMENT:** See online course description.

MAIN CAMPUS
Dates: Dec. 10 - 11, 2025

Hours: 12

Deadline: 14 days prior

Fee: \$50

GE

Rescue / HazMat



RESCUE / HAZ

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Chlorine Emergencies Lab

This course provides students with the skills to handle a variety of chlorine emergencies. Students will gain hands-on experience applying chlorine emergency kits on simulated

leaks. Topics include chlorine and its properties, leak control, PPE and risk assessment. **REQUIREMENT:** Documentation of Hazardous Materials Operations or equivalent.

CLOSE TO HOME

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 6

Fee: \$160

Deadline: 45 days prior

Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician

This hybrid style course meets the job performance requirements defined in NFPA 1006, 2021 edition, Chapter 8. These rescue skills are applicable to vehicle events involving common passenger vehicles and environments where rescuer intervention does not constitute a high level of risk based upon the environment or other factors.

Students are introduced to many aspects covering vehicle design, access, and disentanglement of victims while

developing a planned response through termination of the event. Equipment stabilization and energy isolation play a large part in vehicle events and will be covered in this class.

Resources are added and updated constantly so scenarios will not be finalized until the first day of class. With some of the best instructors in the country, students are sure to gain valuable knowledge and experience to be used in the real world and shared among their departments and peers.

HYBRID

Dates: March 3 - April 13 (O); April 14 - 18, 2025 (C)

June 2 - July 6 (O); July 7 - 11, 2025 (C)

Deadline: 7 days prior

Hours: 40

Fee: \$375

GE



Confined Space Rescue Technician

This hybrid style course combines the knowledge, skills, and abilities for awareness, operations, and technician levels of Confined Space Rescue and will include all of the objectives in NFPA 1006, Chapter 7, 2021 edition. Beginning with atmospheric monitoring and basic equipment overview and progressing through to execution of a confined space rescue with the aid of a complete pre-plan, the student

shall cover all job performance requirements (JPRs) within Chapter 7. Rescuer care, air monitoring, patient packaging within the confined space environment, and development of a confined space pre-plan are covered. Students will gain access through openings as small as 16 inches in diameter.

Rope Rescue Operations level training is a prerequisite for this course.

HYBRID

Dates: April 28 - June 8 (O); June 9 - 12, 2025 (C)

Aug. 25 - Sept. 28 (O); Sept. 29 - Oct. 2 (C)

Deadline: 7 days prior

Fee: \$150

Hours: 24

GE



Grain Bin Rescue Awareness

Students completing this Grain Bin Rescue Level I course gain knowledge to safely evaluate hazards associated with grain bins and successfully extricate trapped victims. Students use the OFA's Grain Bin Rescue Trailer, review safety equipment, victim removal procedures, and conduct

hands-on rescues from both a grain bin and gravity wagon. This course reviews agricultural equipment injuries and emergencies, farm chemical exposures, fires and spills, and challenges responders face when confronting farm emergencies.

CLOSE TO HOME

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 6

Fee: \$650/Class

Deadline: 45 days prior

Hazardous Materials: Operations Core

This course provides responders with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to analyze, plan, and implement performance-defensive response actions for hazardous materials incidents. During this course, students receive instruction and hands-on experience in the knowledge, activities and responsibilities required of

operations-level HazMat responders. This course meets or exceeds NFPA 470 Standard, 2017 edition, OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120, and is eligible for IFSAC certification.

REQUIREMENTS: Documentation demonstrating certification in HazMat Awareness.

CLOSE TO HOME

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 16

Deadline: 45 days prior

Fee: \$200/Class

GE



Hazardous Materials: Technician

Students gain the necessary skills for making entry into hazardous material hot zones to control spills and leaks while using measures to protect property and the environment. Through lecture and hands-on exercises, students are prepared to recognize, respond to, and terminate a weapon of mass destruction event. The course covers NFPA 470: Hazardous Materials Technicians.

Students are exposed to proper use of incident command system, CBRNE, prevention and deterrence,

clothing protection, basic chemistry, air monitoring instruments, control, containment, and confinement techniques, and terrorism threat assessment. Evaluations of student performance are conducted throughout the course and end with a final exam. Students who complete all course requirements are eligible for IFSAC certification.

REQUIREMENTS: Documentation demonstrating certification in HazMat Awareness and Operations.

BY REQUEST

Dates: Course is not regularly scheduled for 2025, but can be offered if demand meets minimum enrollment

Deadline: 7 days prior

Fee: \$250 **Hours:** 80



Hazardous Materials Officer/Safety Officer

This course covers the competencies in NFPA 470, Chapter 10: Competencies for Hazardous Materials Officer and Chapter 11: Competencies for Hazardous Materials Safety Officers. This course provides students with the necessary skills, knowledge and tools to perform functions of both the Hazardous Materials Officer and Hazardous Materials Safety Officer within the incident

command system at a hazardous materials/WMD incident.

REQUIREMENTS: Documentation demonstrating ProBoard or IFSAC certification in HazMat Awareness, Operations, or successful completion of Competencies for Awareness Level Personnel: Core Competencies for Operations Level Responders, or equivalent.

CLOSE TO HOME

Dates: Based on availability

Hours: 40

Fee: \$100/Class

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24

Response to Lithium Battery Incidents

This course provides students with information to identify incidents which may potentially involve Lithium-ion batteries and to be better prepared to respond to these incidents.

Topics covered include identification of locations where Lithium-ion Batteries may be present, types of incidents likely to be encountered, actions needed to prepare for

response to incidents involving Lithium-ion Batteries.

Issues unique to incidents involving Lithium-ion Batteries including thermal runaway and stranded energy are discussed and reviewed along with cues and clues which will help responders develop Incident Action Plans when responding to these incidents.

ONLINE

Dates: Jan. 21 & 22, March 31 & April 2, June 24 & 26, Nov. 18 & 20, 2025

Fee:



Deadline: 7 days prior

Hours: 4

Structural Collapse Rescue Operations

This course meets the job performance requirements (JPRs) defined in NFPA 1006 chapters 6.1 and 6.2, 2021 edition, and provides students with the operational knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform patient rescue at structural collapse incidents involving light frame and unreinforced masonry structures. This intense, physically demanding course prepares students to operate safely and efficiently at a building collapse incident. Practical scenarios

in cutting, breaching, lifting, stabilizing, searching, shoring, packaging, and removing victims from a simulated collapse environment are explored. Students will gain competence and confidence in responding to structural collapse incidents. Students must complete written and hands-on skill competency evaluations to successfully complete the course. Evaluations of student performance are held throughout the course, and will conclude with a final exam.

HYBRID

Dates: Sept. 22 - Oct. 26 (O); Oct. 27 - 31, 2025 (C)

Hours: 32

Fee: \$350

Deadline: 7 days prior



Rope Rescue Technician

This hybrid course covers material in NFPA 1006, Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications, Chapter 5.1 – 5.3: Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) for Rope Rescue Awareness, Operations, and Technician. The unique course will provide fire personnel with little to no rope rescue skills, as well as personnel who have had rope training in the past and wish to refresh their skills and deepen their rope understanding, with knowledge, skills, and abilities outlined by the specified JPRs.

Students will be required to attend five online instructor-led classes followed by seven days on campus at the Ohio Fire Academy (includes the weekend).

Critical angles, mechanical advantage systems, rappelling,

ascending, self-rescue techniques, lowering systems, high angle techniques, low angle rescue techniques, as well as lead climbing man-made structures, high-lines, and rope rescue leadership will be some of the skills covered and placed into practical application during the 7 days you will be on campus at the Academy as well as at other off-campus sites.

Additional information will be available upon course confirmation. Students must complete written and hands-on skill competency evaluations to successfully complete the course. Evaluations of student performance will be conducted throughout the course, and will conclude with a final exam. Students who successfully complete all course requirements are eligible for International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) certification.

HYBRID

Dates: March 31 - May 9 (O);
May 10 - 16, 2025 (C)

Aug. 4 - Sept. 12 (O);
Sept. 13 - 19, 2025 (C)

Fee: \$75 **Deadline:** 7 days prior

Hours: 32



Swiftwater Rescue Technician

This course meets the current NFPA 1006 standard as a technician trained responder for swift water rescue. Students will learn material through online classroom lecture and hands-on applications. Remote or indirect rescues will be stressed and boat handling skills will be presented. Hands-on applications will be conducted at

regional locations. Additional information will be provided at course registration.

REQUIREMENTS: Students must complete the Watercraft Boaters Education Course, regardless of birthdate or age.

HYBRID

Dates: Feb. 3 - March 16 (O);
March 17 - 28, 2025 (C)

Hours: 40

Deadline: 7 days prior

Fee: \$250



Swiftwater Rescue Awareness

This program was developed by members of the Ohio Water Technical Advisory Committee. This training is designed for personnel who respond to incidents involving water rescue emergencies as part of the initial response. Students will learn

how to properly respond, evaluate and identify the resources necessary to conduct safe and effective water operations. Training is conducted in accordance with NFPA 1670 Chapter 9: Water Search and Rescue - Awareness Level.

CLOSE TO HOME

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 4

Fee: \$50/Class

Deadline: 45 days prior

Trench Rescue Technician

This course meets the awareness, operations, and technician level job performance requirements (JPRs) defined in NFPA 1006, 2021 edition, Chapter 12. Students will begin with the concrete Trench Training Prop and finish with multiple live trench scenarios.

Students will learn various shoring techniques, assorted trench layouts, hazard control scenarios, scene management, rescue vs. recovery operations, and termination procedures of a trench incident.

Additional information will be available upon course confirmation. Students must complete written and hands-on skill competency evaluations to successfully complete the course. Evaluations of student performance will be conducted throughout the course, and will conclude with a final exam. Students who successfully complete all course requirements are eligible for International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) certification.

HYBRID

Dates: July 14 - Aug. 24 (O);
Aug. 25 - 29, 2025 (C)

Hours: 40

Deadline: 14 days prior

Fee: \$300





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