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The Academy offers multiple ways of delivering high-quality training and education to meet your needs for 2021. These include: expanded course offerings in virtual training; hybrid classes that begin online and end on campus; traditional in-person instruction on our main campus; training via the OFA's Close to Home series; by request; or by online training via the Ohio Fire Online Training System (OFOTS). See page 9 for more information on the Close to Home series. For by-request courses, call the OFA registrar at 614-752-7196.

#### CAMPUS

VIRTUAL

Campus: Courses provided at the Academy's Reynoldsburg location.

Virtual: Courses delivered entirely through online presentation.

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. Close to Home has three delivery types: **Direct Delivery**: Individual courses are offered at the department's location of choice, and at times selected by the department.

**Regional Delivery:** These are courses 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.

**Custom Delivery:** This selection is for specific training needs designated by your department. The Academy will work with your department to put together a course that meets your needs.

BY REQUEST

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**OFA** 



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Look for these abbreviations throughout

SFM - State Fire Marshal

OFA - Ohio Fire Academy

NFPA - National Fire Protection Association

IFSAC - 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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# Chio Fire Academy

#### **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.

#### **New equipment for 2021**



In November 2020, the Ohio Fire Academy took delivery of two new fire training apparatus. The new engine and new 100-foot ladder tower are the first steps in updating the Academy's 20-year-old apparatus fleet, and will provide students with hands-on training opportunities and experience with some of the newest technological advances in firefighting equipment.

#### **Academy 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.

**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 campuswide 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 S&R 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.

#### A message from the Marshal





Kevin S. Reardon

Dear Fellow Fire Service Member,

With the release of the 2021 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 find I am amazed at the many changes that have taken place in how we train firefighters.

We truly have gone from a low-tech process that was common decades ago to a high-tech world today where keeping pace is a challenge. There is no doubt the technology available in today's environment 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.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created many challenges for the world and, locally, our training calendar was essentially turned upside down. We found ourselves in an environment that forced us to cancel many classes and suspend all face-to-face training. OFA staff quickly responded to this crisis by immediately converting 10 face-to-face courses to an online format. At the end of August, that same dedicated staff welcomed students back to our campus following the implementation of extensive social distancing and enhanced safety procedures.

As we adjust to this new environment, internal planning is ongoing to make certain we can provide Ohio's fire service the quality training you all deserve to protect our communities.

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

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Reardon State Fire Marshal

#### A letter from the Superintendent

## **Chio Fire Academy**



**Jack Smith** 

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This past year has certainly presented some unprecedented challenges for the fire service. The last time the world faced a global health crisis of this magnitude was 100 years ago; at which time the fire service had largely just finished the final steps of transitioning from horse-drawn ladder wagons and steam pumpers to motorized fire apparatus. Prehospital emergency medical services would not become part of the fire service's mission for another 50 years. With EMS constituting 80 percent of our business, today's fire service has had a prominent role as part of the contingent of front-line workers caring for COVID-19 patients across the nation.

We have all, at some point in our careers, experienced a training session interrupted by the bells or pagers going off and many of us have even experienced prolonged events such as floods or tornadoes that demanded our full focus for days or weeks. The events of 2020 have challenged us in ways we would have never anticipated, and I know we all look forward to getting back to some semblance of "normal."

Almost as soon as the Ohio Fire Academy was shut down at the outset of the COVID-19 outbreak, we started working on a plan for moving lecture-based courses to the online platform and developed a comprehensive plan for returning to on-campus operations. Two of the biggest hurdles to online distance learning are maintaining the high-value interaction between students and instructors and ensuring high levels of student engagement. Rather than having our instructors recite their material to a camera, we opted to invest several months into developing curriculum content-and-delivery models that were better suited for a virtual learning environment. We also tested our courses internally, taking turns as both students and instructors to identify potential challenges with implementing and navigating the technology.

We are excited for the opportunity this presents for so many of you. Now, instead of having to carve days or weeks out of your busy lives to drive hours to the Academy, many of our lecture-based courses are or will be available online and structured to meet just a few hours each week. Eliminating the need for travel and designing classes around the busy schedules of working professionals are just two of the ways we are working to meet your needs.

It is no secret our jobs are constantly changing. New technologies, new patient care techniques, and the ever-changing needs of our society present us with ongoing changes and challenges in prehospital emergency medical care, fire suppression, building construction, rescue, and HAZMAT. As firefighters, we understand people's lives depend on how good we are at our jobs and because of the dynamic environment in which we work, we can never really get to a point where we know enough or are good enough at our jobs. Our ability to adapt to these challenges is based on our willingness to continually put forth the effort to train and learn, which really is a key indicator of our commitment to excellence and professionalism. As instructors, our job at the state fire academy is to not only provide you with the most current information to develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities you need to meet today's challenges, but also to provide it to you in a format that fosters learning and improves access to high quality training.

Stay safe and stay sharp.

Jack Smith II, M.A., EMT-P Superintendent, Ohio Fire Academy

## 2021 training options are

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many changes to the lives of all of us. The Academy has adapted to a changed world by offering multiple delivery options for quality training in the coming year. These include: Expanded course offerings in virtual training;

hybrid classes that begin online and end on campus; traditional instruction on our main campus; via the OFA's Close to Home series; by request; or by online training via the Ohio Fire Online Training System (OFOTS).

#### On-Campus Training

This traditional method of training offers in-person, insructorled 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 2021 catalog will feature this logo:

MAIN CAMPUS

#### Virtual Training

Virtual Instructor-Led Training (VILT) uses the Microsoft Teams environment with the instructors and students in separate locations (synchronous learning). All the 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 to demonstrate competency by successfully passing computer-based final exams. These exams can only be completed on campus.

#### To locate a virtual course offering:

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

All virtual training courses throughout the Academy's 2021 catalog will feature this logo:

VIRTUAL

#### Hybrid Training

This training starts online with a combination of Virtual 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 **TRIBES** icon at the top of the page, and type the word hybrid in the Keyword box. This will populate a list of all virtual course offerings.

All hybrid training courses throughout the Academy's 2021 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 2021 catalog will feature this logo:

BY REQUEST

#### Online Training

Online training is a computer based, self-paced (asynchronous) learning environment that takes place on the internet 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 training course offerings, go to: www.ofots.com.

## 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.

Close to Home has three delivery types: Direct, Regional

and Custom. Fire departments may choose the delivery type and topics that best suit their needs and OFA will do the rest. Additional information about custom course services is available

To request a Direct or Regional Delivery 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 2021 catalog will feature this logo: CLOSE TO HOME



Fire Blast Trailer



Chlorine Leak Simulator



Mobile Search & Rescue Training Lab



Grain Bin Trailer

#### Close to Home delivery options

#### **Direct Delivery:**

Individual courses are offered at the department's location of choice, and at times selected by the department. The OFA has a list of designated Direct Delivery courses that departments can

These courses range from the Understanding Fire Behavior course (flashover trailer) to HazMat Awareness. The Academy has designated instructors ready to provide these courses to your department. The Direct Delivery application must be submitted at least 45 days prior to the course start date.

#### **Regional Delivery:**

These are courses offered as a single course or in groups of courses (mini fire schools) made available to multiple departments in a region. If these courses are offered to firefighters from three or more departments and they meet the minimum/ maximum student requirements, your offering will meet the requirements for a Regional Delivery and the Academy will provide the course(s) at no cost.

The Regional Delivery application(s) must be submitted by an Ohio fire department at least 45 days prior to the course start date and must be approved prior to offering.

#### **Custom Delivery:**

This selection is for specific training needs designated by your department. There may be a hazard in your coverage area your department needs to know how to deal with, or you may need a more advanced course for an area your department already is proficient in. With Custom Delivery, the Academy works with you and your department to put together a course that meets your department's needs. No matter the subject, the Academy can provide high-quality training at a time and location convenient for you.

#### For more information, contact:

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### **OFA** accomodations





**TOP:** Academy dorm rooms feature new mattresses installed in 2020, work space and private bathrooms. **ABOVE:** Cybex fitness machines and other equipment including free weights are also available to students during their on-campus stay.

### Convenience, affordability make rooms a good choice

The Ohio Fire Academy offers modern and affordable accommodations that are conveniently located adjacent to the training grounds. Room rates are \$30 per day for a double occupancy room or \$60 per day for a single occupancy room. For the Firefighter I & II and EMT Basic students, dorms are only offered as semi-private rooms.

All rooms feature new mattresses installed in 2020, cable television, closet space, desks, work space, and private bathrooms.

In addition, the academy offers a student lounge equipped with cable television, pool and foosball tables and meeting space for after-hours group coursework or for socializing.

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

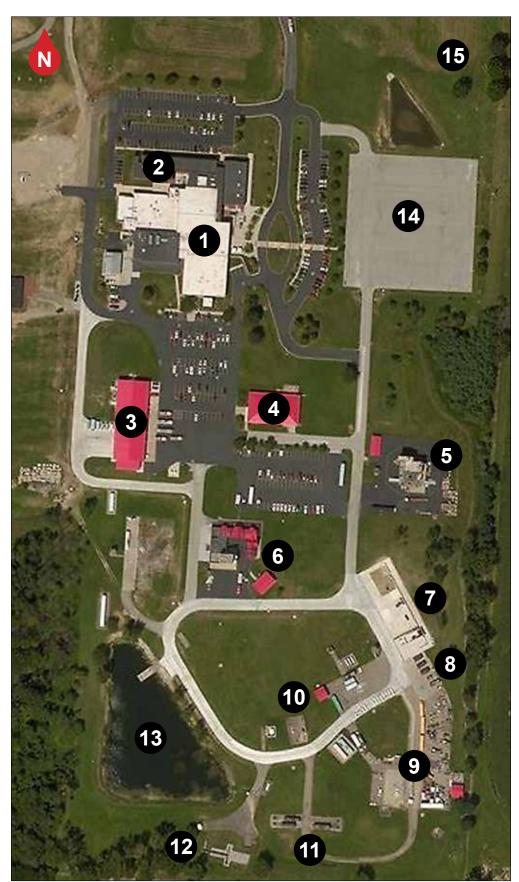
## SFM / Academy grounds

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. Main Entrance
- 2. Dormitories
- 3. A Building
- 4. B Building
- 5. Burn Building
- Search & Rescue, Training Tower Complex
- 7. LPG Burn Area
- 8. Arson Pods
- 9. Extrication Area
- 10. Saws Area
- 11. Rail Cars Area
- 12. Trench Rescue
- 13. Drafting Pond
- 14. Driving Pad
- 15. Wildland Fire Area



## Our strength: Instructors



Instructor Jim Wheaton works with students on aerial ladder operations.

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 virtual instruction.



Instructor Mark Lundy makes a point during a hazardous materials class.





**LEFT:** Eric Moore checks a student for proper donning of personal protective equipment. **RIGHT:** Instructor Allen Young serves as a patient for an EMT student during a joint immobilization skills lab.



Carl Ryan and Walt Cook go over pump operations with a student.



EMT instructor Darrell Wallace demonstrates settings on a cervical spine imobilization collar during a skills lab.



Jacob Gates leads firefighter students on a trip to the burn building.

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## **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 attack the problem 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:

- 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 www.firefightercancersupport.org

#### **OFA Partnerships**

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

The Ohio Adjutant General's Dept., Ohio National Guard

#### **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

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

Diley Ridge Medical Center

National Testing Network

QuickClear -TIMSTraffic 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

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## Ohio's fire departments eligible for loans, grants

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#### 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.

#### **Grants**

#### Fire Training Reimbursement Grant

Fire departments providing primary fire protection to an area with a permanent population of 25,000 or less qualify for this grant. Reimbursement is available for specific fire training classes, including the cost of training manuals and student workbooks up

to the maximum amount authorized. Training grant awards are subject to availability of funds. Applications become available in December of each year. Grant award and non-award notifications are forwarded in the spring of each year.

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



#### 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.

## 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 certificate?

International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (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.

#### What is IFSAC?

IFSAC is a world-wide organization made up of 114 member entities, including Ohio, 40 other states and 16 foreign countries. 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. The OFA's 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
- Enables professional mobility through nationally and internationally recognized certification
- Provides credibility to individual firefighters as meeting professional standards in their field
- Produces portable certificates for individual mobility that can be applied to both civilian and military personnel
- Increased employment opportunities
- · 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

#### What is the difference between certification and accreditation?

Accreditation is often confused with certification. Accreditation is a validation of the quality of the curriculum or the institution itself, while certification is the professional credential held by an individual.

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.

#### Why is accreditation important?

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

#### Why not give yourself the best opportunity to be successful?

The Ohio Fire Academy is accredited by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS, Charter/Accreditation ID: 341. The OFA has the unique distinction of being the only entity in Ohio whose students are eligible for both IFSAC and ProBoard certifications — making the OFA your one-stop location for accredited training.



#### Certifications offered by OFA



#### **IFSAC**

Fire and Life Safety Educator 1 Fire and Life Safety Educator 2

Fire Apparatus Driver

Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator-Pumper

Firefighter 1

Firefighter 2

Fire Inspector 1

Fire Inspector 2

Fire Investigator

Fire Officer 1

Fire Officer 2

Fire Officer 3

Fire Officer 4

Fire Service Instructor 1

Fire Service Instructor 2

HazMat Awareness

HazMat Ops Core

HazMat Ops - Mission Specific: PPE

HazMat Ops - Mission Specific: Mass Decon

HazMat Ops - Mission Specific: Technical Decon

HazMat Ops - Mission Specific: Evidence Preservation

HazMat Ops - Mission Specific: Product Control

HazMat Ops - Mission Specific: Air Monitoring

HazMat Ops - Mission Specific: Victim Rescue & Recovery HazMat Ops - Mission Specific: Illicit Laboratory Incidents

HazMat Technician

Rescue Tech: NFPA 1006

Rescue Tech: Confined Space 1

Rescue Tech: Confined Space 2

Rescue Tech: Rope 1

Rescue Tech: Rope 2

Rescue Tech: Trench Level 1

Rescue Tech: Trench Level 2

Rescue Tech: Vehicle Level 1

Rescue Tech: Vehicle Level 2

#### **ProBoard**

Firefighter I, NFPA 1001 Firefighter II, NFPA 1001





## Educational benefits for veterans available



#### The following courses at the Ohio Fire Academy are eligible for veteran educational benefits:

Fire & Emergency Services Instructor I & II Fire Safety Inspector Emergency Medical Technician Firefighter I & II

#### Which benefits may I use?

Chapter 1606 (SELRES GI Bill) Chapter 35 (Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance) Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill\*)



#### How do I apply to use my veteran education benefits at the Ohio Fire Academy?

- 1. Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at 888-442-4551 to apply for benefits.
- **2.** Once the Department of Veterans Affairs has approved your education benefit, submit the Certificate of Eligibility issued by the VA to the OFA Registrar to begin registration and processing.



#### How much will my education benefit cover?

Each veteran education benefit has different entitlements. Please visit **www.va.gov** to view the specifics.



#### What if I have more questions?

Contact the Ohio Fire Academy certifying official at 614-752-7263 or contact Veterans Affairs directly by calling 888-442-4551.





In the event that veterans or their eligible persons sponsored as students under Chapters 30, 32, 35 of Title 38 and Chapter 1606 or Title 10 U.S. Code, failure to enter the program or withdrawal from, or if discontinued at any time prior to completion, the amount charged for tuition, fees and other charges shall not exceed the approximate pro rata portion of the total charges for tuition, fees and other charges that the length of the non-accredited program bears to its total length. A registration fee of \$10 need not be refundable: any amount beyond that is subject to pro ration and refund (CFR 21.4254 (c) (13)). The pro rata portion may not vary more than 10 percent of the total costs for tuition, fees, and other charges. A copy of this policy will be provided to all students receiving educational benefits from the Veterans Administration.

## Improve training, save money with "24-7"

The Ohio Fire Academy has arranged for greatly reduced pricing on online training memberships for all Ohio fire departments, EMS agencies, firefighters and EMS providers. Memberships feature 24-7 Fire and 24-7 EMS courses for firefighter development and EMS continuing education. Every course is approved by the OFA to meet continuing education and

professional development requirements in Ohio.

Courses can be delivered through unlimited-use memberships for those with ongoing training needs or individually through single course credits. Register your department by calling 855-580-9333. An advisor will work with you to get your department set up and ready to go.









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## **Serve Your Community**

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#### Announcing the new Fire Science Technical Rescue program

The two-year (four semester) Fire Science Technical Rescue (FSTR) degree is a cooperative venture between Central Ohio Technical College and the Ohio Fire Academy, and the first of its kind in the country. This degree includes courses like rope, confined space, vehicle/machinery, swift water, trench and structural collapse rescue. The plan of study also includes FESHE classes like building construction, fire behavior and combustion as well as general education classes for a comprehensive Associate of Applied Science degree focused on leadership and advanced operational principles.

All technical rescue courses/components are conducted in partnership with and through the Ohio Fire Academy, are NFPA 1006 compliant and internationally accredited (certificates)

through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). These are the only technical rescue course offerings in the state to meet these high standards.

The Fire Science Technical Rescue (FSTR) degree program not only meets the needs of students, but also satisfies the demands of the area job market, improves employability of students and significantly improves technical rescue and scene/administrative management skills. Successful completion of this program uniquely qualify/position the individual for advancement in the Fire department, particularly at the company officer level. For more information on this new program, visit:

cotc.edu/Academics/Pages/Fire-Science-Technical-Rescue-Technology

#### **Fire Science Technology**

#### Flexible pathways to earn your degree

- Convenient online classes for all general education requirements
- Course work adaptable to unit-day schedules for working professionals
- Knowledge credits awarded for prior experience, certificates and credentials
- Accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress

#### **Financial Aid**

The Office of Financial Aid is here to assist students and families through the financial aid process. In most cases, students are eligible for some type of federal financial aid regardless of income. Our staff looks forward to assisting you in financing your education. We welcome your comments and suggestions and encourage you to contact us with any questions.

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## Course Listings | Fire Services

#### 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 4, July 30, Sept. 1, **Fee:** \$50

2021

Hours: 6

**Deadline**: 7 days prior



CLOSE TO HOME

Fee: \$160/class

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24 Hours: 6

#### 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.

#### **CLOSETO HOME**

Dates: Based on availability Fee: \$5

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 4

Fee: \$500/Class

Deadline: 45 days prior



BY REQUEST

Fee: Call for quote

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24 Hours: 4



#### Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator (FADO), NFPA 1002, Chapter 4, 2014 Edition

Formerly known EVOC, This 16-hour, multi-part course is designed for students requiring emergency vehicle driver's training for any type of standard fire department vehicle. The first eight hours of online instruction covers NFPA 1002 Chapter 4 General Requirements and the following: 4.1 General, 4.2 Preventive Maintenance, 4.3 Driving/Operating, and 4.4 Fire Department Communications.

That is followed by eight hours of hands-on driving of emergency apparatus. When conducted as a direct delivery course, the fire chief has 180 days to complete the driving skills portion at an approved, designated area, and submit the paperwork to the OFA registrar's office for credit. Directions are provided on submission of required paperwork.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Must have a valid driver's license.

#### MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: April 17 - 18, 2021

HYBRID

Hours: 16 Fee: \$85



Deadline: 7 days prior





CLOSE TO HOME

Fee: \$360/class

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24 Hours: 16

#### Dates: Oct. 4 (V); Nov. 15, 2021 (C)

#### Essentials of Structural Fire Attack

This two-day program is designed for firefighters who are looking to gain some valuable experience in basic fire suppression, hose movement, and fire behavior. Students will experience the Mobile Fire Behavior Lab (Flashover unit) in order to gain a better understanding of fire behavior and flashovers. Students will

also have the opportunity to work on their hose advancement and water application skills during live fire evolutions in the OFA burn building. Students will leave this course with valuable hands-on experience and fortified knowledge of firefighting fundamentals.

**REQUIREMENTS:** See online course description.

**MAIN CAMPUS** 

**Dates:** April 17 – 18, 2021

**Hours**: 15

Fee: \$175

Deadline: 21 days prior





#### Feel The Heat

The OFA developed this course to help local elected officials, such as city council members and township trustees, understand the demands of firefighting. Elected officials experience wearing PPE and SCBA. They can participate in search and rescue operations, auto extrication demonstrations, observe the operation of a ladder truck from its aerial platform, extinguish live fires inside the OFA's burn building and experience the honor of the job.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Elected officials will need to coordinate with their local fire department for the use of PPE and SCBA. Many of the day's activities require the use of SCBA. Participants with beards or other facial hair that interferes with the SCBA mask may not take part in some activities. A change of clothes is recommended. Participation in each scheduled event is optional. Participants receive several photos.

MAIN CAMPUS

BY REQUEST

**Dates:** To be announced. Visit our website at: **www.fireacademy. com.ohio.gov** for more info

Hours: 6 Fee:



Deadline: 14 days prior

#### 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

Hours: 4

Dates: Based on availability Fee: \$400/burn

Class min/max: 8/12 Burn Deadline: 45 days prior



BY REQUEST Fee: Call for quote

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 4/12 Burn Hours: 4

#### Fire Investigator, NFPA 1033, 2014 edition

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.

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 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 121-08). This information must be sent regular mail to the OFA Registrar's Office.

**HYBRID** 

Dates: To be announced. Visit our website at: www.fireacademy. com.ohio.gov for more info

Hours: 129 Fee: \$250

**Deadline:** 7 days prior



#### Fundamentals of Wildland Firefighting

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) designed this course to address the changing roles and training needs of Ohio's local, rural and volunteer fire departments with regards to wildland fire. This course prepares firefighters to engage in wildland fire suppression safely, quickly and efficiently. Topics

include wildland fire suppression techniques, wildfire behavior, basic fire weather and wildland fire safety. This course is available to fire departments within the ODNR Division of Forestry Wildfire Protection Area. For questions, contact ODNR Forestry at 877-247-8733 or the OFA training coordinator at 614-752-7177.

**CLOSE TO HOME** 

**Dates:** Based on availability

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 6

Fee: \$160/Class

Deadline: 45 days prior



#### Firefighter I & II, NFPA 1001, 2019 Edition

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. It is recommended that Firefighter Mile certification is obtained prior to class. Information may be found at nationaltestingnetwork.com/ publicsafetyjobs/firefighter mile info.

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. **REQUIREMENTS:** See online course description.

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: Feb. 22 - April 30, 2021 May 17 - July 23, 2021 Aug. 30 - Nov. 5, 2021

**Hours: 429** 

Fee: \$1,550 (Dorm fees separate)

Deadline: 35 days prior









#### 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.

The course is referred to as the 'Red Card' course. A Red Card is 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. 27 - March 13, (Weekends) Oct. 4 - 8, 2021 (M-F)

Hours: 40

Fee: \$95

Deadline: 14 days prior (GE)



#### Interagency Wildfire Annual 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. 18, Feb. 25, March 18, April 22, May 13, 2021

Hours: 6

Deadline: 14 days prior

#### **Pump Operations: Basic Fundamentals**

Student learn theory, methods and techniques for operating fire service pumps. Topics include: types of pumps, engine

and pump gauges, maintenance, pressure-relief devices, water supplies, drafting and pumping operations.

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: May 3, 2021 Aug. 23, 2021 Nov. 5, 2021

Hours: 6 Fee: \$65

Deadline: 7 days prior



**CLOSE TO HOME** 

Fee: \$160/class

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24 Hours: 6

#### **Pump Operations: Theory & Hydraulics**

This classroom course takes the theory of pump operation and creates a practical application for firefighters to calculate simple formulas for proper fire apparatus pump pressures. Once completed, students will be able to generate safe and effective fire streams for single pump operations, as well as more complicated multi-unit, supply, relay and fire-attack operations.

This course covers relationships between flow and pressure, mathematical hydraulic formulas, properties of water, distribution of pressures in dynamic and static systems, friction loss in hoses and pipes, and factors that influence it. Methods for approximated calculations and technical computations are given.

This course also discusses the principles of fire apparatus and pumps including pump construction, power development and transmission, troubleshooting and producing effective fire streams. Students should have a basic understanding of operating a pump and basic math skills prior to taking the class.

BY REQUEST

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 12 Fee: \$75 Deadline: 45 days prior



#### Search & Rescue Training Lab: Three-day Course

This course is designed to provide fire departments the Mobile Search & Rescue Training Lab (MSRL) 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, as well as a confidence maze that offers quality learning experiences.

From instructing new recruits to seasoned veterans, this unit will meet your training needs. A key feature of this training is to provide your organization with the lowest possible cost.

For organizations that already have qualified training staff, this option provides the best and most cost-effective way to obtain up-to-date training. OFA includes all the necessary tools for your staff to conduct safe and effective programs. Another feature is the flexibility of delivery options. Whether you are a full-time, combination or volunteer fire department, having the MSRL for three consecutive days offers the opportunity to meet 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

#### Volunteer Firefighter, Ohio 2019 Curriculum

This 36-hour awareness level course meets the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) requirements for volunteer firefighters. Students will obtain entry level knowledge of the fire service in the areas of ladders, ropes, ventilation, forcible entry, personal protective equipment, hoses and water movement. This program 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. The course is held over two weekends; each beginning at 18:00 on Friday, and concluding at 18:00 on Sunday.

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: Nov. 12 - 14,

Nov. 19 - 21, 2021 (Friday - Sunday)

**Hours**: 36

Deadline: 35 days prior



#### **Ohio Fire Academy First Responders Health And Wellness Courses**

#### After the Call

After the Call was created to provide administrators with some ideas, concepts, and techniques they might use to help themselves during a critical or traumatic incident. This course is designed to help administrators address their feelings in the wake of trauma, while also dealing with tasks critical to their job, such as dealing with the media, other members in the agency and people who serve under them.

We also want to let these officers know that, just like the rest of their agency, they are having a normal reaction to an abnormal circumstance. It's not only okay to ask for assistance, it will help ensure they are able to provide the guidance and oversight to help their agency and its personnel work through the aftermath to be stronger than before the incident happened.

MAIN CAMPUS

**Dates:** Feb. 11, May 5, Aug. 26,

Nov. 23, 2021

Hours: 2

Deadline: 7 days

Class min/max: 12/100

#### Crisis Awareness

Crisis Awareness training provides participants examples of physical and emotional signs a co-worker, family member, friend or the employee themselves may exhibit after a traumatic event. This can be brought about by an incident at work, in their personal life, or as the result of the cumulative effects of exposure to traumatic situations. While everyone's reaction to trauma is unique, this course gives possible signs and symptoms to look out for, as well as techniques to help someone who may benefit from assistance.

Issues discussed include: physical, cognitive and emotional responses to trauma, alcohol/drug issues, techniques and strategies

for working through the effects of a traumatic incident.

We often want to help someone dealing with trauma, don't know how to best assist them. This course provides the opportunity to ask questions about trauma and stress, as well as gives resources and concepts to help not only someone else, but the employee themselves.

This course also includes one hour of addiction awareness, which focuses on chemical addiction (drugs & alcohol) and process addiction (gaming, shopping, sex etc.). The extent of addiction is discussed and resources for assistance are provided.

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: March 10, June 15, Sept. 9,

Dec. 16, 2021

Hours: 4

Fee:

Deadline: 7 days

Class min/max: 12/100

#### Stress First Aid for Fire & 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. Stress First Aid 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 fire departments adapt to new ways of supporting firefighters.

Training is delivered by National Fallen Firefighters Foundation behavioral health specialists and a fire service member trainer. The class is designed for leaders of emergency responders.

BY REQUEST

Fee: N/A

Hours: 2

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24

FREE

CLOSE TO HOME

Fee: N/A

Deadline: 45 days prior

FREE

Class min/max: 12/24 Hours: 2

#### ■ The Fire That Burns Within: Fire Service Suicide Prevention

This course will provide suicide prevention awareness training and intervention techniques for use among fire and rescue service personnel. This is a class on how to prevent suicide – not how to prepare participants to be counselors.

Students enrolling in this class should think of themselves as first responders to their fellow officers and know how to aid through questioning, persuading and referring a colleague to get help when needed.

BY REQUEST

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 4

Fee:

Deadline: 45 days prior



## **EMS Training**

#### 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 Tactical, LLC 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 10 - 14, 2021

Aug. 9 - 13, 2021

**Hours**: 72 **Fee**: \$950 (Dorm

**Deadline:** 14 days prior

fees separate)

#### Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Ohio 2012 Curriculum

This course was developed for emergency services, law enforcement or industrial personnel who would be first on the scene of a medical/trauma emergency. This course follows the new standards established by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) and adopted by the Division of EMS as outlined by O.A.C. 4765. Students will be eligible for

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification testing upon successful completion of the course. This course will cover patient assessment, airway management, cardiac emergencies, illness and injury, childbirth and children, automated external defibrillation (AED) and EMS operations.

**REQUIREMENTS:** See online course description.

BY REQUEST

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 48

Fee: \$140

Deadline: 45 days prior

#### Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Ohio 2012 Curriculum

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.

**REQUIREMENTS:** See online course description.

MAIN CAMPUS

**Dates:** Jan. 11 - Feb. 12, 2021

June 1 - July 2, 2021 Aug. 30 - Oct. 1, 2021 Hours: 212 Fee: \$800

(Dorm fees separate)

Deadline: 45 days prior



#### Emergency Medical Technician Refresher, Ohio 2012 EMS Curriculum

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 15 - 18, 2021

Hours: 32

Fee: \$100

Deadline: 14 days prior



#### Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator (FADO), NFPA 1002, Chapter 4, 2014 Edition

This 16-hour, two-part course is designed for students requiring emergency vehicle driver's training for any type of standard fire department vehicle. Day one is eight hours of online instruction on NFPA 1002 Chapter 4 General Requirements and covers the following: 4.1 General, 4.2 Preventive Maintenance, 4.3 Driving/Operating, and 4.4 Fire Department Communications. Day two is eight hours of

hands-on driving of emergency apparatus. When conducted as a direct delivery course, the fire chief has 180 days to complete the driving skills portion (day two) at an approved, designated area, and submit the paperwork to the OFA registrar's office for credit. Directions are provided on submission of required paperwork.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Must have a valid driver's license.

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**Hours**: 16

**Dates:** Based on availability

Fee: \$360/class

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

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**Fee**: \$85

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24 Hours: 16

#### Paramedic Refresher, Ohio 2012 EMS Curriculum

This course reviews essential components of Ohio-approved curriculum and provides exposure to scientific advances in emergency medical care concepts. This course utilizes classroom time, including cognitive and hands-on testing. The course covers

the following subject areas: airway management and ventilation, medicine, cardiology and medical emergencies, trauma issues, special populations, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, geriatrics and EMS operations.

BY REQUEST

Class min/max: 12/24

**Hours**: 48

Fee: \$170

Deadline: 45 days prior

#### 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. Stress First Aid 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 fire 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.

BY REQUEST

Fee: N/A

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24 Hours: 2

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Fee: N/A

Deadline: 0 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24 Ho

Hours: 2

#### 2021 Exam Dates

#### **ACCUPLACER**

Placement Assessment for prospective Firefighter I & II, EMT and AEMT students \*Tests begin at 10 a.m.\*

July 20, 2021
Aug. 17, 2021
Sept. 21, 2021
Oct. 19, 2021
Nov. 16, 2021
Dec. 21, 2021

#### Fire Instructor Knowledge Exam

\*Tests begin at 1 p.m.\*

Jan. 19, 2021	July 20, 2021
Feb. 16, 2021	Aug. 17, 2021
March 16, 2021	Sept. 21, 2021
April 20, 2021	Oct. 19, 2021
May 18, 2021	Nov. 16, 2021
June 15, 2021	Dec. 21, 2021

### Fire Safety Inspector Instructor Knowledge Exam

\*Tests begin at 1 p.m.\*

Jan. 19, 2021 July 20, 2021 Feb. 16, 2021 Aug. 17, 2021 March 16, 2021 Sept. 21, 2021 April 20, 2021 Oct. 19, 2021 May 18, 2021 Nov. 16, 2021 June 15, 2021 Dec. 21, 2021

#### **EMS Instructor Practical Skills Exam**

To schedule, contact EMS Training Coordinator Heidi Stone at 614-752-7180 or Heidi.Stone@com.ohio.gov.

#### Firefighter I & II IFSAC Certification Exam

Scheduled in April, July and October. Visit: www.fireacademy.com.ohio.gov.

#### Student testimonials

### Why take courses with the OFA?

#### A sampling of student experiences while at the Academy



**KASEY BALLINGER** 

Firefighter student, Oakwood Public Safety

Course taken: Firefighter I & II

"They have people with 20, 30, 40 years of experience in this career, and those are the people you need to listen to and the stories you need to hear. The academy helped me become part of the brotherhood and thats an awesome opportunity to be able to serve and give back to your community. It really puts your problems and your life into perspective when you're responding to something catastrophic for somebody else."



**CHRIS MUNOZ** 

Lieutenant, West Chester Fire Department Course taken: Incident Safety Officer

"The great part of the flipped classroom has provided us an extensive amount of pre-course work that we can look into. It gives us different subject matters that we can spend more time on so that, when we did arrive on campus, we can ask our classmates and our instructors more information about those subjects."



MIKE PACKARD

Lieutenant, Valley/Brecksville Fire Department Class taken: Incident Safety Officer

"I've done a lot of classes through the state and this is the first blended one (Hybrid Model) that I've done down here, and it worked out really well for my schedule – being two hours away. The blended coursework shortened my

stay here – with my busy schedule, this worked out really well for me."



**MALCOLM GRAHAM** 

Firefighter student, Indianapolis, Indiana

Course taken: Firefighter I & II

"I loved this class. The people that I've met in this class, from the instructors to experiences with all the students – it's phenomenal and amazing. Over course of this class, we've created a bond that can't be broken. Sacrificing yourself, your comforts, your ideologies for the common goal is what brotherhood is, and what unifies us together."



MIKE UHNAK

Assistant Chief, North Ridgeville Fire Department Course taken: Plan Review for Fire Officials

"The instructors of the program are extremely knowledgeable. They are very willing to answer our questions because, being new to fire prevention, I have a lot of questions and any opportunity that I can get with the state-level guys, I take advantage of it. I can't imagine doing a plan review now without taking this class. It really opened my eyes on really what I was missing with the untrained eye before this class — I missed a lot and this class steered me in the direction I needed to be. The facilities down here at the Ohio Fire Academy are very nice. I've never been down here. The dorms are really nice, the food was good, the people I met — it's just an enjoyable experience here."



## Development

#### EMS Instructor Module, Ohio 2012 Curriculum

This course meets all the objectives set forth by the Division of EMS for Firefighter I & II instructors or fire safety inspector instructors wishing to become EMS instructors. This is also for

EMS providers wishing to become assistant EMS instructors. **REQUIREMENTS:** See online course description.

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: Oct. 12, 2021

Hours: 8

**Fee:** \$50

Deadline: 14 days prior

VIRTUAL

Dates: March 16 - 19, 2021; June 8 - 11, 2021

#### EMS Instructor Practical Skills Exam

This practical exam is required prior to entry in the EMS instructor training course according to O.A.C. 4765-18-05 (A)(5). This is the hands-on examination part of the entrance testing. Students must bring their valid driver's license and current EMS certification card or ODPS certification printout. Students will be tested to the level in

which they are certified and no prerequisites are required.

**REQUIREMENTS:** The practical pretest examination shall be administered under the auspices of an accredited institution. See online course description for further information.

BY REQUEST Class min/max: 12/24 Hours: 3 Fee: \$25 Deadline: 14 days prior

#### Fire & Emergency Services Instructor I & II, NFPA 1041, 2019 edition

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.

**ASSISTANT 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 exam at the firefighter I level; and comply with rule 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.

VIRTUAL

**Dates**: Feb. 1 - March 20, 2021

April 26 - June 12, 2021

**Hours**: 88

Fee: \$300

Deadline: 7 days prior

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Dates: Aug. 24 (V); Oct 4 - 15, 2021 (C)

#### Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I, NFPA 1041, 2019 edition

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.

VIRTUAL

Dates: Jan. 17 - Feb. 27, 2021 April 4 - May 15, 2021 Aug. 29 - Oct. 9, 2021 Nov. 7 - Dec. 18, 2021

**Hours**: 32 Fee:

Class min/max: None

#### Fire & Life Safety Educator Level I, NFPA 1035, 2015 edition

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.

VIRTUAL

Dates: March 24 - April 21, Aug. 11 - Sept. 8, 2021

**Hours**: 18 Fee: \$50

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Fee: Free

MAIN CAMPUS Dates: May 18-20, 2021

Deadline: 7 days prior

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24 Hours: 18

#### Fire & Life Safety Educator Level II, NFPA 1035, 2015 edition

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: Sept. 28 - 30, 2021

**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 Chiefs Symposium**

This symposium is for all chief officers, new or veteran, and command staff officers. 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.

**VIRTUAL** 

Dates: Feb. 20 - 21, 2021

Hours: 12

Fee: Free

Deadline: None

#### Firefighter I & II, IFSAC Certification Exam

Firefighters certified by the state of Ohio who wish to earn IFSAC certification will need to successfully complete a series of written tests covering content from the following courses: Firefighter I, Firefighter II, HazMat weapons of mass destruction Awareness, HazMat WMD Operations Core, Mission-Specific PPE and Mission-specific product control. Students must

pass with a score of at least 70 percent and also complete 15 randomly selected practical skills.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Students must provide documentation showing successful completion of HazMat Awareness, HazMat Operations and Firefighter I & II courses. Documentation of a completed NFPA 1582 physical must also be submitted.

MAIN CAMPUS

**Dates:** See Page 32 for dates

Hours: 12

Fee: \$240

**Deadline**: 45 days prior

#### Fire Instructor Knowledge Exam, NFPA 1001, 2019 edition

This exam is required prior to entry into a fire instructor training course according to O.A.C. 4765-21-02 (A)(3). This is a computer-based, two-hour examination. Applicants must bring a valid driver's

license or current fire certification card or Division of EMS certification printout. Those taking the exam will be tested on knowledge at the Firefighter II level, as defined by NFPA Standard 1001.

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: See Page 32 for dates

Hours: 3

Fee: \$25

Fee: \$50

Deadline: 5 days prior

#### Fire Instructor Module, Ohio 2018 Curriculum

This module is for certified EMS providers or fire safety inspector instructors wanting to transition to be certified fire instructors or firefighters wanting to become assistant fire instructors.

The course meets all objectives set forth by the Division of EMS and

includes an awareness module on the NFPA 1403, Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions. The Division of EMS requires all fire safety inspector instructors to be certified as fire instructors or assistant instructors. **REQUIREMENTS:** See online course description.

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: Oct. 12, 2021

Hours: 8

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Deadline: 14 days prior

VIRTUAL

Dates: March 16 - 19, 2021; June 8 - 11, 2021

#### Fire Officer I, NFPA 1021, 2014 edition

This is the only Fire Officer I program in Ohio which allows students to receive both National Fire Academy and IFSAC certification. This course is designed to meet or exceed NFPA 1021 Standards of Fire Officer I and helps guide firefighters in the transition from peer to officer.

Students learn essential techniques and skills in leadership and supervisory decision-making practices including time management, delegation and prioritization in both routine and emergency situations, legal responsibilities, communication practices, report writing, workplace safety, quality assurance and pre-incident planning.

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

**REQUIREMENTS:** Firefighter II and Fire Instructor I or equivalent Ohio Fire, EMS, or FSI Instructor certification. See page 46 for information on Instructor I online course.

VIRTUAL Date

Dates: Jan. 4 - Feb. 26, 2021

March 20 - May 14, 2021

Sept. 26 - Nov. 26, 2021

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

Deadline: 7 days prior









#### Fire Officer II, NFPA 1021, 2014 edition

This is the only Fire Officer II program in Ohio which allows students to receive both National Fire Academy and 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.

It expands on management techniques learned in Fire Officer I and focuses 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.

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

**REQUIREMENTS:** Firefighter II; Fire Instructor I or equivalent Ohio Fire, EMS or FSI Instructor certification; and Fire Officer I.

VIRTUAL

Dates: March 8 - April 23, 2021

Aug. 8 - Sept. 24, 2021

Oct. 31 - Dec. 10, 2021

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









#### Fire Officer III/IV, NFPA 1021, 2014 edition

This is the only Fire Officer III/IV program in Ohio which allows students to receive National Fire Academy and IFSAC certification.

The course meets and exceeds NFPA 1021, Standards of Professional Qualifications for Fire Officer III/IV and covers 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.

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

**REQUIREMENTS:** Firefighter II; Fire Instructor I or equivalent Ohio Fire, EMS or FSI Instructor certification; Fire Officer I; and Fire Officer II.

**VIRTUAL** 

Dates: Jan. 18 - March 26, 2021

July 19 - Sept. 24, 2021

Hours: 80 De

Fee: \$50

BO **Deadline:** 7 days prior







#### Fire Safety Inspector Instructor Knowledge Exam, NFPA 1031, 2014 edition

This exam is required prior to entry into a fire inspector instructor training course as outlined by O.A.C. 4765.03. This exam is based on the objectives from NFPA Standard 1031 as established by O.A.C. 4764-11-14 (A).

The two-part test includes a closed-book portion based on the

International Fire Service Training Association Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement textbook and code research using the Ohio Fire Code and the Ohio Building Code.

Students must bring the most current editions of code books to the testing center. **REQUIREMENTS:** See online course description.

**MAIN CAMPUS** 

Dates: See Page 32 for dates

Hours: 3

Fee: \$25

Deadline: 5 days prior

#### Fire Safety Inspector Instructor Module, Ohio 2018 Curriculum

This module is designed for certified EMS providers or fire instructors looking to transition to become certified fire safety inspector instructors. This module meets all objectives set forth by the Division of EMS and introduces students to the intricacies of teaching the Ohio Fire Code. It covers all requirements from the Division of EMS for the instruction of a certified fire safety

inspector course.

Requirements include knowledge of Ohio Revised Code language and an overview of the Ohio Fire Code and Ohio Building Code. The course is required by the Division of EMS to be certified as a fire safety inspector instructor.

**REQUIREMENT:** See online course description.

MAIN CAMPUS

Dates: Oct. 12, 2021

Hours: 8

Fee: \$50

Deadline: 14 days prior

VIRTUAL

Dates: March 16 - 19, 2021, June 8 - 11, 2021

#### Health and Safety Officer, NFPA 1521, 2015 edition

This course delivers a comprehensive management approach to occupational safety and health issues. Designed for aspiring or practicing safety officers, fire and EMS department managers, and other fire and emergency medical personnel. The course covers the rationale for increasing the emphasis on health and safety.

This course covers the most current NFPA and Occupational Safety and Health Administration Standards, incorporates the 16 Fire and Life Safety Initiatives, and complies with the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education course outcomes.

The course also offers new information on risk management, fire ground rules of air management, highway scene safety and pandemic considerations.

Upon completion, students are prepared for certification testing by the National Board of Fire Service Professional qualifications as a fire department health and safety officer through the Fire Department Safety Officers Association.

**REQUIREMENT:** Incident Safety Officer course.

**BY REQUEST** 

Class min/max: 12/24

**Hours**: 32

Fee: Call for quote

## Incident Command for High-Rise Operations (F0321)

Developed by the National Fire Academy, this course is designed to assist emergency response officers who have responsibility for managing incidents in high-rise buildings. Course topics include organizing resources, developing strategies and managing tactical operations to protect life and minimize

damage during an incident.

Students should have working knowledge of basic incident command system organization, strategy and tactics for structural firefighting, building construction, and an understanding of the type of building systems existing in high-rise buildings.

**BY REQUEST** 

**Dates:** To be announced. Visit: www.fireacademy.com.ohio.gov for more info

Hours: 16 Fee: \$50 De

**Deadline:** 7 days prior



#### Incident Safety Officer, NFPA 1521, 2015 edition

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.

VIRTUAL

Dates: Feb. 1 - April 12, 2021

Sept. 6 - Oct. 18, 2021

**Hours**: 40 **Fee**: \$75

**Deadline:** 7 days prior



#### Live Fire Instructor, NFPA 1403, 2018 edition

This course is designed to deliver a comprehensive livefire 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).

Deadline: 7 days prior

**REQUIREMENTS:** See online course description.

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Dates:

March 22 (V); May 5 - 7, 2021 (C)

Oct. 18 (V); Nov. 8 - 10, 2021 (C)

Hours: 64

Fee: \$150

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#### Student testimonials



NICK FAZZIO
Firefighter student, Findlay, Ohio
Course taken: Firefighter I & II

"The instructors here do a really good job of putting you in situations where you think you may not finish, you may not think you're going to pass, or that you may feel that you can't physically complete the task at hand - and they drive you to do that. They have pushed us to make us better people and I feel that every day. I feel like I'm stronger, my skills are better and I attribute that all back to the instructors here."

#### National Fallen Firefighters "Everyone Goes Home" Series

#### Courage to be Safe ® (CTBS)

This is a provocative and moving presentation by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, through the Everyone Goes Home® program, which 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 central theme promotes the courage to do the right thing to protect yourself and other firefighters and ensure that "Everyone Goes Home" at the end of the day.

The four-hour class begins at 8 a.m.

**VIRTUAL** 

Dates: Feb. 2, 2021 April 6, 2021 June 3, 2021 Aug. 3, 2021 Oct. 5, 2021 Dec. 9, 2021

Hours: 2 Fee: N/A **Deadline:** 7 days prior



## 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. The four-hour class begins at 1 p.m.

Deadline: 7 days prior

**REQUIREMENT:** Courage to be Safe course.

**VIRTUAL** 

Dates: Feb. 2, 2021 April 6, 2021 June 1, 2021 Aug. 3, 2021 Oct. 5, 2021 Dec. 7, 2021

Hours: 2

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.

VIRTUAL

Dates: Feb. 4, 2021 May 28, 2021 Oct. 1, 2021 Dec. 1, 2021

Hours: 4

Fee: \$50



#### **National Fire Academy Managing Officer Program Courses**

## **Leadership in Supervision (0645)**

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: April 25 - 30, 2021

**Hours**: 36 Fee: \$150 **Deadline**: 7 days prior





#### Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth (0646)

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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

Dates: March 2 - 3, 2021 April 25 - 26, 2021 Aug. 25 - 26, 2021 Hours: 12

Fee: \$50

Deadline: 7 days prior





Fee: \$325/Class

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24 Hours: 12



#### Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking (0647)

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

Dates: April 27 - 28, 2021

Dec. 13 - 14, 2021

Hours: 12

Hours: 12

Fee: \$50

Deadline: 14 days prior

Deadline: 14 days prior





**CLOSE TO HOME** 

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24 Hours: 12



Fee: \$325/Class

## Leadership in Supervision: Frameworks to Success (0648)

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

Dates: April 29 - 30, 2021 Nov. 18 - 19, 2021

Fee: \$50





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Fee: \$325/Class

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24 Hours: 12



#### **National Fire Academy Managing Officer Program Courses**

## Shaping the Future (F0602)

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 the use of creative approaches to identifying trends within their organizations, applying problem-solving methodologies, the importance and application of continuous

improvement within organizations, 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.

VIRTUAL

**Dates:** May 16 - June 13, 2021

Nov. 14 - Dec. 12, 2021

Hours: 14 Fee: \$150

Deadline: 40 days prior





#### **National Fire Academy Initial Company Operations Series:**

## Preparations for Initial Company Operations (PICO)

Developed by the National Fire Academy, this course is designed to develop a better understanding of responsibilities of company officers in preparing their company for incident operations. Additionally, the course helps clarify the transition from firefighter to company officer and the new roles relating to

leadership and safety.

**Fee**: \$75

This course is for company officers, acting company officers or senior firefighters responsible for managing a single fire company at an emergency incident, and for officers responsible for company readiness, personnel safety and leadership.

VIRTUAL

**Dates:** Jan. 12 - Feb. 5, 2021 May 3 - 28, 2021

Sept. 13 - Oct. 8, 2021

Deadline: 7 days prior





## Decision Making for Initial Company Operations (DMICO)

Hours: 12

Developed by the National Fire Academy, this course is designed to develop the decision-making skills needed by company officers to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires.

As a company officer with the possibility of being the first to arrive at an incident, initial decisions will have an impact throughout the entire incident. The ability to make sound incident management decisions is critical to ensuring a favorable impact on the outcome of an incident.

In addition to a possible role as the initial incident commander, the company officer may be assigned a subordinate position within the incident command system organization. Company officers need to have a clear understanding of the system, the position they are assigned and their role in the organization to function effectively and help make the system work.

VIRTUAL

**Dates**: Feb. 8 - March 5, 2021

June 7 - July 2, 2021 Oct. 11 - Nov. 5, 2021 **Hours**: 14 **Fee**: \$75

Fee: \$75

**Deadline:** 7 days prior





## Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations (STICO)

Developed by the National Fire Academy, this course is designed to develop the management skills of company officers responsible for managing the operations of one or more companies during structural firefighting operations.

This course is for senior firefighters who may, at times, assume the responsibilities of the company officer (NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, Level II).

VIRTUAL

**Dates:** March 8 - April 5, 2021 **Hours:** 12

July 12 - Aug. 6, 2021 Nov. 15 - Dec. 17, 2021









## Prevention

## Fire Safety for Older Adults / Fire Safety for Youth

Fire Safety for Older Adults and Fire Safety for Youth are now combined into a single day of training. Completion of the IFSAC Course Fire and Life Safety Educator Level I, NFPA 1035 is recommended prior to enrollment, but not required.

Fire Safety for Older Adults explores concepts and challenges related to teaching fire safety skills to senior adult learners and explores common risk factors affecting the safety of the older generation. Effective messages are identified and discussed to reach older learners. Students work in groups to brainstorm ideas aimed at meeting the needs of their learners and identify sources

for model programs. Students are encouraged to share their own experiences, best practices and lessons learned.

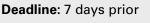
Fire Safety for Youth helps the participant understand stages of learning development and identifies processes and approaches for helping young learners gain valuable fire safety skills and knowledge. Participants work in groups to build skills in reading lesson plans and to modify instruction to meet the needs of their learners. Sources for model programs and safety education resources are discussed. Time is given to participants that wish to share best practices and lessons earned from their own experience.

**VIRTUAL** 

MAIN CAMPUS Dates: March 16, 2021

Aug. 4, 2021

Dates: May 13, 2021





## 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.

**VIRTUAL** 

Dates: June 7 - 11, 2021

Oct.14 - 21, 2021

Hours: 6

Hours: 6

Fee: \$45

Fee: \$50

Deadline: 7 days prior

#### Fire Safety Inspector, NFPA 1031, 2014 edition

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.

Dates: Feb. 22 - May 28, 2021

Feb. 23 - May 28, 2021 Aug. 2 - Nov. 5, 2021

Aug. 3 - Nov. 5, 2021

**Hours: 100** 

Deadline: 7 days prior

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 12 hours of Board of Building Standards (BBS) continuing education credit, BBS 2013-199a and BBS 2013-199b; and 12 hours of continuing education for fire safety inspectors, per O.A.C. 4765-20-16.

VIRTUAL

Dates: March 2 - 11, 2021 Nov. 9 - 18, 2021

Hours: 12

Deadline: 7 days prior

Fee: \$50



## 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.

VIRTUAL Dates: Jan. 12, Jan. 19, Feb. 9,

March 18, April 6, May 13, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Aug. 19, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 9, Dec. 7, 2021 **Hours**: 6 **Fee**: N/A **Deadline**: 7 days prior



#### 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

MAIN CAMPUS Dates: Feb. 16 - 18, 2021

July 6 - 8, 2021 Aug. 2 - 4, 2021 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.

Hours: 24 Fee: \$125 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: To Be Announced Hours: 30 Fee: \$100 Deadline: 14 days prior

#### 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: To Be Announced Hours: 36 Fee: \$100 Deadline: 7 days prior

#### Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist, NFPA 1035, 2015 edition

This course was designed by the SFM Fire Prevention Bureau and introduces the concepts of NFPA 1035 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I. The class is designed for those assigned to fire and life safety education duties and other professionals having youth firesetter responsibilities.

Through group activities, students will learn if the child's fire

setting 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 in this course. Interviewing techniques to classify fire-setting behavior and methods of establishing a community firesetter's referral program are also discussed.

Deadline: 7 days prior

**Dates**: Feb. 17 - 18, 2021 **Hours**: 12

**Fee**: \$50



**MAIN CAMPUS** 

**VIRTUAL** 

Dates: June 9 - 10, 2021

April 28 - 29, 2021

Sept. 14 - 15, 2021

#### Youth Firesetter Program Manager, NFPA 1035, 2015 edition

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 completion of this course, 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.

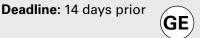
**REQUIREMENT:** See online course description.

MAIN CAMPUS

**Dates:** April 6 - 8, 2021

Nov. 22 - 24, 2021

Hours: 12 Fee: \$50







## Rescue / HazMat

#### 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 (hands-on

application of A, B and C chlorine emergency kits), PPE and risk assessment. This course is intended for Hazardous Material Technicians looking to refine their skills. **REQUIREMENT:** Documentation of Hazardous Materials Operations or equivalent.

CLOSE TO HOME

**Dates:** Based on availability

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 6 Fe

Fee: \$160

**Deadline**: 45 days prior

## Confined Space Rescue Level I & II, NFPA 1006, 2013 edition

This course combines learning objectives for both Confined Space Rescue level I and level II and covers all of NFPA 1006, Chapter 7. Topics include basic equipment review, atmospheric monitoring, confined space pre-planning with considerations for rescuer health and safety, making entry through small openings, and execution of a confined space rescue including patient packaging and care. Students must complete written and hands-on skill competency evaluations to successfully complete the course.

Student evaluations will be conducted throughout the course and conclude with a final exam. Students who complete all course requirements are eligible for IFSAC certification.

**REQUIREMENT:** Documentation of successful completion of NFPA 1006, 2013 edition; Chapter 5: Job Performance Requirements, Chapter 6: Rope Rescue I or equivalent certification is required to enroll. Students must also be compliant with Chapter 4: Technical Rescuer and be comfortable in confined spaces.

HYBRID

Dates:

Feb. 8 (V); March 22 - 25, 2021 (C)

July 26 (V); Sept. 7 - 10, 2021 (C)

Hours: 24

Fee: \$150

Deadline: 7 days prior

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#### Farm Rescue Awareness

This course is for first responders serving in rural areas. It prepares emergency personnel for a variety of agricultural emergencies, including tractor and machinery incidents, grain bin entrapments, and exposure to toxic gases, chemicals, and

pesticides used in agricultural areas. This course develops the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to respond to these types of emergencies. Students must complete written and hands-on skill competency evaluations to successfully complete the course.

BY REQUEST

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 12

Fee: Call for quote

Deadline: 45 days prior

#### 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
HYBRID

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 6

Fee: \$650/Class

Deadline: 45 days prior



#### Hazardous Materials: Awareness, NFPA 1072, 2017 edition

Students will gain an understanding of what hazardous substances are and the risk associated with them. Students will learn to recognize the presence of hazardous substances, understand roles of emergency responders at the awareness level (including site security/control), gain an understanding of the U.S. Department

of Transportation Emergency Response Guidebook, and recognize the need for additional resources, call for appropriate assistance, and to make appropriate notifications to the community. This course meets NFPA 1072 Standard, 2017 edition and OSHA CFR 29.1910.120 (q); and is eligible for IFSAC certification.

CLOSE TO HOME
VIRTUAL

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 6

Deadline: 45 days prior





Fee: \$160/Class

## Hazardous Materials: Operations Core, NFPA 1072, 2017 edition

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 1072 Standard, 2017 edition, OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120, and is eligible for IFSAC certification.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Documentation demonstrating ProBoard or IFSAC certification in HazMat Awareness or successful completion of NFPA 472, 2013 edition or NFPA 1072, 2017 edition, Chapter 4: Competencies for Awareness Level Personnel.

CLOSE TO HOME
HYBRID

Class min/max: 12/24

Hours: 16 Fee: \$200/Class **Deadline:** 45 days prior





#### Hazardous Materials: Technician, NFPA 1072, 2017 edition

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 1072, Chapter 7: 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 ProBoard

**REQUIREMENTS:** Documentation demonstrating ProBoard or IFSAC certification in HazMat Awareness, Operations, and Technician; or successful completion of NFPA 472, 2013 edition or NFPA 1072, 2018 edition, Chapter 4: Competencies for Awareness Level Personnel, Chapter 5: Core Competencies for Operations Level Responders, and Chapter 7: Competencies for Hazardous Materials Technicians, or equivalent.

HYBRID

Dates:

Feb. 8 (V); March 22-26, 2021 (C)

July 26 (V); Sept. 7-10, 2021 (C)

Hours: 80 Deadline: 7 days prior

Fee: \$250

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## ■ Hazardous Materials Officer/Safety Officer, NFPA 472, 2013 edition

This course covers the competencies in NFPA 1072-2012, 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 preform 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 NFPA 472, 2013 edition or NFPA 1072, 2018 edition, Chapter 4: Competencies for Awareness Level Personnel, Chapter 5: Core Competencies for Operations Level Responders, or equivalent.

**CLOSE TO HOME** 

**Dates:** Based on availability

Class min/max: 12/24

**Hours**: 40

Fee: \$100/Class

Deadline: 45 days prior

#### Ice Rescue Level I & II, NFPA 1006, 2013 edition

This course gives students the knowledge and skills needed to execute ice and cold-water rescues. Lecture topics covered include assessing types of ice and water currents, medical emergencies such as hypothermia, rescue techniques, incident command system, and proper demobilization. Students also will have hands-on ice training, performing multiple scenarios involving victims on the ice. Students must complete written and hands-on skill competency evaluations to successfully complete the course.

Students who successfully complete all course requirements are eligible for IFSAC certification. This course is weather dependent.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Documentation demonstrating successful completion of NFPA 1006, 2013 edition; Chapter 5: Job Performance Requirements, Chapter 11: Surface Water Rescue I & II, or the equivalent certification is required to enroll in this course. Students must also be compliant with NFPA Chapter 4: Technical Rescuer.

**HYBRID** 

**Dates:** To be announced. Visit: **ofa.com.ohio.gov** for more information

Hours: 24

Fee: \$50



## Modern and Hybrid Vehicle Technology

This course provides students with the knowledge and skills, to respond to incidents involving vehicles with modern materials and alternate/hybrid fuel sources while addressing safety practices.

Course topics includes: descriptions and graphics of the latest in new vehicle construction technology; metals and metal combinations; hybrid designs; and updated extrication techniques.

Upon successful completion, students are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to utilize the latest techniques for safe, rapid patient extrication from accidents involving the safest, five-star crash-rated vehicles and alternative power sources.

BY REQUEST

Fee: Call for quote

Hours: 8

**CLOSE TO HOME** 

Fee: \$150/Class

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

Deadline: 45 days prior

Class min/max: 12/24 Hours: 8

#### Rope Rescue Level I, NFPA 1006, 2013 edition

This is the first course in the Rescue Technician series and is required prior to enrolling in the following courses:

Rope Rescue Level II Confined Space Rescue Level I & II Trench Rescue Level I & II Structural Collapse Level I Vehicle Rescue Level I & II

Swiftwater Rescue Level I Swiftwater Rescue Level II

See individual course requirements at: www.fireacademy.com.ohio.gov

This course covers material in NFPA 1006 Standard for Technical Rescuer, Chapter 5 Job Performance Requirements and Chapter 6.1 Rope Rescue. The course provides fire personnel with the skills to perform basic rope rescue techniques. Rigging, critical angles, mechanical advantage systems, repelling, selfrescue techniques, lowering systems and low-angle techniques are covered.

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, as well as with a final exam. Students who successfully complete all course requirements are eligible for IFSAC certification.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Documentation demonstrating compliance with NFPA Chapter 4: Technical Rescuer.

HYBRID

Dates:

March 22 (V); May 3 - 7, 2021 (C)

Aug. 16 (V); Sept. 27 - Oct. 1, 2021 (C)

Hours: 50

Fee: \$75

Deadline: 7 days prior





#### Rope Rescue Level II, NFPA 1006, 2013 edition

This course covers material in NFPA 1006 Standard for Technical Rescuer, Chapter 6.2 Rope Rescue. It focuses on litter rigging, high-line applications and leadership on the rescue scene. Students apply tactics to real-life scenarios and will practice at sites throughout central Ohio. 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, as well as with a final exam. Students who successfully complete all course requirements are eligible for IFSAC certification. Students will be required to successfully complete practical skills and written assessments as part of course completion.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Documentation demonstrating successful completion of NFPA 1006, 2013 edition; Chapter 5: Job Performance Requirements and Chapter 6.1: Rope I, or the equivalent certification is required to enroll in this course. Students must also be compliant with NFPA Chapter 4: Technical Rescuer.

HYBRID

Dates:

May 8 (V); May 24 - 28, 2021 (C)

Oct. 2 (V); Oct. 25 - 29, 2021 (C)

**Hours**: 32

Fee: \$75





#### Structural Collapse Level I, NFPA 1006, 2013 edition

This course provides students with the operational knowledge, skills and abilities to perform patient rescue at structural collapse incidents involving light frame and masonry buildings. The course meets and exceeds NFPA 1006 Chapter 9: Structural Collapse.

Students will complete all aspects of Structural Collapse Level I (or Operations Level) training along with some Level II (or Technician Level) skills. Students must complete written and

hands-on skill competency evaluations to successfully complete the course.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Documentation demonstrating successful completion of NFPA 1006, 2013 edition; Chapter 5: Job Performance Requirements and Chapter 6.1: Rope I, or the equivalent certification. Students must also be compliant with NFPA Chapter 4: Technical Rescuer.

HYBRID

Dates:

Sept. 7 (V); Oct. 18 - 22, 2021 (C)

**Hours**: 32

Deadline: 7 days prior

**Fee**: \$350



#### Swift Water Rescue Level I, NFPA 1006, 2013 edition

This course meets the standards for NFPA 1006 Surface Water Rescue Level I and Swift Water Rescue Level I. Students learn material through lecture and hands-on applications at regional locations throughout central Ohio. Students will develop the knowledge and skills through classroom lecture and hands-on applications to execute remote or indirect rescues and boat handling skills. Students are required to pass a swim test that includes successful completion of a 250-yard swim in any stroke, perform a surface dive to retrieve a submerged object, and tread water for five minutes. Swimwear for both pool and outdoor sessions is required. Students must complete written and hands-on skill competency evaluations to

successfully complete the course.

Hands on sessions include pool time and outdoor water exposure. Dry suits, helmets, boots, and personal flotation devices are provided. Students need to provide their own gloves.

REQUIREMENTS: Students must complete the Watercraft Boaters Education Course, regardless of birthdate or age. Documentation demonstrating successful completion of NFPA 1006, 2013 edition; Chapter 5: Job Performance Requirements, Chapter 6: Rope Rescue I & II, or the equivalent certification. Students must also be compliant with NFPA Chapter 4: Technical Rescuer.

HYBRID

Dates:

Jan. 25 (V); March 8 - 12, 2021 (C)

**Hours**: 40

Fee: \$250

Deadline: 7 days prior



#### Swift Water Rescue Level II, NFPA 1006, 2013 edition

This course meets standards for NFPA 1006 Surface Water Rescue Level II and Swift Water Rescue Level II. Students develop skills through classroom lecture and hands-on applications covering water entry, direct rescues, boat-handling and team leadership. Planning for difficult scenarios, problem prevention and resolution are also covered and include skills in river reading, river hazards, boat-assisted and go rescues, rope skills and systems, inflatable and Jon boat handling, tethers and river running.

Students must be able to swim 500 yards nonstop, retrieve an object from a depth of approximately 9 feet, tread water for 15 minutes (two minutes with hands out of water), swim 800 yards nonstop while wearing a mask, snorkel and fins, and complete a 100-yard nonstop rescue tow. Outdoor sessions require clothing for in-water exposure. Personal protective equipment (PPE), gloves for use in water and a water rescue helmet are recommended.

Oversized boots to wear over a dry suit are required.

Students must complete written and hands-on skill competency evaluations to successfully complete the course and are then eligible for IFSAC.

Sessions include pool time and outdoor water exposure. Dry suits, helmets, boots and personal flotation devices are provided. You will need to provide your own gloves.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Students must complete the Watercraft Boaters Education Course, regardless of birthdate or age. Documentation of successful completion of NFPA 1006, 2013 edition; Chapter 5: Job Performance Requirements, Chapter 6: Rope Rescue I & II, Chapter 11.1, Surface Water Rescue Level I, and Chapter 12.1: Swift Water Rescue Level I, or the equivalent certification. Students must also be compliant with NFPA Chapter 4: Technical Rescuer.

HYBRID

**Dates:** To be announced. Visit: **ofa.com.ohio.gov** for more information

Hours: 40

Deadline: 7 days prior

Fee: \$250



#### **Swift Water 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 Level I & II, NFPA 1006, 2013 edition

This course covers all components of NFPA 1006 Trench Rescue, Chapter 8. Students will develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities to execute basic and level II (technician) trench rescue requirements. Students begin with the concrete trench training prop and finish with multiple live trench scenarios. Various shoring techniques, trench layouts, hazard control scenarios, scene management, rescue versus recovery operation and termination procedures are covered. 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, as well as with a final exam. Students who successfully complete all course requirements are eligible for IFSAC certification.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Documentation demonstrating successful completion of NFPA 1006, 2013 edition; Chapter 5: Job Performance Requirements and Chapter 6.1: Rope Rescue I or the equivalent certification is required to enroll in this course. Students must also be compliant with NFPA Chapter 4: Technical Rescuer.

**HYBRID** 

Dates:

July 12 (V); Aug. 24 - 27, 2021 (C)

Hours: 40 Fee: \$300 Deadline: 14 days prior



#### Vehicle Rescue I & II, NFPA 1006, 2013 edition

This course covers all of Vehicle Extrication listed in NFPA 1006, Chapter 10 and many aspects of machinery extrication. Students develop the knowledge regarding the many aspects of vehicle and machinery rescue including safely securing the vehicle or machine, gaining rapid access to patients, performing disentanglement and extrication, and patient packaging and treatment.

Equipment stabilization and energy isolation play a large part in vehicle and machinery events and are covered in this course. Students have access to multiple passenger vehicles, small

machinery, and large commercial vehicles and machinery. Students must complete written and hands-on skill competency evaluations to complete the course. Students who successfully complete all course requirements are eligible for IFSAC certification.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Documentation demonstrating successful completion of NFPA 1006, 2013 edition; Chapter 5: Job Performance Requirements and Chapter 6.1 Rope I, or the equivalent certification is required to enroll in this course. Students must also be compliant with NFPA Chapter 4: Technical Rescuer.

**HYBRID** 

Dates:

Feb. 15 (V); March 29 - April 2, 2021 (C)

May 31 (V); July 12 - 16,2021 (C)

Hours: 40

Deadline: 7 days prior





Fee: \$375

#### Student testimonials



**EMMA TOBIAS** 

Firefighter student, St. Marys, Ohio Course taken: Firefighter I & II

"It was a rude awakening – I am older and not a varsity basketball player anymore, in shape like I was. So, it kind of took me down a step when I first got here and realized what this program was. I now see why this is one of the best programs in the country, and I'm proud to be part of this. They have really prepared me well for my career."



## **Industrial Services**

# Ohio Fire Academy builds customized courses around company's needs

From basic fire brigade training to more advanced education in high-intensity live-fire situations, the OFA can customize and build courses to suit your department's needs. Course length can range from six to 40 hours. The OFA has developed courses to help industries comply with NFPA standards 600 and 1081, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements.

These regulations and standards detail the requirements for an industrial fire brigade and their members. Each industry has its own level of training and requirements, which are set in-house. By customizing each class, the OFA can assist in completion of the requirements set by the NFPA and OSHA. Classes will vary depending on the level of training required. OFA can develop any type of training program to meet specific goals.

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#### Industrial Fire Brigade Series

The Industrial Fire Brigade Series offers a wide variety of courses customized to meet the needs of your department. All OFA fire brigade classes comply with the NFPA 600 and 1081 Standard on Industrial Fire Brigades, and Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) regulation 29CFR1910.156 for fire brigades. Additionally, all live-fire training will conform to and meet the NFPA 1403 Live Fire Training standard.

Course training hours are customized to meet students' needs

and can include basic fire brigade training, hazardous material refresher, first aid and live-fire training. Live-fire training can utilize any number of OFA's training facilities including: the extinguisher pit, 2,400 square-foot flammable liquid pit, vehicle fire prop, liquified petroleum gas (LPG) tank prop, elevated industrial pipe flange fire prop, industrial barrel rack fire prop, Class A and interior firefighting in the OFA's three-story, high-intensity burn building.

BY REQUEST Hours: Varies Fee: Call for quote

#### LPG and Flammable/Combustible Liquid Fires

Students will be introduced to the properties and behaviors of flammable liquids in bulk, fire extinguishing agents, safety considerations, a variety of suppression tactics and procedures required to safely control and extinguish flammable liquid fires, emergency communications and environmental concerns. Students will also learn the hazards associated with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and basic tactics for LPG emergencies.

BY REQUEST Hours: Varies Fee: Call for quote



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