

South Carolina Fire Academy

Presents the

South Carolina / Rhode Island
State Weekend

At the

National Fire Academy



July 14-16, 2017

Emmitsburg, Maryland



South Carolina Fire Academy

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*****IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ADMITTANCE TO NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY**

NEW DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY REQUIRMENTS IMPACT SC RESIDENTS***

The REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005 to establish minimum security standards for state-issued IDs, is now in effect and required by Department of Homeland Security. In reference to the REAL ID Act and planning for your State Weekend in 2017, I am writing to give you a heads up that beginning June 1, 2017, students from your state **will need to present another form of ID other than a state issued driver's license / identification card for access to the National Emergency Training Center campus.**

Other forms of identification include a valid Federal PIV (Personal Identity Verification) card, **military ID (active, retired, reserve, dependent, civilian employee), U.S. passport, U.S. passport card, or Transportation Worker's Identification Card (TWIC).** Individual criminal background (NCIC) checks can be performed, but will require submission of personally identifiable information from the state who would be responsible for collecting and transmitting that information. **Possessing a U.S. passport would eliminate the need for repeat NCIC checks upon each visit to campus.**

Without an approved form of ID, there will not be any access to the campus for students, instructors, or state representatives.

Here is a link for more information on the REAL ID Act: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id-enforcement-brief>

2017 State Weekend Course Offerings

7177 W0290 Training Operations in Small Departments

Course description

This 2-day course is designed to provide students with some basic tools and skills to coordinate training in a small fire/EMS organization. A training function in a smaller department typically may include conducting training drills and coordinating training with a nearby larger city or State training function.

Course content includes

- * Leadership issues in fire service training, such as why and how the local training officer must be a catalyst for change, and personal motivators within the department.
- * Identifying the legal issues affecting the training function, including an understanding of a standard of care, and the impact of OSHA and NFPA standards.
- * Safety considerations in training.
- * Marketing training internally.
- * Identifying ways to justify training needs.
- * Resolving training conflicts using appropriate conflict resolution techniques.
- * Selecting and evaluating training curriculum and materials from outside sources.
- * Effective delivery and evaluation of training.

Selection criteria

- Fire and rescue personnel who coordinate training in small departments.
- Volunteer firefighters and officers who instruct in small fire and rescue departments.
- Fire personnel serving on training committees.
- Training officers in volunteer fire departments.

Note: Students who have taken the National Fire Academy's (NFA's) "Challenges for Local Training Officers" R0815 through the Volunteer Incentive Program are not encouraged to take the NFA's "Training Operations in Small Departments" F0290.

Prerequisites

None

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7736 W0457 Decision Making for Initial Company Operations

Course description

This two-day course is designed to develop the decision making skills needed by Company Officers (CO's) to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires. All activities and scenarios used in this course are based on structure fires. With the real possibility of being the first to arrive at an incident, the CO's initial decisions will have an impact throughout the entire incident. It is vital that CO's be able to make good management decisions that have a favorable impact on the eventual outcome. In addition to a possible role as the initial Incident Commander, the CO may well be assigned a subordinate position within the Incident Command System organization. CO's need to have a clear understanding of the system, the position that they are assigned to, and their role in the organization if they are to function effectively and help make the system work.

Selection criteria

This course is specifically designed for newly appointed CO's and for firefighters who may have acting CO responsibilities or who want to become a CO. This course is an excellent review for experienced CO's.

Prerequisites

None

7312 W0602 Shaping the Future

Course description

This is two-day course is designed to assist first- and second-level supervisors and Company Officers (CO's) in developing knowledge and skills in contemporary approaches to organizational problem-solving. Topics include 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.

Selection criteria

- First- and second-level supervisors and CO's who are upwardly mobile within their organizations and whose department head wishes to prepare them for increased managerial responsibility.
- Administrative officers who are responsible for significant staff functions within the organization and who report directly to top management.
- Emergency service workers assigned to positions with decision-making responsibilities.

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Prerequisites

None

7748 W0609 Introduction to Unified Command for All-Hazard Incidents

Course description

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

Selection criteria

The primary audience for the course is fire department CO's, first responders, chief officers, and others who would function in a Command or General Staff position during a multiagency operation. Further specification for the audience includes officers who: have command responsibilities, are upwardly mobile and act in the position of a CO, would function in a Command or General Staff position during a Unified Command operation, and are initially responsible for setting up the Incident Command organization.

Prerequisites

None

7760 W0635 Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction

Course description

This two-day course demonstrates to students nationally recognized principles that, when used appropriately, can lead to community risk-reduction programs that can measure success in local communities. This course will give students the opportunity to explore programs from communities across the United States that have been showcased at Vision 20/20 symposiums. These programs demonstrate what nationally recognized organizations identify as examples of "best practices" in community risk reduction.

At the end of the course, students will be evaluated through a 25-question multiple-choice examination. A final grade will be provided to each student. The minimum score needed to pass is 70.

There is a pre-course assignment due one week before class that should take about one hour to complete.

Selection criteria

The target audience for this course may include the following:

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- Fire and emergency services personnel who help develop and deliver fire prevention and community risk-reduction programs.
- Fire and emergency services staff with an interest in advancing risk-reduction efforts in their community.
- Allied health and community service personnel who help develop and deliver risk-reduction programs.

Prerequisites

None

7780 W0639 Wildland Urban Interface: Fire-Adapted Communities

Course description

This two-day course empowers the student to facilitate successful integration of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) into the overall fire-adapted community initiative. It provides the building blocks to develop, implement and sustain a CWPP over the long term.

Selection criteria

The target audience for this course may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Fire and emergency service representatives.
- Community leaders/decision-makers.
- Commissioners, elected officials, and other local policymakers.
- Code officials: building, planning, etc.
- Environmental groups.
- Land managers and foresters.
- Other key local stakeholders.

Prerequisites

Successful completion of "Wildland Urban Interface: Fire-Adapted Communities — Strategies for Developing a Fire-Adapted Community, Course II" (F/W0638).

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7610 W0804 Leadership II for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Personal Success

Course description

This two-day course provides the Company Officer (CO) with the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course addresses ethics, use and abuse of power at the CO level, creativity in the fire service environment, and management of the multiple roles of the CO.

Selection criteria

- Line fire officers, unit commanders, or program supervisors.
- Fire or rescue personnel due for promotion/appointment to officer rank or supervisory position within six months.
- Training officers, staff or administrative officers of fire and rescue organizations.

Prerequisites

None

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Registration

Deadline to submit registrations to the South Carolina Fire Academy is June 1, 2017.

Student SID Number: A FEMA SID is required to register for and participate in any training provided by FEMA agencies. FEMA training providers' registration systems and enrollment procedures require a valid FEMA SID.

FEMA SID serves as your personal identification number and merges/links/connects/combines all of your FEMA training records under one account to simplify keeping track of your FEMA training accomplishments. You may obtain a SID number at the following web address: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/Register.aspx>

Programs are open to all applicants. Early registration is recommended as enrollment in each program is limited to 30 students, unless otherwise noted. Applicants must list three course choices.

Weekend Cost: \$80 (nonrefundable*). This includes Friday night dinner, three meals Saturday (cookout/social, breakfast) and lunch Sunday.

(* registration is transferrable prior to June 30, payment will be billed in advance and is due by June 30)

How to Apply: Students must complete the NFA Student Registration form included with this brochure. For convenience, students may submit the form via email, fax or mail. Completed forms must be submitted to:

South Carolina Fire Academy
141 Monticello Trail
Columbia, S.C. 29203
FAX: (803) 896-9856
Email: gloria.evans@llr.sc.gov

Confirmations: Shortly after June 1, 2017, confirmations will be mailed. If the first course a student registered for is canceled or full, the student will be transferred to one of the other choices.

National Fire Academy Policy: A student who fails to attend class and did not cancel his/her enrollment will be suspended from attending NFA courses for a period of two years.

Travel Arrangements

Students must make their own travel arrangements. From S.C., the drive is typically eight to 10 hours.

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Transportation costs are the responsibility of the student or his/her organization and will not be reimbursed by the National Fire Academy or the S.C. Fire Academy. Please arrive Friday, July 14, 2017 no later than 6 p.m. to check into the dormitory and attend the 7 p.m. orientation session.

Air travel can be arranged to either Washington National Airport or Baltimore-Washington International Airport. If flying, students are responsible for providing their own ground transportation to NFA.

Driving Directions to the National Fire Academy

Via Interstate 95

I-95 N to I-395

I-395 N to I-495 N

I-495 N to I-270 N

I-270 N becomes US-40 W

US-40 W becomes US-15 N

US-15 N through Thurmont to South Seton Avenue

Turn left onto South Seton Avenue (MD-140)

Turn right into NETC/NFA campus

Via Interstate 77

I-77 N to I-81 near Wytheville VA

I-81 N to PA-16 toward Waynesboro PA

PA-16 becomes MD-140

Turn right at traffic light onto South Seton Avenue

Turn left into NETC/NFA campus

Please contact:

Mike Dunlap

State Weekend Coordinator

(803) 896-9842

Email: mike.dunlap@llr.sc.gov

S.C. State Weekend Application

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
 GENERAL ADMISSIONS APPLICATION SHORT FORM

See Reverse for
 Privacy Act Statement

O.M.B. No. 1660-0100

SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION			
1. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo, Day, Yr.)	2. GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> MALE	3. U.S. CITIZEN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PERMANENT RESIDENT	If No, City and Country of Birth:
4. RACE (Please check all that apply) 1. <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN or ALASKAN NATIVE 2. <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN 3. <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK or AFRICAN AMERICAN 4. <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE 5. <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE HAWAIIAN or PACIFIC ISLANDER			4a. ETHNICITY <input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC or LATINO <input type="checkbox"/> NOT HISPANIC or LATINO
5. PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME (Last, First, Middle, Suffix)		6. STUDENT IDENTIFICATION (SID) NUMBER	
7. HOME MAILING ADDRESS (Street, avenue, road no., P.O. box/city or town, and zip code)		8. Work Phone Number:	9. Home Phone Number:
		10. FAX Number:	
		11. E-MAIL ADDRESS	
12a. ENTER COURSE CODE AND TITLE	12b. COURSE LOCATION Emmitsburg, MD	12c. DATE July 14-16, 2017	
13. DO YOU HAVE ANY DISABILITIES (Including special allergies or medical disabilities) WHICH WOULD REQUIRE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION DURING YOUR ATTENDANCE IN TRAINING? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If yes, indicate & describe any special considerations required on a separate sheet)			
SECTION II - EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION			
14a. NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION BEING REPRESENTED		14b. NFIRS # (NFA ONLY)	15. CURRENT POSITION AND NUMBER OF YEARS IN POSITION
16. CHECK THE BOX(ES) BELOW THAT BEST DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION		16b. ORGANIZATION	16c. CURRENT STATUS
16a. JURISDICTION 1. <input type="checkbox"/> STATEWIDE 4. <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL DISTRICT/TOWNSHIP 7. <input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN 2. <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY GOVERNMENT 5. <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL/MILITARY (non-DHS) 8. <input type="checkbox"/> DHS/FEMA 3. <input type="checkbox"/> CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE 6. <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY/BUSINESS 9. <input type="checkbox"/> TRIBAL NATION		1. <input type="checkbox"/> ALL CAREER 2. <input type="checkbox"/> ALL VOLUNTEER 3. <input type="checkbox"/> COMBINATION	1. <input type="checkbox"/> PAID FULL TIME 2. <input type="checkbox"/> PAID PART TIME 3. <input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER 4. <input type="checkbox"/> DISASTER RESERVIST
SECTION III - ENDORSEMENT AND CERTIFICATION			
17a. I certify that the information recorded on this application is correct. Falsification of information will result in denial of a course certificate and stipend (U.S.C. 1001). 17b. I hereby authorize the release of any and all information concerning my enrollment in this course to the chief officer in charge, or designee, of my organization. All requests for information shall be in writing from said chief officer or designee. 17c. Further, I understand that the National Emergency Training Center (NETC), the Mt. Weather Emergency Operations Center (MWEOC), and the Noble Training Facility (NTF) are not authorized to provide medical or health insurance for students. I maintain appropriate insurance on an individual basis. 17d. I agree to abide by the rules, policies, and regulations of NETC, MWEOC and NTF. Failure to do so will result in denial of the student stipend, expulsion from the course, and possible barring from future National Fire Academy (NFA) and Emergency Management Institute (EMI) courses.			
18a. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT			18b. DATE
19. APPROVAL BY THE HEAD OF THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION (NOT REQUIRED FOR SELF STUDY PROGRAMS)			
By signing this application, I certify that my organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, color, religious belief, national origin, economic status, or disability in providing educational opportunities for its employees.			
19a. SIGNATURE	19b. PRINTED NAME AND TITLE		19c. DATE
20. ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENTS FOR APPLICATION TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (NOT REQUIRED FOR SELF STUDY PROGRAMS)			
20a. SIGNATURE AND DATE (State Office)		20b. SIGNATURE AND DATE (FEMA Regional Office)	
21. SUBMIT APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE SPONSOR			

FEMA Form 119-25-2, (2/12)

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Complete form and list three choices in order of preference. Second and third choice may be listed to the right. Return form with \$80 payment to:

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

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