

**2009 Connecticut
Fire Officer's Weekend
at the
National Fire Academy**



March 27, 28, 29, 2009

Courtroom Preparation & Testimony for First Responders

Course #09350, Fire Marshall Credit: 16

This course will provide the necessary tools for all emergency responders who may be called upon for depositions and/or courtroom testimony relevant to facts witnessed on arrival at a scene as a first responder. This course will emphasize the importance of reporting factual events. It also will address the need to improve report-writing skills after witnessing an event, and oral presentation skills if asked to describe the event in a court of law. The intent of this course is to prepare all emergency responders, with emphases on volunteer firefighters, to present information to the legal system.

This class is open to all interested emergency services personnel, including volunteer, career, and allied professions, who are interested in controlling the arson problem.

Fire Behavior in a Single-Family Occupancy and Fire Modeling

Course #09351, Fire Marshal credit: 16

The Fire Modeling portion of this course presents data from test burns of single-family occupancies to enable firefighters to evaluate, analyze, and use fire computer models effectively, such as the Fire Dynamics Simulator (FDS). By viewing expert scientific and engineering perspectives, and discussing and analyzing results of videotaped test burns and burn data, students will learn the benefits, applications, and limitations of fire modeling. Students will apply data from fire scenarios to the FDS to understand how different conditions may affect the outcome of an actual fire. Students also will be introduced to different types of fire tests, with explanations of their application and reliability.

The Fire Behavior portion of this course uses results from test burns of commonly-found items in simulated single-family occupancies to provide firefighters with pragmatic cognitive and analytical skills for understanding fire behavior. Through scientific and engineering studies, observation and analysis of videotaped test burns and burn data, students will learn the value, application, and limitations of fire-testing and test methods, instruments, and equipment. The course presents scenarios and case studies to enable firefighters to assess and devise strategies for fighting actual fires, based on their ability to apply data from test burns. Students will learn the burn characteristics of individual items commonly found in single-family occupancies, as well as individual rooms, based on specific variables, such as room size and layout. Analysis and discussion of test results will enable students to evaluate and interpret these results, and develop safe, effective firefighting strategies.

Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist II Course #09352,

Fire Marshal credit: 8

The goal of the course is to provide the skills and tools necessary to become a Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist II. The class will address the NFPA 1035 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist II including: Identification and Intake; Coalition Building Support and Management; Budget and Funding; Development of a Juvenile Handbook, Resource Directory, Data Base, and Program Evaluation. Students will be introduced to the NFPA 1035 Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist II Professional Standard. The individual will learn to develop and coordinate a child firesetting intervention program and the activities of Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist. The course develops skills including interviewing and assessment, program development, implementation, and evaluation.

This course is appropriate for individuals that have or will have responsibilities related to the management and/or coordination of a Juvenile Firesetting Intervention program.

Marketing Fire Prevention in Your Community Course #09353,

Fire Marshal credit: 10

In this course, students begin developing a marketing plan for fire prevention using resources from those already in place in their communities. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to continue developing, refining, and applying a marketing plan that will outline target hazard risk, identify significant opponents, and present allies who may be available within their community.

Those who seek to learn new approaches to deal more easily with their community's fire and injury challenges, including departmental "leaders," both today's and tomorrows, operational and administrative, in the Nation's smaller departments. Open to all interested emergency services personnel, including volunteer, career, and allied professions, the class is intended primarily for those who are serving or who have served previously in operations (suppression, EMS, etc.), and who seek to learn about more effective ways of combating the fire problem. Personnel with little or no prevention orientation will benefit significantly. No prerequisites required; however, experience with marketing in the work environment, volunteer opportunities, or training/college courses is suitable and will enhance the training experience.

Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations Course #09354

STICO is designed to meet the needs of Company Officers responsible for managing the operations of one or more companies during structural firefighting operations. STICO is designed to develop the management skills needed by company officers to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires.

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

Preparation for Initial Company Operations Course #09355

This course is designed to develop a better understanding of the role and responsibilities of a Company Officer in preparing their company for incident operations. In addition, clarifying the transition from firefighter to company officer and the new roles relating to leadership and safety will be covered. This course is designed for company officers, acting company officers, or senior firefighters responsible for the management of a single fire company at an emergency incident. Course is of value for officers who are responsible for company readiness, personnel safety, maintaining skills and leadership as it relates to company operation.

This class is appropriate for Company officers, acting officers, or senior firefighters who command a fire company during emergency operations.

Policies

Campus Security: Due to heightened security requirements, please understand that you, your vehicle, or your luggage may be searched by the security and law enforcement personnel. For your own protection, and to expedite your processing into the NETC, do not bring any firearms to campus. For security information only, please call (301) 447-1422; for general information, please call (301) 447-1000.

Weapons: Any weapons that are carried onto NFA grounds will be confiscated and will not be returned. The list of weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, knives, including Gerber/ Leatherman, Halligans, axes, bats, golf clubs etc. Anything that could be used as a weapon including blunt objects will not be allowed. If you choose to drive a department vehicle be sure to strip all the "tools of the trade" items out of it!

Registration: Upon arrival, students must report to Building C to obtain room assignments and room keys. Students may be lodged a distance from the registration building; for this reason we recommend luggage with wheels. Students will be required to present photo identification in order to register.

Dress Code: It is each student's responsibility to use good judgement in selecting attire that projects a professional image and that is appropriate for both climate differences and classroom activities. NFA staffs have the authority to make a determination that a student's attire may be inappropriate. Students whose attire is determined to be inappropriate will conform to this policy before being allowed to continue class. Shirts must have a collar; t-shirts may be worn after classes conclude for the day.

Transportation

Attention applicants: Students must provide their own transportation to and from the National Fire Academy.

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 27th: 1600 hours registration and check-in begins building "C". 1645-1900 Evening meal served Building "K", 1900 CT Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service at National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, 1930 Orientation Auditorium Building "J", 2000 Social Hour Student Center Building "B".

Saturday, March 28th: 0630-0830 Breakfast Building "K". 0800 Morning classes begin Building "J" 1140-1200 Lunch hour begins, scheduled per class, 1240-1300 Afternoon classes resume, 1700 Classes end for the day. 1800 Dinner served at Student Center Building "B".

Sunday, March 29th: 0630-0830 Breakfast Building "K", 0800 Morning classes begin Building "J", 1140-1200 Lunch hour begins, scheduled per class, 1240-1300 Afternoon classes resume, 1500 Dismissal of classes.

All belongings must be removed from dormitory rooms prior to the start of Sunday morning classes.

Weekend Cost: \$125.00