

2010 Connecticut
Fire Officer's Weekend
at the
National Fire Academy



March 26, 27, 28, 2010

Fire Prevention for First Responders and Small Departments

Course #10175 Fire Marshal credit: 16

This inspirational course stresses the awareness, advocacy, and motivational content needed by those who traditionally have been focused on operations (suppression, EMS, etc.) and who seek to learn new, successful approaches appropriate for communities of all sizes, but most especially for America's smaller communities. The course focuses on identifying exciting and highly successful tools and approaches for addressing the total fire protection challenge via lessons learned in other communities, resources available, and the means and value of building partnerships and coalitions. Students will come away empowered to make change and thus build departments more effective at serving both customers and members, by learning how to manage the fire prevention function better. This course is appropriate for Leaders, both today's and tomorrow's, in the Nation's smaller departments (typically those of less than 25,000 population). Because of the subjects discussed in this course it is open to all interested emergency services personnel including volunteer, career. The class is intended primarily for those who have served in operations and who seek to learn more effective ways of combating the fire problem.

Incident Safety Officer (Revised)

Course #10176

This course examines the Safety Officer's role at emergency responses. A specific focus on operations within an Incident Command System (ICS) as a Safety Officer is a main theme. Response to all-hazards types of situations will be emphasized. Emergency response personnel who have Safety Officer responsibilities at emergency operation situations will find this course valuable. Persons attending this course should have a working knowledge of the ICS, as taught by NFA, building construction principles, hazardous materials management, applicable NFPA guidelines, and Federal regulations.

Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations

Course #10177

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

Methods of Enhancing Safety Education

Course #10178 Fire Marshal credit: 8

This course is designed for those who coordinate or assist their organization in public education. The course does not teach people how to deliver safety programs; rather it supports efforts to enhance safety education in their organizations and in their communities. Content is ideal for students from smaller or volunteer organizations who wish to enhance their public education and prevention efforts. Students will outline ideas and plans that they would like to apply when they return home. Students who take this program will be able to determine if public education is valued in their organizations and in their communities. Course content emphasizes three simple methods for establishing "roots" in public fire and life safety education: personal commitment to public education; determining and improving the organization's role in public education; and enhancing programs through greater community sup-

port. This course will be of value to those who serve on local or state prevention or public education committees, fire suppression personnel or volunteer firefighters who coordinate public education, volunteer firefighters who wear many "hats," including public education, EMS personnel who coordinate programs such as basic life support and part-time or full-time public fire educators.

Training Operations in Small Departments

Course #10179 Fire Marshal credit: 4

This 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 entity. 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. Time will be allotted to identifying the legal issues affecting the training function, including an understanding of a standard of care, and the impact of OSHA and NFPA standards. Also considered will be Safety considerations in training, marketing training internally and 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 will also be covered. This course is appropriate for fire and rescue personnel who coordinate training in small departments, training officers in volunteer fire departments, officers who instruct in small fire and rescue departments and fire personnel serving on training committees.

Decision Making For Initial Company Operations

Course #10180

This new course is designed to develop the decision making skills needed by Company Officers to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires. All activities and scenarios used in this course are based on structure fires. As a Company Officer with the real possibility of being the first to arrive at an incident, the Company Officer's initial decisions will have an impact throughout the entire incident. It is vital that they 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 Company Officer may well be assigned a subordinate position within the ICS organization. Company Officers need to have a clear understanding of the system, the position they are assigned, and their role in the organization if they are to function effectively and help make the system work. This course material was developed specifically for newly appointed Company Officers or as a review for experienced Company Officers. Firefighters who may have responsibilities to act as a Company Officer or firefighters who desire to advance to Company Officer status will find value in this class.

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 or alcohol to campus. For security information only, please call (301) 447-1422; for general information, please call (301) 447-1000. Quiet hours in the dormitories begin at 2300 hours, those that violate the quiet hours are subject to dismissal from campus.

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 and receive a NFA Photo Identification.

Dress Code: It is each student’s responsibility to use good judgment 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 26th: 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 27th: 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 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, 1500 Dismissal of classes.

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

Weekend Cost: \$125.00