

7th Annual Northwest Florida Volunteer Firefighter Weekend
September 12-16, 2012

Course Descriptions

BLS Healthcare Provider CPR

This is an 8-hour that teaches the student BLS Healthcare Provider CPR under the new guidelines of the American Heart Association. (Class size limited to 12)

BLS Healthcare Provider CPR Renewal (Friday evening and Saturday morning only)

This is a 4-hour course allowing the student to renew their BLS Healthcare Provider CPR card under the new guidelines of the American Heart Association. (Class size limited to 16. Student must have current BLS Provider card.)

Company Officer (FFP 2720) (NEW)

This 40-hour course is designed to assist fire officers in solving the varied problems and situations they will be required to manage effectively in today's ever-changing fire service. The curriculum includes a review of fire department organization and administration, management theory, leadership, communication, motivation, and small group dynamics.

Dealing with the Media: A Short Course for Rural Responders (AWR 209) (Sunday Only) (NEW)

This 8 hour course designed to provide rural first responders with the skills and knowledge to quickly adopt the role of public information officer (PIO) if/when needed and to communicate with the public through the media. Through this course, rural first responders will gain an understanding of what the media is looking for at the scene of an emergency and in public awareness campaigns, as well as learn how to give interviews that work and write successful news releases.

Emergency Incident Rehabilitation (Rehab) (4 hours CEUs for Instructor)

This is a 4-hour course that will review NFPA 1500 and NFPA 1584. Students will setup and function as an actual rehab during the Live Fire Evolutions course. Prerequisites: First Aid skills and the ability to take vitals.

Emergency Medical Responder (First Responder) (NEW) (This class is not tracked in the FCDICE system) (Cost for the course will be \$75 to \$100 depending on the number of students in the class)

This course introduces the student to the skills and techniques used for first response to medical emergencies. Classroom instruction includes a variety of medical related topics encountered by public safety personnel. Practical exercises and scenarios are included to enhance classroom instruction and skill development.

Minimum number of students is 20 and a maximum of 30. Books will be available for use during the class or you may purchase them.

Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC)

This is a 16-hour course that includes classroom discussion on safe driving, state laws, physical forces that effect driving. The practical portion includes driving an apparatus through a course designed by VFIS.

EVDT (EVOC) Train-the-Trainer (NEW)

This 16-hour VFIS program is developed to allow the emergency vehicle operator who wishes to become an instructor in this intense program, the opportunity to teach other operators that there are other options available to them. The program also prepares your operators to become better professional emergency vehicle operators when it involves their own personal safety of their crew, their patient, and the community they are serving.

Farmedic (NEW)

This is a 16-hour course that will discuss appropriate responses to chemical, mechanical and structural accidents and logistical, rescue and EMS problems that can occur in agribusiness and related environments. (NFPA approved PPE required)

Fire Ground Survival (Minimum Firefighter I)

This 8-hour course will identify and describe the need to be Mayday ready at all times, explain the need to have a situational awareness of the conditions that could place a firefighter in a Mayday situation, demonstrate the ability to recognize deteriorating conditions that place firefighters in harm, and describe the communication system necessary during a mayday. The student must also must demonstrate the skills in manipulating their SCBA's, Pass Devices, and radios in restricted movements, limited visibility, and with both hands, to increase firefighter survival when presented with a Mayday situation.

Firefighter Electrical Safety (NEW)

This 8-hour class provides the firefighter with the necessary information on the dangers of electricity and how to safely operate on an incident that involves energized equipment.

Firefighter I Practical Skills Sign Off (Must have primary skills signed off prior to September 12th) (Eligible for Scholarship)

Under the new FF I Certification Guidelines, students must have an independent certified instructor sign off their skills. Students who need their 2nd skills sign off, may attend the Practical Skills Task Book "sign off" on September 13 & 14, 2012.

Firefighter Water Rescue & Survival

This 4-hour course is an introduction to the various water rescue disciplines takes the students through the basics of self preservation in the water and fire service application of the reach, throw, row, or go concepts. Full PPE including SCBA is required along with a change of clothes, towels, etc. Gear should be cleaned prior to attendance.

Fire Department Safety Officer Roles (NEW)

This 4-hour course will allow the firefighter, operating as a health and safety officer to list the general duties of the incident scene safety officer, identify scene safety concerns, fire behavior considerations, special operations incidents, the role of the safety officer prior to an incident, during an incident and after the incident. The student will also review firefighter fatality and injury reports and discuss ways to reduce injuries and line of duty deaths. The 16 Life Safety Initiatives from the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation will be reviewed.

Fire Service Course Delivery – 40 hour (40 hours CEUs for Inspector and Instructor)

The course is designed to introduce students to the fundamental concepts, theories, materials, principles and practices for active training programs in the fire service. The class format will consist of lectures, class discussion of the text, group exercises, Power-Point presentations, and research assignments. The class sessions will be interactive, therefore attendance and completion of the required reading are very important. Students need to bring to class a genuine attitude for learning, and to be prepared to answer questions and present their projects when called upon. Text books will be provided for use during class.

First Responder's Role in Fire Investigation (NEW)

This 4-hour teaches first responders, including fire, police and EMS, how to make critical observations and take important scene preservation actions as they discharge their first responder duties. These observations and actions are crucial to the success of the subsequent fire investigation of the scene. The curriculum was developed by the International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc.

Foam Based Fire Attack (Minimum Firefighter I Required)

This 4-hour course was developed to provide firefighters with up-to-date knowledge and tactics on the foam products of today. Over the past 10 years there has been much technological advancement in foam technology. During this course we will go over nozzle selection, flow rates, hose selection, foam selection, and tactical application. After completing this course, the student will be able to choose the appropriate foam, nozzle and solution percentage to combat the different classes of fire. We will also address many of the myths surrounding E-85 fuel fires as well as perform a live fire burn on Class 'A' materials and an Alcohol fire. Class size limited to 12 students and minimum Firefighter I certified. (NFPA approved PPE and SCBA required)

Grant Writing Skills (Friday evening and Saturday morning only)

This 4-hour program will cover key aspects that should be included when writing a grant. Format and information that should be included to improve your chances of grant approval will be discussed. Also, Florida Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program and FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grants will be discussed.

Hazardous Materials Operation for First Responder (NEW)

This course will cover awareness and operational level. Responders to vehicle accidents and other hazardous material incidents require training to the operations level. This course also includes a practical component involving emergency decontamination. This course is now required for Firefighter I training.

Hydraulics – 16 hour

This course presents the basic concepts of water supply with emphasis on the ability to accurately and quickly make water flow calculations in the field from the perspective of the volunteer firefighter/pump operator. The course includes pump and hydraulic theory with concentration on "tricks of the trade" and simplified calculations hopefully taking away some of the fear and discomfort of applying practical hydraulics to real world situations. Hands-on and field work is included in the course.

Introduction to Swift Water Rescue (NEW)

This 8 hour class will address the dangers involved in swift water rescue and the necessary requirements to conduct a safe swift water rescue operation.

I-300, Intermediate Incident Management System

This is a 24-hour course. The student must be able to list and describe the duties of various positions within the incident command system, construct an incident management organization for a given incident or event, including appropriate procedures for establishing command, transferring command and terminating an incident. The student must be able to demonstrate knowledge of efficient incident resource management including logistics, finance administration, and record-keeping, demonstrate a familiarity with air operations, and demonstrate knowledge of incident planning processes. (PREREQUITES: IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800 these courses are available online at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>)

I-400, Advanced ICS Command and General Staff

This 16-hour course provides training for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System (ICS). The course expands upon information covered in ICS-100 through ICS-300 courses. The target audience for this course is personnel who are expected to perform in a management capacity in an Area command or Multiagency Coordination Entity. Personnel must have completed the following ICS courses or an equivalent to these courses: IS-100, IS-200, I-300, IS-700, and IS-800.

Landing Zone 101 (Sunday Morning Only)

This 4 hour course will cover the basic information to setting up a landing zone at a variety of locations.

Live Fire Evolutions (Offering 2 classes) (For Firefighter I students only) (Eligible for Scholarship)

The students will participate in live burn evolutions. There will be two burns on Saturday (8 hrs) and two different burns on Sunday (8 hrs). The evolutions will consist of an exterior Class 'A' fire, vehicle fire, grade "room & content" fire and below grade "room & content" fire. Upon completion of the four live burns, the Firefighter I candidate will have completed four of the six live burns required for Firefighter I certification. The student must complete the prerequisite training form and fax it to Charlie Frank at 877-468-7309. Class size limited to 12 students each day. (NFPA approved PPE and SCBA required)

Lost Person Behavior (Sunday Only)

The successful conclusion of a search for a lost person (missing hunter, Alzheimer's patient, lost child, etc) is a function of knowing both where and how to look. This 8 hour class focuses on determining where to look and suggests key initial action strategies.

New Car Technology Extrication

This 8 hour course is designed to provide you with the information you will need to keep yourself and others safe while working around today's "High-Tech" vehicles. As Automakers produce vehicles that are safer for their occupants, little is being done to inform or protect the First Responder from these new technologies at the accident scene. This training program addresses these issues and provides the information you need to ensure the safety of everyone involved. Class size limited to 15 students. Minimum 16 hours of hands-on extrication required (a letter from your Chief). (NFPA approved PPE required)

Pump Operator (Apparatus) – 16 hours

The classroom portion of the course covers the laws, rules for emergency vehicles, as well as a review of fire service hydraulics. Fire ground evolutions make up the practical part of the course. The evolution portion of the course includes the use of pre-connected lines, drafting, relays and master streams. The student should have a basic understanding of fire stream hydraulics prior to entering this course. Students must bring gloves and proper attire for water pumping exercises.

Rail Car Incident Response (AWR 147) (Saturday Only)

This 8 hour, awareness-level training program developed to educate rural emergency responders on freight rail car incidents involving hazardous materials. Participants will gain an understanding of potential hazards at a train derailment, the properties of specific chemicals, and various incident control, confinement, and containment mitigation techniques. Upon completion of this course, participants should be better prepared to respond to a freight rail car incident without endangering the health and safety of the responders.

Recruiting and Retention for Volunteer Fire Departments (Eligible for Scholarship)

This 2 day workshop was developed to assist volunteer organizations in recruiting volunteers more effectively. In addition it provides ideas and techniques for motivating the individual and the group. The program discusses fundraising techniques and ways of meeting psychological needs.

Responding to Carbon Monoxide Incidents (4 hours CEUs for Inspector and Instructor)

This 4-hour course will consist of a review of Carbon Monoxide and its effect on the human body, operating principals and installation of carbon monoxide detectors, how to respond to a carbon monoxide incident and using a carbon monoxide.

S130/S190/L180 (Eligible for Scholarship)

This is a 40-hour course that is designed to train firefighters in the basic fire behavior factors that will aid them in the safe and effective control of wildland fires, basic wildland firefighting training, and the human factors on the fireline.

S215, Fire Operations in the Wildland/Urban Interface

This course is designed to assist structure and wildland firefighters who will be making tactical decisions when confronting wildland fire that threatens life, property, and improvements, in the wildland/urban interface. Instructional units include: interface awareness, size-up, initial strategy and incident action plan, structure triage, structure protection tactics, incident action plan assessment and update, follow up and public relations, and firefighter safety in the interface.

The Green Chief (NEW) (Friday evening only)

This class is a 2-hour interactive presentation of advice gathered from senior mentors/officers in the fire service. Being successful and well respected was something you want, but you are not sure if you have what it takes to lead others. The instructor has reached out to several respected officers in volunteer and paid career fire service and asked them for their advice on how to be a good officer and chief like them. The class is composed of dozens of one liners and captions given to the instructor by some of the best officers as simple principles to follow to be a successful fire officer also mixed in with some of the instructors' personal experiences and lessons learned. At the end of the class each student will be asked to share the advice that most influenced their life. So before coming to class, think about what I can learn from you.

Trauma First Response (This class is not tracked in the FCDICE system)

This 8 hour course teaches the principles of Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) to non-EMS practitioners, including first responders, police officers, firefighters, rescue personnel and safety officers. It helps them prepare to care for trauma patients while serving as part of a transport team or awaiting a transport provider. The lectures and practical stations are designed for the type of care first responders can render while awaiting patient transport or when assisting paramedics and EMTs at a trauma scene.

Vehicle Extrication

This 8-hour course will teach the student the basic techniques needed to perform vehicle extrication. This course will consist of lecture on the basic techniques using hydraulic and hand tools and the hands-on application of these techniques.

Water Tender/Rural Water Supply Operations

This 16-hour course will consist of classroom that will discuss driver safety, tender operations, proper set-up of a tender cycle using 1 and 2 drop tanks, power drafting, and proper staging of resources. The hands on training will consist of single drop tank operations and then move into 2 tank operations leading to 250 GPM for 2 hours.