

Essentials of Fire Fighting and Emergency Response

This program includes awareness level Hazardous Materials training, awareness level Terrorism training, and beyond awareness level Vehicle Rescue training. This program is not intended to be an end all be all, but to provide more of the skills required in today's emergency response. The 166 hour Essentials of Fire Fighting and Emergency Response is comprised of four (4) stand alone courses. There are several advantages of having stand alone courses, such as:

1. You determine the appropriate and adequate level of training for your members.
2. Your members do not have to commit to the entire course of instruction. The courses may be completed on the student's time schedule.
3. The courses are divided into age appropriate skills. Live fire training is separated; therefore junior fire fighters don't have to attend a course they can not participate in.

These four courses are described below:

Course Descriptions

Course One - Introduction to the Fire Service (16 hours)

Pre-requisite: None

Purpose: This course is intended for all members of a fire department, regardless of age and covers the following subjects:

1. Fire Service History and Tradition
2. Fire Department Organization, Command and Control
3. Fire Fighter Safety
4. Terrorism Awareness
5. Personal Protective Equipment

Students will need: Pen/pencil, notebook, Fire Fighter's Handbook (must remain in possession of the student throughout the entire course), Fire Fighter's Handbook Student Workbook/Skill Sheet Book (must remain possession of the student at the end of the Program), TOG

Course Two - Fire Ground Support (48 hours)

Pre-requisite: Introduction to the Fire Service

Purpose: This course is intended for all members of a fire department, regardless of age. This course begins to build fire ground skills, used to support an emergency operation and covers the following subjects:

1. Fire Behavior
2. Fire Extinguishers
3. Ropes and Knots
4. Water Supply
5. Hose and Appliances
6. Hazardous Materials Training

Students will need: Pen/pencil, notebook, Fire Fighter's Handbook (must remain in possession of the student throughout the entire course), Fire Fighter's Handbook Student Workbook/Skill Sheet Book (must remain possession of the student at the end of the Program), TOG, 15' ½" (12mm) Static Kernmantle Rope, Emergency Response Guidebook.

Course Three - Exterior Fire Fighter (42 hours)

Pre-requisite: Introduction to Fire Ground Support

Purpose: The third of the four course curriculum is intended for all members of a fire department, regardless of age. This course continues developing the skills needed to become part of the fire ground operation and introduce new fire fighters to the following topics:

1. Communications
2. Protective Systems
3. Building Construction
4. Forcible Entry
5. Prevention, Public Education, and Pre-Incident Planning
6. Ladders

Students will need: Pen/pencil, notebook, Fire Fighter's Handbook (must remain in possession of the student throughout the entire course), Fire Fighter's Handbook Student Workbook/Skill Sheet Book (must remain possession of the student at the end of the Program), TOG

Course Four - Interior Fire Fighter (60 hours)

The final course in the curriculum is limited to students over the age of 18. **No exceptions.** This course prepares the student to be a functional member of the fire ground operation including fire suppression, rescue, and ventilation practices. The course covers the following subjects:

1. SCBA
2. Nozzles, Fire Streams, and Foam
3. Rescue Procedures (structural and vehicle)
4. Ventilation
5. Salvage, Overhaul, and Fire Cause Determination

6. Fire Fighter Survival
7. Live Fire Suppression