This Annual Weekend Program, offered exclusively for the emergency services personnel of Pennsylvania, is a joint venture of the National Fire Academy (NFA) Field Programs Division, the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy (PSFA), and the Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Service Institute (PFESI) as a co-sponsor.

The NFA hosts the program in Emmitsburg, Maryland and provides the instruction and course materials. The PA State Fire Academy selects the courses, recruits and registers the participants according to established student selection criteria.

The application process will be open March 3, 2021 through June 23, 2021. Applicants MUST be 18 years of age and should have 3 years’ experience in the emergency responder field.

The instructional program will consist of nine (9) different courses entitled:

- Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction (BPCRR) (W0635)
- Decision-Making for Initial Company Operations (DMICO) (W0457)
- Emergency Response Terrorism: Strategic Considerations (ERTSC) (W0549)
- Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change (W0521)
- Fire Investigation: First Responders (FIFR) (W0770)
- Incident Safety Officer (ISO) (W0729)
- Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking (LSPT) (W0647)
- Leadership in Supervision: Frameworks to Success (LSFS) (W0648)
- Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations (STICO) (W0455)