



OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE COMMISSIONER
PA STATE FIRE ACADEMY
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41st ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA STATE WEEKEND
held at the NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY
July 30-31, 2022

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 and the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy (PSFA). This weekend offers the opportunity to strengthen fire service communities through education, personal networking, and a shared collegial experience. Applicants may choose from (9) nine different NFA courses.

Lodging, recreation activities and meals are provided on the NFA campus. Meals include breakfast and lunch for both Saturday and Sunday, and a Saturday evening cookout. On Saturday evening, participants have the option to engage in a Memorial Service dedicated specifically for the Pennsylvania Emergency Responders who have died in the line of duty.

Attendees must report to the National Fire Academy at Emmitsburg, MD, on Friday evening, July 29th, between 4:00pm and 8:00pm in the West Lobby of Building "C" to complete registration. Registration includes receiving dormitory assignment, meal ticket, and Golf Shirts. Course hours are on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. The Weekend program should conclude no later than 5:00pm on Sunday.

To register for the weekend:

- A. Applicants MUST be 18 years of age and should have at least 3 years' experience in emergency services.
- B. All applicants need only complete the PA State Weekend application. (There is no NFA paper application. All accepted students will receive instructions in their acceptance email from the PSFA regarding the new ONLINE registration through the NFA). All applicants must have a "SID number" (FEMA Student Identification Number). Applicants that do not already have a FEMA Student Identification (SID) number may obtain their FEMA SID # by clicking on this link <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>
- C. Prerequisite(s) MUST be attached to the PA State Weekend application. Prerequisite(s) are listed with the course description.
- D. Participants will be able to enjoy a no charge fee along with a complimentary golf shirt.

The Deadline for submitting applications is June 17, 2022. Applications may be submitted by email to tebrooks@pa.gov or mail to: Attn: Terri Brooks, PA State Fire Academy, 1150 Riverside Drive, Lewistown, PA 17044

The courses being presented this year are as follows:

EMS Functions in ICS (EMS:FICS) (W0166): In this two-day course, students will practice use of the Incident Command System (ICS) in coordination with other public safety responders. As a follow-up to ICS-100 and ICS-200 training, this course will present scenarios requiring responders to structure their EMS resources within the guidance of National Incident Management System ICS, as appropriate to the needs of the different incident types. Through simulation and role-playing, students will demonstrate the implementation of EMS components in an ICS at incidents.

Prerequisite: NIMS-Introduction & Basic Incident Command System (ICS-100 & ICS-200) or equivalent

Pre-Course Assignment: <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-201>

Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership within Communities (ESS:ELC) (W0520): The objective of this 2-day course is to provide fire service authority figures with knowledge and skills, enabling them to exercise leadership when confronting adaptive challenges presented by increasingly diverse internal and external communities. The goal of the course is for participants to use the diversity of ideas, people and cultures as resources in exercising leadership to address adaptive challenges in their communities.

Prerequisite: NIMS-Introduction & Basic Incident Command System (ICS-100 & ICS-200) or equivalent

Fire Investigation: First Responders (FIFR) (W0770): This two-day course presents a basic overview of a fire investigation for the first responder. Students will review the basics of fire chemistry and develop an understanding of the role of the first responder in relation to fire suppression and fire investigation. The course will stress the importance of fire scene awareness, evidence identification, preservation, and the basics of a fire investigation. Students will develop an appreciation of the convergence of suppression, investigation, science and law.

Prerequisite: None

Health and Safety Program Manager (HSPM) (W0722): This two-day course will provide fire, Emergency Medical Services department personnel and other related emergency responders with the aptitudes and abilities necessary to manage the duties and responsibilities of the Health and Safety Program Manager (HSPM) within their respective organizations.

Prerequisite: NIMS-Introduction & Basic Incident Command System (ICS-100 & ICS-200) or equivalent

Incident Safety Officer (ISO) (W0729): This two-day 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.

Prerequisite: NIMS-Introduction & Basic Incident Command System (ICS-100 & ICS-200) or equivalent **AND Hazardous Materials Operations level**

Introduction to Unified Command for All-Hazard Incidents (IUCAHI) (W0609): This 2-day course is designed to provide Company Officers (COs) with a better understanding of multiagency needs and a Unified Command structure. The attendees will gain an understanding of the requirements of a Unified Command organization and provide learners with the knowledge and skills necessary to operate effectively in complex incidents.

Prerequisite: NIMS-Introduction & Basic Incident Command System (ICS-100 & ICS-200) or equivalent

Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth (LS:CEPG) (W0646): This 2-day course presents the supervisor with the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire and EMS environment. The course includes concepts related to a successful transition to supervisory and leadership roles, including concepts of adaptive leadership; change management; active followership; effective communication, including difficult conversations and advocacy-inquiry based dialogue; ethics; authority; power; decision-making; and active engagement through development of a personal plan.

Prerequisite: NIMS-Introduction & Basic Incident Command System (ICS-100 & ICS-200) or equivalent.

New Fire Chief: Challenging Issues (NFC:CI) (W0760): This two-day course is designed to develop the managerial, administrative and leadership skills necessary for the first time fire chief and chief officer who desire a leadership position in their department. This course addresses critical knowledge and skills pertaining to the responsibilities of a fire chief.

Prerequisite: NIMS-Introduction & Basic Incident Command System (ICS-100 & ICS-200) or equivalent

Shaping the Future (STF) (W0602): This is two-day course is designed to assist first and second level supervisors and Company Officers (COs) in developing knowledge and skills in contemporary approaches to organizational problem-solving. Topics include: Creative approaches to identifying trends within their organizations; Applying problem-solving methodologies; The importance and application of continuous improvement within organizations; How to quantify problems and solutions; Factors in organizational and individual resistance to change; and Strategies for implementing change. The course incorporates facilitated, student-centered methodologies, including lecture, small & large group activities, and individual assessments.

Prerequisite: NIMS-Introduction & Basic Incident Command System (ICS-100 & ICS-200) or equivalent