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Routinely check the Division of Fire Safety and the Kean Fire Safety Training Program for additional 2025 course programs, events and updates: www.keanfiresafety.com and www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs/index.shtml

### **Special Notice**

Changes regarding class cancellation or the change to Zoom will be posted on the home page of our website as a blog. Students are responsible for checking the site prior to attending any class. We may not always send an email, so the website will be the official notice.

Please consult this brochure for all course planning. In the case of a conflict of information with the online registration, the information in the brochure will be what is followed.



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#### Welcome to the Spring 2025 Course Brochure

Dear Firefighters and Code Enforcement Professionals,

We are excited to welcome you to the Spring 2025 Course Brochure for our Firefighting and Code Enforcement classes. Your dedication to professional development is both admirable and essential for keeping our communities safe and protected.

In this dynamic and challenging field, staying current with best practices and advanced techniques is vital. Our spring lineup of courses is designed to help you build upon your skills, strengthen your leadership capabilities, and stay informed about the latest advancements and topics related to the fire service. Whether you are looking to enhance tactical firefighting strategies, protect your physical and mental wellbeing, or gain deeper insights into regulatory compliance, we are confident that you will find courses that meet your needs.

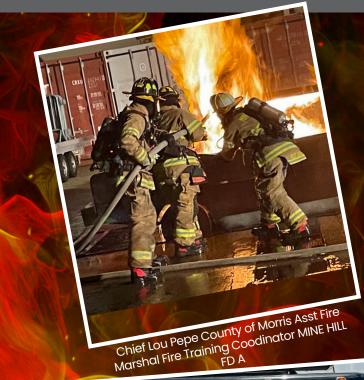
Thank you for your commitment to advancing your career and, most importantly, for your continued service to your community. Your dedication saves lives, protects property, and makes a lasting difference. As you explore this brochure, we encourage you to register early and take full advantage of the opportunities for growth and learning.

In the words of Benjamin Franklin, "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." The knowledge and training you gain today will undoubtedly lead to safer, more efficient operations tomorrow.

We look forward to seeing you in class this spring!

Be safe.

**Rich Mikutsky** Director, N.J. Division of Fire Safety State Fire Marshal





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Karen Grant, Director NJ Fire Safety Training Program - ARFF TRAINING

#### **Web-based Course Registration Process**

Registration is exclusively through web-based course registration process. Phone registration is not accepted.

#### **Enrollment Instructions**

Prior to beginning the enrollment process for any course, please read the course brochure for instructions and details, such as, if a parking permit is needed or a new location exists.

To begin the enrollment process for the N.J. Division of Fire Safety courses, you must create an account if you have not already done so or enrolled in a class since March 2020. You can now begin the enrollment process by clicking on the date/location in the brochure that you would like to attend. If you have not already logged in, you will be prompted to do so and then directed to enroll.

# Create a New Account (for those who have NOT created an account and/or taken a class since March 2020)

- · Go to the web site www.keanfiresafety.com
- Go to Log In. (Log In button is in blue box at top right of keanfiresafety.com home screen.)
- Click/enter Log In.
- The next page you will be directed to is: www.keanolt.ourclassroom.net (background photo is Newark, NJ).
- Scroll down to the box that reads, "If this is your first time here, please click Create Account" Click on the button "Create new account".
- Fill out requested information on this screen. Complete all required fields as indicated by a red exclamation mark. Please make note of User Name and Password as this will be used to log into your account going forward.
- We suggest providing an email address that can be accessed from home and is
  of a permanent nature. For example, Yahoo, GMAIL, Hotmail. You will need to be
  able to check this email the night before classes to learn of any changes.
- Fire ID is your six digit DFS Fire Service ID Number
- Click/enter Create New Account.
- Please allow 24 to 48 hours before logging in and attempting to register for classes in order to allow time for the account approval process.

#### Log into existing account (for those who have already created an account)

- Go to the web site www.keanfiresafety.com
- Click/enter Log In. (Log In button is in blue box at top right of keanfiresafety.com home screen.)
- The site you will be directed to is www.keanolt.ourclassroom.net (background photo is Newark, NJ).

#### To enroll in a course

You may register for courses only if you have an account. Please note the Log In and/or Create New Account instructions above.

- Upon logging in, you will be directed to the Home Screen. This page has a yellow bar across the top and four icons, Dashboard, Calendar, Badges and All Courses in the upper center part of the screen.
- Click/ Enter All Courses. You will be directed to a page with a search bar and a link to Live Courses. Locate a Course you wish to enroll in by typing the course name in the search bar or by clicking the link to Live Courses and then scrolling through the list of courses.
- Select the course you would like to enroll into and verify the location and date associated with that title.
- After the class page opens, if it is the correct course you're interested in, click the "Enrol Me" button after confirming the date listed is the date you'd like to attend. Please enroll in the class no later than 8:30 a.m. the date before it is scheduled.
- If you see a message, "Unable to join", it is because it is trying to direct you to a
  zoom class that is not ready to start, as it is still in the future. You can join your
  previously registered Zoom class 15 minutes before it is scheduled to begin. Follow
  the screen prompts to join Zoom.
- After clicking the "Enrol Me" button, you can verify your registration by clicking on the calendar and confirming that the class shows on the date it is scheduled. On the day of class, if it is a Zoom class, you can join by clicking on the blue Zoom icon on your calendar.

#### To Withdraw from a course

- · Go to the web site www.keanfiresafety.com
- Click the Log In button. (Log In button is in blue box at top right of keanfiresafety. com home screen.)
- The next page you will be directed to is: www.keanolt.ourclassroom.net (background photo is Newark, NJ).
- · Login to your account.
- Click the down arrow at My Courses and you'll see a dropdown menu that include the course(s) in which you have Registered/Enroled.
- Click on the class from which you want to Unenrol/Withdraw.
- Click the Cog (box with gears icon) to the left of My Courses.
- Click the picture of the Cog that is on the next screen.
- Confirm that the course showing on the screen is indeed the class from which you'd like to Unenrol/Withdraw.
- Click the link that reads "Unenrol me from (class name).
- Click the Continue to confirm the unenrol/withdraw.

#### For Zoom

Participation is required. For all Zoom classes, students are required to be seen on camera for the entirety of class.

If you're unsure how to configure your device for audio and video, please see the Zoom tutorial addressing this topic at the following address: https://learning.zoom.us/learn/courses/57/zoom-audio-and-video-basics

The class format will be similar to in-person classroom courses with a morning/afternoon break and 60 minute lunch, if class is a full day, or if a half day class, the class will take one break. If the class is a half day you will get .25 CEUs, not .50.

All communications regarding courses will be via a posted announcement in the blog section of the home page of www.keanfiresafety.com. You are responsible for checking this notice prior to attending any course. You may not receive an email announcing any changes.

#### **Registration Period**

**Registration begins March 5, 2025** and will continue through the current Spring semester. Registration for each course closes 24 hours prior to class start time. You may register for a maximum of six (6) courses each semester. In special cases you may register for additional classes over the maximum limit, but only on a space available basis and approval by N.J. Division of Fire Safety. Please call 609-777-3552 for approval. Credit will not be issued for repeat courses which have already been completed within your active certification cycle, with the exception of Code Update. The N.J. Division of Fire Safety reserves the right to limit the number of enrollments per person.

#### **Course Confirmation**

Courses in which you have enroled/registered can be viewed on your online account. Please review the following steps to ensure you're properly enroled/registered.

The Zoom link will be sent via email either the afternoon before or early in the morning before the class.

For in person classes at an academy, please login to your account and click "My Courses" in the upper left of the screen. You will then see a drop down list of the classes in which you're enroled/registered.

#### **Multiple Dwelling Inspector Information**

UCC Fire Inspectors/ Officials who also hold a Multiple Dwelling Inspector license may use any one of the following Code Enforcement courses per three-year license cycle for renewal of a multiple dwelling license. Further information may be obtained by calling 609-984-7834. The following courses qualify for Multiple Dwelling Inspector credit: Basics of Fire Sprinklers and Fire Pumps, Carbon Monoxide Alarm Regulations, Code Update, Fire Escape Inspections, Fundamentals of Automatic Sprinkler Systems, Introduction to Fire Sprinkler Systems and NFPA 13E, Principles of Modern Building Construction, Subchapter 4: "Retro-fit Requirement" Where are we now, and Woodframe Construction Principles.

**Course Hours** 

Unless otherwise noted in the course description, all courses begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at approximately 3:30 p.m. Please note all instructors have by contract agreed that they will provide the minimum number of contact hours that the N.J. Division of Fire Safety requires in awarding the credit amount indicated for each course. They are not allowed to adjust the course length without permission from the N.J. Division of Fire Safety or Kean University. Providing an early dismissal without permission could jeopardize the ability of the N.J. Division of Fire Safety to grant credit for your attendance in the course.

#### **Course Credit**

In order to receive course credit, you must check in with the course facilitator, be present prior to the start of the class and in the classroom for the entire course. Credit may not be granted if you arrive late, return late from lunch and breaks, leave the location early or frequently leave the classroom while the course is in session. This applies to in person and virtual / Zoom classroom instruction.

Additionally, you may not receive course credit if you are observed to be using the internet, reading a newspaper/ magazine or engaging in behavior in such a manner that is not conducive to your participation in the class or causes a disruption / distraction to other students or the instructor. If you are asked to discontinue such behavior and you do not immediate comply you may not receive credit. The facilitator and instructor have the right to ask for your cooperation and they are not required to repeat that request. In other words, by reading this notice and agreeing to these terms you acknowledge that you will not receive more than one request to cooperate and failure to immediately do so may result in no credit being given.

By registering for any Division of Fire Safety course, students agree to abide by all Federal, State, County and Municipal regulations/guidelines at locations where courses are scheduled. Failure to abide by said regulations/guidelines will or may result in the student being asked to leave the class by Division of Fire Safety Staff, Kean University Staff, Course Facilitator or Academy Staff.

The amount of credit assigned depends on the length of the class. For half day classes (2.5 to 3 hours instruction) the award is .25 CEU's and for full day classes (minimum of 5 hours instruction) the award is .50 CEU's.

#### **Dress Code**

The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety has instituted a dress code for attendance at courses. Proper dress for all students is either a department uniform or a collared shirt and dress slacks. Females may wear a skirt or dress. **No jeans, shorts, halter tops, sleeveless shirts, sweat clothes, tee shirts, hats or flip-flops are permitted at any NJDFS courses, exams or conferences.** 

Dress may be modified by request of the instructor and facility representatives may enforce this dress code and those who do not comply may be dismissed from this course and/or lose credit.

# **Request for Course Proposals**

The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety strives to provide the NJ Fire Service Instructors and Code Enforcement officials with access to timely, informative and effective training and education. To stay current with changing demands and requirements placed on all first responders, the Division, in cooperation with Kean University, issues this Request for Course Proposals for upcoming semesters from qualified individuals interested in teaching and training the Fire Service community.

Specifically, the Division of Fire Safety requests proposals for continuing education courses related to training, education and communications issues relevant to fire service personnel throughout New Jersey. New proposals can cover a myriad of topics ranging from management and leadership skills to inspections and instructor specific courses. Current hot topics, including operations as well as fire service health and safety, also will be considered.

The Division encourages potential instructors to submit new ideas, teaching methods and programs as part of this call for proposals. Ultimately, these proposals will be judged on their timeliness, effectiveness, quality and relevance to the fire service. All proposals must include a detailed fee structure for development and execution as well as professional references.

This Request for Course Proposals is detailed and comprehensive. To be reviewed and/or considered for an upcoming teaching assignment, please submit all materials outlined in the Course Proposal checklist attached to this notice. Submissions that do not include all items referenced on the checklist will not be reviewed.

Please email completed materials to:

Karen Grant, Director kgrant@exchange.kean.edu

For more information, contact the Fire Safety Training Program at: 908-737-3060 or via email at firesafety@kean.edu.





# **Course Proposal Checklist**



To ensure the highest evaluation possible, please email the completed checklist and all referenced items along with your course proposal to jsteele@kean.edu.

Course title is clearly identified in materials
Course objectives are clearly defined
Target audience and sub-codes to be addressed are indicated
Detailed course abstract is included
Sample and/or description of audio-visual materials is provided
Resume and/or statement of qualifications are attached
References and/or statement of experience are attached
Detailed cost breakdown is included
One copy of the completed proposal is included
Name:
Address:
City: Zip:
Telephone: Fax:
E-mail:
Signature:

FIRE SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM 2025 REQUEST FOR COURSE PROPOSAL

#### **FEBRUARY**

#### **EO Meeting Tier 1**

February 25, 2025 Morris County Public Safety Training Academy

### **APRIL**

#### **Executive Fire Officer and Leadership Symposium**

April 25 & 26, 2025 National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, Maryland

### **MAY**

#### **New Jersey FIRE Bowl State Championship**

May 21, 2025 STEM Building Kean University, Union, NJ

#### New Jersey Weekend at the National Fire Academy

May 31- June 1st 2025 Emmitburg, MD

### **JUNE**

#### 21st Annual Homeland Security & Fire Safety Conference

June 5, 2025 STEM Building, Kean University, Union, NJ

#### **EO Meeting Tier 1**

June 6, 2025 Gloucester County Fire Academy

# Firefighters, Inspectors and Officials share your training photos with us!



www.keanfiresafety.com/photo-submission

# We're Now on Social Media!

We'll be exploring and sharing topics related to health, fitness and community risk reduction. Please contact our office if you have any community news your Fire Department would like us to share.

Search: @keanfiresafety on Facebook and Instagram.

Our profile picture:



#### Health and Wellness in the Fire Service

Thank you for joining us as we continue to explore new ideas and ways to better manage our Health and Wellness. As you look through this brochure, you'll see we are offering a number of classes that are focused on health and wellness, such as:

Resiliency Is The Way and Stress Management for the Emergency Responder

Instructor: Dr. David Griffin, Assistant Chief, Charleston (SC) Fire Department Have we done a good job of developing resilient firefighters? Have we given them the tools to succeed over 30 years in a profession where we respond to the worst day of someone's life? Unfortunately, the research on mental health and suicide rates of emergency responders indicates that we have an issue that must be addressed. Therefore, during this class we will focus on why post-traumatic stress, acute stress disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder affect emergency responders all over the world and how we as leaders can provide resiliency training to combat this. Quite often emergency responders do not understand why they are feeling a certain way mentally and physically from the trauma witnessed on emergency scenes. This creates many challenges both personally and professionally. Unfortunately, responders may not know where to go for help or are afraid to ask for help due to the stigma and the "suck it up" mentality plaguing emergency services. During this workshop, David will discuss the signs and symptoms of post-traumatic stress, acute stress disorder, and posttraumatic stress disorder from research and from his own personal experience. Then we will discuss and practice self-help tools that can be utilized in the firehouse for self support and for peer support. These tools and techniques have been used for over a hundred years to combat stress and require no funding. It only requires a willingness to learn and take the information back to your department members to help save those who save others.

#### Stress Management for the Emergency Responder

Instructor: Dr. David Griffin, Assistant Chief, Charleston (SC) Fire Department Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS) affect emergency responders all over the world. Quite often emergency responders do not understand why they are feeling a certain way mentally and physically from the trauma witnessed on emergency scenes. This creates many challenges both personally and professionally. Unfortunately, responders may not know where to go for help or are afraid to ask for help due to the stigma and the "suck it up" mentality plaguing emergency services. Research indicates this is unhealthy both physically and mentally not only for suffering emergency responders, but for their family and friends as well. Sadly enough, this has led to an alarming increase in emergency responder suicides.

During this workshop, David will discuss the signs and symptoms of PTSD and PTS from clinical research and from his own personal experience. He will also discuss the differences between PTSD and PTS as there are important distinctions to be made between them when partaking in a stress management plan. He will then outline stress management techniques and where responders can go for help. This will assist an organization in developing and/or improving their stress management program to ensure mental and physical health are being focused upon.

This is a powerful workshop where emergency responders learn from a fellow emergency responder who actually experienced a traumatic event, was diagnosed with PTSD, has assisted hundreds of organizations in developing and/or improving their stress management program, is a current Peer Support Team member in his organization, and was able to overcome PTSD with proper stress management techniques. This is proof that PTSD and PTS can be successfully managed and that individuals suffering from it can live a mentally healthy and successful life.

# **Academy Spotlight**

#### **Gloucester County Fire Academy**

210 County House Road, Clarksboro, NJ 08020 856-494-5683

The Gloucester County Fire Academy has recently undergone an improvement project funded by Rowan College of South Jersey and the County of Gloucester along with a 3.5 million grant received by the State of New Jersey. Our academy staff are extremely excited with implementing the new upgrades to better serve the fire service. The new upgrades include:



The New 140'x 60' building will include the following:

- (2) New classrooms with new training tables and audio/visual equipment to accommodate 40 students in each room.
- New women and men's restrooms to include shower area.
- Large apparatus room to accommodate academy training apparatus, county foam tender and indoor training area.
- Academy staff and instructor office

#### **New Live-Fire Training Props**

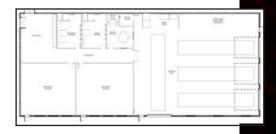
New car fire simulator ST-PRO provides advanced live fire training. Fires are fueled using environmentally friendly propane (LPG). The system is fully integrated with independently controlled burners to provide optimal control of each individual fire scenario including:

- 1. Engine Fire
- 2. Forward Passenger Fire
- 3. Rear Passenger Fire
- 4. Wheel Fire
- 5. Tank Rupture Fire

#### Class "A" Live-Fire Training Building









# **Academy Names**

Our list of class locations is growing and improving to meet your needs, so now is probably a good time to provide an explanation of the how and why we abbreviate the names of facilities in our course brochure.

First, when we initially began providing a course brochure, the classes were held in one of the thirteen Tier One Eligible Organizations known as a Fire Training Academy or County Fire Academy. The colloquial, "County Fire Academy" was and has been used as a general term because it represented a specific location that most members of the fire service were familiar with.

Second, as facility names have changed and expanded, the abbreviated version, "County Fire Academy" has provided a cleaner look which takes up less space and allows for the font type to be shown in a larger format and easier to read.

But with changing times, come changes to facility names, so it's also time to provide a key to our abbreviations. Here are the formal facility names along with the abbreviation you see listed with the courses. The facility names, addresses and driving directions remain as always near the end of the brochure for your reference.

Anthony "Tony" Canale Fire Training Center- Atlantic County Fire Academy

Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute – Bergen County Fire Academy

Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center – Burlington County Fire Academy

Camden County Regional Emergency Training Center – Camden County Fire Academy

Cape May county Public Safety Training Center – Cape May County Fire Academy

Chubb Risk Engineering Center - Chubb

Cumberland County Fire Training Center – Cumberland County Fire Academy

Fire University - Fire University

Gloucester Fire Academy – Gloucester County Fire Academy

Hunterdon County Emergency Services Training Center – Hunterdon County Fire Academy

Kean University - Kean University

Liberty Science Center – Liberty Science Center

Mercer County Fire Academy – Mercer County Fire Academy

Middlesex County Fire Academy – Middlesex County Fire Academy Monmouth County Fire Academy – Monmouth County Fire Academy

Morris County Public Safety Training Academy – Morris County Fire Academy

Newark Liberty International Airport -Newark Airport

Ocean County Fire and EMS Training Center – Ocean County Fire Academy

Passaic County Community College Public Safety Academy – Passaic County Fire Academy

Paulsboro Refinery

Salem County Fire Academy – Salem County Fire Academy

Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy – Somerset County Fire Academy

Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 696 – Sprinkler Fitters

Sussex County Public Safety Training Academy – Sussex County Fire Academy

Toms River Fire Academy – Toms River Fire Academy

Union County Department of Public Safety Fire/EMS Training Academy – Union County Fire Academy

Warren County Fire Academy – Warren County Fire Academy

#### **Overview**

These will be "Core" classes that will count toward the Code Update requirement. The following classes have been determined to fall into this category:

- Code Update
- Subchapter 4 "Retrofit"
- ITM of Sprinkler Systems: NJIFC & NFPA 25
- Principles of Modern Building Construction
- Water Supplies and Sprinkler Systems

#### **PEOSH**

Instructors: NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development and NJ Department of Health

PEOSH representatives from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce development (Safety) and New Jersey Department of Health will be providing information on what PEOSH enforcement is looking for when they inspect Fire Departments. PEOSH will also provide details on their cooperative services, including Consultation, and Training, which can help you comply with their adopted rules.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 THURSDAY, APRIL 17 THURSDAY, MAY 8

BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY
BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY
MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# Community Risk Reduction: Integrating Our Efforts

Instructor: Lt. Michael O. McLeieer, Retired

This course is intended to familiarize fire operations personnel with the concepts of community risk reduction, stressing their importance in today's tough economic times. It is more important than ever for the fire service to seek innovative mitigation strategies to manage call volume and improve firefighter and public safety. This course was created by Vision 20/20, a project of the Institution of Fire Engineers, USA in cooperation with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the National Fire Academy. The goal of this course is to provide national strategies to be utilized at the local level for fire loss prevention.

FRIDAY, MAY 2 SATURDAY, MAY 3 BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY
MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# Connecting and Interacting With Challenging Boss Behaviors

Instructor: Anthony Correia, Training Officer, Burlington Township Fire Department

Dealing with Difficult Bosses many times negatively impacts employee work performance. They can create a toxic work culture, as well as cause employee stress. In fact, harmful workplace practices are one of the leading causes of stress in the US. Bad bosses lead to high levels of absenteeism and high turnover. In the fire service, bad bosses can contribute to poor fireground decisions that can hurt or kill someone. This program will provide insight on how to identify as well as how interact with difficult bosses to obtain more positive results and reduce their ability to create a toxic workplace. We will use evidence-based best practices, the presenter's experiences, as well as the experiences of the students to study this issue and develop practical, real-world skills to deal with this phenomenon towards obtaining positive results.

**THURSDAY, MAY 22** 

**MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# NEW Developing and Presenting an Effective Fire Service Presentation

Instructors: Brendan Rhodes Chief Middlesex County US&R / Chairman UASI Metro Strike Team / Task Force Leader / FEMA NJTF-1 and Robert Seeburger, Battalion Chief Special Operations Command, (Ret.)

TAs a fire service professional and instructor, you can be called upon to deliver presentations to your community and department. This course is designed for fire instructors looking to enhance their instructional performance. The class will cover tools to use during presentations to promote learning and participation among all students. We will review modern instructional tips and tricks, along with the use of technology to enhance presentations. These tools will assist instructors in teaching the "modern student." The class will be interactive and will also involve students teach-backs.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY7** 

PASSAIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

### **Effective Budgeting for the Fire Official**

Instructor: Patrick W. Bigoss, Lumberton Twp. Fire Official (Ret.), Camden County College, Faculty Coordinator (Ret.)

This program reviews the basis for the Fire Official annual budget Preparation The concept of budgeting will be fully developed with comparisons and requirements for Government budgets contrasted to personal or commercial budgets. There will be detailed reviews of Large City budget compared to smaller townships and Fire Districts. Advantages and disadvantages of all will be discussed. Examples will be covered.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

**ZOOM FULL DAY** 

# Harassment, Diversity and Social Media: Issues for the Emergency Services

Instructor: Robert V. Hill, Sr., Director (Ret.), Rowan College South Jersey / Fire Academy

New Jersey employers are required to provide training and education on the topic of recognizing and preventing workplace harassment and discrimination to both supervision and members of the workforce. Additionally, employers are also required to have a comprehensive workplace policy on this topic. Failure to do so leaves the organization vulnerable to liability exposure. Coupled with more than two decades of experience including investigative services and policy development, the program developer brings to the classroom both historical and recent court decisions from both New Jersey and Federal courts to educate members on what is and what is not harassment or discrimination. Additionally, participants will be educated on how to avoid unwanted consequences for postings on social media.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

**CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# Leadership Excellence

Instructor: Ronald E. Kanterman, Executive Inspector, FDNY-Bureau of Fire Prevention

Training today's leaders for tomorrow's challenges. This program navigates participants through tried and true methods of leadership and through different aspects of the science. We cover: developing yourself, developing your people, developing your organization and firehouse communications. Other than lecture, role playing and group hands-on exercises are part of this workshop. Also discussed are having a "vision" and "mission statement" and coming away with some form of plan for improvement to take back to the firehouse. Learn the skills to negotiate the shark tank of Town/City/Village Hall.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29** 

MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

### **Administrative Courses**

#### **NEW Leadership Wisdom**

Instructor: Claudia A. Monte, Principal, Consultant, CAM Consulting Group, LLC

Leadership is a journey of continual learning and growth. We gain wisdom from the advice of others, respectful exchange of ideas, and shared experiences. In this class, we will discuss insights from various thought leaders who guided Admiral William H. McRaven (ret.) in *The Wisdom of the Bullfrog* through challenging times. These are applicable lessons for all in situational leadership, emotional agility, motivation, communication, and much more. Participants will leave recognizing how leadership style strongly influences operational and team outcomes.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3 ZOOM HALF DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 15 ZOOM HALF DAY

### **Leadership: A Self Analysis**

Instructor: Michael J. Corbo, Director, Atlantic County Fire Academy (Ret.)

This course will provide students with the opportunity to look at the leadership qualities they already possess and the qualities they need to develop to become better leaders. We will examine the 11 characteristics that effective leaders possess and the traits that make up each characteristic. Each attendee will work through exercises to determine if they already exhibit any of the 11 characteristics and which traits they need to develop in order to become a more effective leader.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 CAPE MAY COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

### **NEW Managing the Fire Investigation Unit**

Instructors: Bob Disbrow, IAAI-CFI, Fire Captain/Investigator and Robert Seeburger, Battalion Chief Special Operations Command

This administrative course is designed for fire officials, inspectors, and fire investigators. It teaches the tools necessary to manage a local enforcing agency/fire investigation unit. During this full day course, students will discuss the NJ Uniform Fire Code, NFPA 921 and NFPA 1033. Topics will include, Administration, certification process (both state and national), fire investigator JPR's, fire investigation methodology, fire pattern identification, Curriculum Vitae, depositions, and courtroom testimony. Actual case studies will also be discussed. This class is a must for all Fire Officials, Inspectors and Fire Investigators.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26** 

**TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY** 

### **Managing The Local Enforcing Agency**

Instructors: Timothy Paar, Dwayne Breeden, William Hendrickson, Anthony Doyley, Stacy Weaver, and Isaiah Goldsby of the NJ Division of Fire Safety

This administrative course is designed for local fire officials and inspectors to focus on the principal responsibilities in managing a local enforcing agency through the NJ Uniform Fire Code. During this full day course, we will discuss N.J.A.C. 5:70 subchapter 2 and N.J.A.C. 5:71, "the yellow tabs" of the red book. We will focus on understanding the requirements to become a successful fire official in the state of NJ.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15** 

TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY

**TUESDAY, MAY 20** 

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

### Principled Leadership from The Road Less Traveled

Instructor: Dr. David Griffin, Assistant Chief, Charleston (SC) Fire Department

Principled Leadership has been a life-long guiding concept that I was taught as a young man at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. As I continue to make progress and lead in the modern age of emergency services, Principled Leadership has proven to be successful in developing leaders and organizations by focusing on 7 specific characteristics that have been evolving since 1842 when The Citadel was established. So, what is Principled Leadership and how can this help you and your organization on your personal and professional journey? Ingenious of them, The Citadel utilizes the acronym LEADERS to express each characteristic of Principled Leadership. When each of the 7 characteristics are focused upon and matured daily, one will see the importance of leading with principles rather than rank or tenure.

**THURSDAY, MAY 8** 

**OCEAN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

### **Start with Why**

Instructor: Claudia A. Monte, Principal, Consultant, CAM Consulting Group, LLC

There are leaders and there are those who lead. Leaders hold a position of power or influence. Those who lead inspire us to take action. This is the basic premise of the book, Start with Why, by Simon Sinek. His model of the Golden Circle (Why, How, What) can be applied in many facets of our lives. We will discuss how leadership, motivation, trust, emotional intelligence, and innovation are integral parts of the Circle. Participants will leave knowing how to define their Why.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

**ZOOM HALF DAY** 

**TUESDAY, MAY 20** 

**ZOOM HALF DAY** 

### **Administrative Courses**

### **NEW** The Art of Negotiating

Instructor: Claudia A. Monte, Principal, Consultant, CAM Consulting Group, LLC

We all negotiate. It's a part of life. Sometimes it is done formally, but most times it is done informally on the job, at home, or in social situations. Communication, respect, preparation, and focus are the heart and soul of the negotiation process. Emotional intelligence (EI/EQ) is a critical component in managing difficult people and situations to resolve differences and achieve constructive outcomes. Participants will leave knowing how to prepare for a negotiating session, use techniques to remain in control, and develop strategies to attain objectives.

THURSDAY, MAY 1 ZOOM HALF DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 29 ZOOM HALF DAY

#### **NEW The Trust Factor**

Instructor: Claudia A. Monte, Principal, Consultant, CAM Consulting Group, LLC

Building, developing, and sustaining trust is essential to organizational and professional success. Covey's Five Waves of Trust Model shows the interdependent nature of trust at various levels of relationships, and its impact on an organization's reputation. Trust changes energy, which affects engagement, health, innovation, and retention. Participants will leave realizing the power of trust as a critical organizational asset.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27 ZOOM HALF DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 8 ZOOM HALF DAY

#### Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention Awareness

Instructor: Lt. Michael O. McLeieer, Retired

Children are often curious about fire. While curiosity is normal, there are things you can inform parents and caregivers about to prevent children from experimenting with fire and engaging in other high risk- taking. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, fires set by children are responsible for more the 100 fire deaths, nearly 1,000 painful burn injuries, and hundreds of millions of dollars in property loss each year in the United States. This full day course will provide participants with an overview of the youth firesetting problem and steps to take to connect families with appropriate intervention strategies and services.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# National Fallen Firefighter Foundation

### **Attributes of Leading**

#### Instructor: National Fallen Firefighter Foundation Instructor

Attributes of Leading (AoL) is designed to build more effective fire service leaders of all ranks. It is a highly interactive, real-world applicable, case study-based course available in two formats, Train-the-Trainer, and direct course delivery. Both formats are 6 hours in length and best delivered to audiences of no more than 12 attendees.

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- Competence
- Constructive influence
- Grit
- Humility
- Presence
- Resilience

- Self-mastery
- Self-regulation

FALLEN FIREHICHTERS

- Stepping up
- Trust
- Vigilance
- Wellness

Through a process of view, review, introspection, and discussion, the program challenges attendees to focus on qualities that constructively influence members regarding overall performance, health, and safety.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30** 

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

#### Courage to Be Safe®

#### Instructor: National Fallen Firefighter Foundation Instructor

This course is a provocative and moving presentation by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, through the Everyone Goes Home® Program, that is designed to change the culture of accepting the loss of firefighters as a normal occurrence.

Building on the untold story of line of duty death survivors, it reveals how family members must live with the consequences of a firefighter death. This presentation provides a focus on the need for firefighters and officers to change fundamental attitudes and behaviors in order to prevent line of duty deaths. The central theme promotes the courage to do the right thing in order to protect yourself and other firefighters and ensure that "Everyone Goes Home" at the end of the day.

Firefighters must have the courage to face a multitude of risks in order to save lives and protect their communities. Their courage allows them to willingly risk their own lives so that others can be saved. A different type of courage is required to stay safe in potentially dangerous situations, avoiding needless risks and tragic consequences.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2** 

**ZOOM FULL DAY** 

# Crew Resource Management (CRM) in the Fire and Emergency Services

Instructor: New Jersey National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Advocate

This National Fallen Firefighter's course is designed to enhance the effectiveness of fire service personnel by focusing on the principles of Crew Resource Management (CRM). CRM is a set of training procedures that emphasizes the use of all available resourcespeople, information, and equipment-to achieve safe and efficient operation during emergency incidents. The course will cover the following key areas: Communication Skills: Techniques for clear, concise, and effective communication among team members, especially under high-stress conditions. Teamwork and Leadership: Strategies for building cohesive teams, understanding roles and responsibilities, and fostering a culture of mutual respect and collaboration. Situational Awareness: Methods for maintaining awareness of the operational environment, recognizing potential hazards, and making informed decisions. Decision-Making: Approaches to rapid and effective decision-making, including the use of checklists, standard operating procedures (SOPs), and risk assessment tools. Human Factors: Understanding human performance limitations, stress management, and error reduction techniques to improve overall safety and efficiency. Case Studies and Practical Exercises: Analysis of real-world incidents and hands-on exercises to apply CRM principles in simulated scenarios. Continuous Improvement: Techniques for debriefing and after-action reviews to identify lessons learned and implement improvements for future operations.

**MONDAY, APRIL 28** 

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge

Instructor: National Fallen Firefighter Foundation Instructor

This compelling presentation by the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation examines the root causes of LODDs and the role of Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge as it influences the end result. Many fire departments across the United States "LACK the Right Stuff" to prevent them from being on a path to a line of duty death, with Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge being the elements that need to be addressed and managed in those environments. Through education and training, those departments can improve their survivability by understanding the root causes of firefighter fatalities and tackling these four elements with special emphasis on understanding fire service culture.

**SATURDAY, MAY 17** 

**ZOOM FULL DAY** 

# Active and Passive Fire Protection in the Built Environment

Instructor: Ronald E. Kanterman, Executive Chief Inspector, FDNY-Bureau of Fire Prevention

Discussion includes an in-depth look at the design, installation, maintenance, code requirements and application of: sprinklers, standpipes, CO2, halon, dry chemical, wet chemical, clean agent, smoke purge, foam and specialty systems. New technology in fire protection and suppression systems is also introduced.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21** 

**BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# Buildings on Fire; Podium, CLT, Mass Timber and Hybrid Construction: Trends and Case Studies

Instructor: Chief Christopher J. Naum, SFPE, Chief of Training Command Institute, Center for Fireground Leadership, Technical Consultant NIOSH Firefighter Line of Duty Death Investigation Program

An overview discussion of emerging national and regional trends related to emerging Mixed-use and Multiple-Occupancy Podium, Hybrid Cross Laminate Timber (CLT) structures, Evolving Mass Timber low-rise buildings and Hybrid Construction. The program will examine trends in Building Construction Systems, Methods & Materials of Construction (MMC) and Design related to the New Mass Timber and Cross Laminate Timber (CLT) construction and Podium and Donut construction designs and will focus on emerging lessons and learnings from major property and construction site fires resulting in major fire service operational challenges and community-wide risks and significant property losses. The primary objective of this program is to increase awareness and understandings on these new building construction, architecture and design systems that directly impact firefighting and command operations at future structure fires. Case studies and emerging lessons of recent national major construction site fires (MA, NC, CA, VA and MD) involving these structure types will be discussed.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

SOMERSET COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

### Carbon Monoxide Alarm Regulations

Instructor: Patrick W. Bigoss, Lumberton Twp. Fire Official (Ret.), Camden County College, Faculty Coordinator (Ret.)

This program provides a review of the development and expansion of Carbon Monoxide Alarm regulations from 1999 through June 2023. The program will review appropriate elements of Chapter 23 of the Uniform Construction Code as well as Chapter 70 of the Uniform Fire Code. The Fire Official will understand how the two codes work together to provide protection for building occupants.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 27** 

**ZOOM FULL DAY** 

### **Code Update**

Instructor: Daniel Timmerman, Robert Lenox, and/or Timothy Paar; NJ Division of Fire Safety

This course is required for all appointed Fire Officials and Inspectors as part of their three- year cycle for of licensure. This seminar was updated in Spring 2024 and covers the current adoption of the IFC NJ 2018 edition including the three new chapters. It also includes a review of significant changes from the IFC NJ 2015 edition. Finally, it touches on updated provisions of the Administrative code of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code Chapter 5:70 as well as 5:71.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8** 

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

**THURSDAY, MAY 22** 

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

**BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

CAPE MAY COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# **Concrete Parking Decks and Garages**

Instructor: Chief Brian Bennett, PhD

Concrete parking decks/garages are found in almost every jurisdiction as land becomes developed and the only option for parking cars is in vertical structures. This class will help you prepare for incidents in these structures by introducing you to the characteristics of concrete and concrete construction, the types of concrete construction, and the hazards associated with each. The components and techniques used to construct above ground and below ground concrete parking decks/garages and how they are assembled into the completed structure will be covered. The tactics used to fight horizontal and vertical fires in these structures will be reviewed, including the safety issues and case studies that involved fires and collapse in these structures.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 29** 

**TUESDAY, MAY 27** 

MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

**CAPE MAY COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

### **DFS Criminal Activity Awareness**

Instructors: Steven Mulcahy, Special Agent, WMD Coordinator, Bennet Berkman, Field Intelligence Officer, NJ Division of Fire Safety, NJSFM, and Robert Clark, Fire Captain LFD (Ret.), Field Intelligence Officer (WMD/CBRNE) UCDPS

The purpose of this class is to recognize the hazards regarding criminal activity and terroristic acts while responding to incidents. Students will be able to recognize, report, and notify proper authorities. A three-module morning classroom will be conducted. After lunch, students will be broken up into groups of five and sent on mock incident scenarios. Training rooms have been up set up where role-players will act out illicit activities to test the students on what they learned in the morning classroom sessions. This class will dismiss at approximately 4 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23** 

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14** 

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

#### **Fire Cause Determination**

Instructors: Ronald E. Kanterman, Executive Chief Inspector, FDNY-Bureau of Fire Prevention

This workshop is intended to familiarize the attendees with the signs of arson through basic fire behavior, the alarm, responding, the fire fight (ventilation, line placement, forcible entry, etc.), color of the smoke and flame, reaction of water on the fire, building construction, reading the crowd, role in the investigation, HTA fires, Clan Labs and much more. Good photos/slides and case histories enhance this class. Arson is one of the current tools of the terrorist, domestic and foreign. Knowing the signs of arson and causes of fire, leads to safer fire ground operations.

**TUESDAY, MAY 20** 

MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# Fire Incident Report Writing

Instructors: Vincent Campagna and Scott Royle, New Jersey Division of Fire Safety

This course will identify the importance of Fire Incident Report Writing. How to properly document and articulate your fire incident including how to write a narrative. Report writing skills to include who, what, where, when, why, how and C.A.R.T (Complete, Accurate Reliable and Timeliness).

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22** 

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5** 

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5** 

MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

**SALEM COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

#### Fire Service Concerns for TV and Film Productions

Instructor: James A. Kirsch, MPA, EFO, Captain (Retired)/Partner, Dominion Emergency Service Consultants

With the increasing use of New Jersey for television and film production, any fire department or fire prevention bureau may have to deal with production companies operating in their jurisdiction. This is true whether the filming is taking place in a fixed set location that may be known, or if the media company only expects to have a short-term presence in their district. This course is designed to familiarize prevention and suppression personnel to the potential hazards they will face when filming companies are operating in their municipality.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17** 

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# Fundamentals of Automatic Sprinkler and Standpipe Systems

#### Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford

This course will present timely and up to date material covering fundamental design and water supply requirements for automatic sprinkler and standpipe systems including when and why building fire pumps are required. The participants will be able to identify the various component parts of automatic sprinkler systems, standpipe systems and fire pumps. The importance of ensuring these fire protection systems are maintained in full service, while identifying common system impairments and violations which lead to these fire protection systems being out of service, will be reviewed throughout the course.

THURSDAY, MAY 1 FRIDAY, MAY 9 SOMERSET COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

CAPE MAY COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# Fundamentals of Use Group Classifications and Occupancy Classifications

#### Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford

This course will present the requirements for Use Group Classifications in the NJ Uniform Fire Code, the NJ Uniform Construction Code, and the relationship between these two sets of codes. Additionally, the course will provide detailed information of the requirements of NFPA 13-2014-Standard for the Installation of Automatic Sprinkler Systems, Chapter 5 Classifications of Occupancies and Commodities, and the water supply requirements for various storage based occupancies detailed in Chapters 12 through 20. Participants will be able to interpret the information contained on old style and new style (NJ UCC) hydraulic data placards to be able to identify potential deficiencies in the building's automatic sprinkler system.

FRIDAY, MAY 2 TUESDAY, MAY 20 MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY
PASSAIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# Hazardous Materials-Bulk Storage to Big Box Stores

Instructor: Ronald E. Kanterman, Executive Chief Inspector, FDNY-Bureau of Fire Prevention

This class takes participants through the NJ/IFC code sections regarding the storage and use of hazardous materials from small local hardware stores to big box stores to bulk chemical facilities, refineries and tanks farms. Topics covered are marking and identification systems, Federal, State and local laws, national and industry standards, Safety Data Sheets, various chapters in the New Jersey edition of the IFC, bulk storage tanks, rail cars, tank trucks and common fire protection systems found in such facilities. A large amount of photos and videos compliment this class to aid in the student's understanding of the material.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 



# UPDATE HAZMAT for Fire Inspectors: Alternative Fuels and Lithium Batteries

Instructor: Chief Brian Bennett, PhD

Alternative fuels are slowly replacing fossil fuels. These new fuels are found not only in vehicles but in all types of occupancies, including residential, commercial, retail, and industrial facilities. This class will review alternative fuels such as liquified hydrogen gas, compressed hydrogen gas, propane/LPG, compressed natural gas, liquified natural gas, and solar power.

Lithium metal and Lithium-ion batteries are found everywhere in today's society. This class will include information on battery basics, battery technology, storage systems, recharging systems, uses, hazards, and firefighting concerns.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2** 

MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

**CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# HAZMAT for Fire Inspectors: Container Shapes and Common Chemicals

Instructor: Chief Brian Bennett, PhD

Fire Inspectors are confronted with various containers when they inspect facilities where hazardous materials are used or stored. Knowing how to recognize the container shape will allow the Inspector to conduct the inspection while being knowledgeable about the potential container contents and the hazards associated with the container and its contents. This class will review containers found in rail and highway transportation, shipping, and fixed facilities as well as alternative fuels and their refilling/recharging facilities. The second part of the class will cover some of the common chemicals found in use or storage in various occupancies covered by the fire code. Having some basic knowledge about the use, storage, and hazards of these common chemicals will allow the Inspector to conduct more effective inspections. This class will review the shipping/storage containers, hazards, uses, and locations where such commonly encountered chemicals as carbon dioxide, nitrogen, liquefied petroleum gas, acetylene, ethanol, chlorine, hydrogen, ammonia, and Bakken crude may be found. The use of the Emergency Response Guidebook will be reviewed to identify potential containers and possible contents and their hazards. Various sections of Chapters 21-27, 29, 35, and 50-67 as well as Section 202 of the fire code will be covered.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3** 

MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# Hazmat for Inspectors: Aerosols, Compressed Gases, and Unstable and Reactive Materials

Instructor: Chief Brian Bennett, PhD

Chapter 51 of the IFC deals with Aerosols displayed or stored in retail operations and Chapter 53 deals with the storage, use, and handling of Compressed Gases. These materials are found in many types of occupancies and can have multiple hazards. Chapters 64, 66, and 67 of the IFC deals covers Pyrophoric Materials, Unstable (Reactive Materials), and Water Reactive Solids and Liquids. These materials not only pose a fire or explosion hazard, but may be toxic, corrosive, or oxidizers. This class will review how these materials are made, industry practices, storage containers and conditions, physical and health hazards, maximum allowable quantities, control areas, preventive measures and controls, and a review of the applicable codes and standards.

**MONDAY, APRIL 14** 

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# NEW HAZMAT for the Fire Inspector: Flammable Solids and Gases

Instructor: Chief Brian Bennett, PhD

Flammable solids and flammable gases are found in a variety of occupancies. This class will introduce the industry practices for safely handling flammable solids and gases, product containers, typical uses for these products, the hazards associated with these products, review the technical requirements for dealing with flammable solids and gases, and review the fire code requirements found in Chapters 58 and 59.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15** 

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# Healthcare Facilities Pre-Incident Planning/Fire Fighter Hazards

Instructor: Andrew Fosina, Jr BS, CFPS, Fire Official, Hopewell Valley Bureau of Fire Safety

The course discusses the need to prepare preplanning documents. Using NFPA-1620 as a guide, we will discuss the required parts of a preplan, who should have access, and other requirements of the preplanning process for healthcare facilities. Common Hazards to Firefighters in healthcare facilities and the potential health and life safety issues associated with them.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

### **Healthcare Facilities UFC Inspections**

Instructor: Andrew Fosina, Jr. BS, CFPS, Fire Official, Hopewell Valley Bureau of Fire Safety

The course will review the Uniform Fire Code and NJ IFC 2018 inspection requirements. Explore the role of the AHJ in this heavily regulated industry and other regulatory agencies.

MONDAY, MAY 19

MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

### NEW High-Rise Buildings: Understanding the Vertical Challenges

Instructor: Jack J. Murphy, Fire Marshal (Ret.)/Fmr. Leonia Deputy Chief and the New York City Fire/Life Safety Directors Association, Past Chairman

The course will review the NJ Uniform Fire/Building Codes (NEW 2018 Editions) which are impacting high-rise buildings. Explore essential tall building guidelines to manage all-hazard events, understanding complex fire protection and building systems, emergency preparedness, TIPS evacuation modes and building intelligence for future battle plans.

MONDAY, MAY 5
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY
ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# NEW Insights on Rowhouse and Rowframe Construction, Occupancies and Operation

Instructor: Chief Christopher J. Naum, SFPE, Chief of Training, Command Institute, Center for Fireground Leadership Technical Consultant: NIOSH Firefighter Fatality LODD Investigation Program Building Construction, Fireground OPS & Firefighter LODD Event Analysis Advisor

The Rowhouse Building is recognized as a familiar building type and residential setting in nearly all jurisdictions across the United States and well established in New Jersey and the Tri-State area for well over 150 years and conversely a fundamental occupancy with frequent fireground demands, challenges and established practices. The evolving trends in design, construction and adaptive building reuse coupled with recent incidents involving serious accidents and firefighter fatalities have placed a renewed focus on this common building type and residential occupancy. The program will look at the most recent learnings and insights from a series of NIOSH Rowhouse Fire Reports along with the 2018 Philadelphia Colorado Street Fire, and a number of other high-profile fires and LODDs in NY, PA, DE and MD, including the 2022 triple LODD and 2023 LODD in Baltimore, MD. A review of trends and report insights on construction, fireground operations, command and firefighter safety will be presented as well as leading insights on OPS at Abandoned Derelict Buildings and Occupied Derelict Buildings for company and command officers.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17** 

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

#### Core

REVISED & UPDATED Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Automatic Sprinkler Systems: NJIFC & NFPA 25

Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford This class was previously presented as Inspection and Testing of Water Based Fire **Protection Systems in two parts.** 

The class will focus on the Inspection, Test and Maintenance (ITM) requirements of NFPA 25-17 including how to properly cite violations of NFPA 25. Automatic sprinkler systems are the most common of automatic suppression systems encountered during fire inspections. This class will focus on proper inspection and identification of violations and system impairments to ensure the automatic sprinkler system is able to function properly including requirements for wet-pipe systems, dry-pipe systems, fire department connections and building fire pumps. The 5-year ITM and obstruction investigation requirements are included. Case studies of violations/impairments from inspections will be presented. The class has been updated to reflect the 2017 Edition of NFPA 25 referenced by the 2018 NJIFC.

**MONDAY, APRIL 21 THURSDAY, MAY 15**  **SOMERSET COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

### NJIFC 2018 Chapter 9 Fire Protection System Requirements

Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford

This class will present information based on the updated 2018 Edition of the NJIFC. The inspection and proper maintenance of all fire protection systems is a paramount concern for all fire inspectors. Information will be presented on the requirements for the fire protection systems and the updated referenced standards in the 2018 NJIFC. Inspection practices, reviewing inspection and test reports and citing violation of the code requirements will be part of the class. Proper enforcement procedures that are required when a fire protection system is impaired or out-of-service will be presented. Case studies of fire protection system violations and impairments will be presented to meet the lesson objectives. This class will ensure fire inspectors have updated information and a good understanding of the requirements of Chapter 9 Fire Protection Systems. An outline of the class is below.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1** FRIDAY, MAY 16

**BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY

#### Core

# **Principles of Modern Building Construction**

Instructor: Michael Scardino, Fire Chief/Fire Official (Ret.) Winslow Twp. Fire Department

Principles of Modern Construction is a **refresher** for the veteran firefighter/inspector, and a primer for the newest member. It is designed to create an appetite for future construction study, emphasizing both the vital importance and value of both aggressive preplanning and fire inspection. This course is continually updated to include and highlight cutting edge methods, materials, technologies, and trends. Not just your average five-hour CEU course, it truly offers something for every attendee to use, and apply.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

FRIDAY, MAY 30

CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

**MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

## **Smoke Alarms For Residential Applications**

Instructor: Patrick W. Bigoss, Lumberton Twp. Fire Official (Ret.), Camden County College, Faculty Coordinator (Ret.)

This course will provide an overview of Smoke Alarms in residential applications. We will cover New Jersey requirements with focus on one-and two-family dwellings. Current technology will be reviewed along with a review of UCC installation and operational requirements for a one or two family dwelling based on year of construction. We will review NJAC 5:70-2.3 requirements for change of resident (Re-sale) in a single family Dwelling.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

**ZOOM FULL DAY** 

# Solar Power; Strategy & Tactics for First Responders

Instructor: Joseph Vallo, Battalion Chief (Ret), Jersey City Fire Department, Chief of Training, On The Job Fire-Rescue

This course is a Strategy and Tactics Fire Fighting and Rescue Operations program designed for understanding basic Solar Power engineering and to identify solar powered systems. The program is a comprehensive Strategy and Tactics seminar built by a Fire Fighter for Fire Fighters and all First Responders. *The program is updated quarterly, and information is current to the Solar Industry and evolving Emergency Services incidents*. Case Studies are used to engage students regarding actual solar incidents faced by First Responders. Case Studies are local incidents and those reviewed by the NFPA, Underwriters Laboratories and the National Fire Academy.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12** 

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# **Street Smart Fire Inspections**

Instructors: Bob Disbrow, IAAI-CFI, Fire Captain/Investigator and Robert Seeburger, Battalion Chief Special Operations Command

Street Smart Fire Inspections is a class designed for the working Fire Inspector and Fire Service personnel conducting In-Service fire inspections. This class will identify all aspects of a quality fire inspection. Students will review case studies and difficult violations. This class is a must for all fire service personnel.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

#### Core

# Subchapter 4: "Retro-fit Requirement" Where Are We Now?

Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford

The course will present select requirements of New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, Subchapter 4 – Fire Safety Code. Requirements that have been in effect for a number of years, as well as, recently adopted regulations including the code requirements for Carbon Monoxide alarms and published NJDFS bulletins regarding windowless basements and stories will be presented in detail. The course will review how to determine if violations of Sub-chapter 4 exist and how to achieve compliance with the applicable regulations. The Fire Code Variance process and the relationship between the NJ Uniform Fire Code and the NJ Uniform Construction Code also will be presented.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

**SATURDAY, MAY 10** 

ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# Tips and Tools for Effective Inspections

Instructor: Patrick W. Bigoss, Lumberton Twp. Fire Official (Ret.), Camden County College, Faculty Coordinator (Ret.)

This program is intended to expand knowledge for newly appointed or recently reappointed inspectors. It will also serve as a refresher for inspectors who perform a very limited number of inspections per year. Topics covered include duties and responsibility, interagency cooperation, inspection pre-planning, performing the inspection, documenting the inspection and completing the inspection process. The program will also include a review of legal requirements, do's and don'ts and the consequences and remedies for inspectors who deviate from the stated requirements. There will be examples of violations and the proper reference under the IFC 2015 as well as IFC 2018. Seasoned inspectors taking the program for CEU requirements may find the program to be a re-statement of what they already know.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23** 

**ZOOM FULL DAY** 

# Understanding Fire Protection Systems: Warehouse & Big Box Retail Occupancies

Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford

The class will focus on the understanding and inspection of the fire protection systems in Big Box Retail and Warehouses. The class will include information from several NFPA Standards including the Classification of Occupancies, Commodity Classifications understanding the hydraulic data plate and the relationship to the fire code inspection. Included in the program will be the principles of and code requirements for Early Suppression Fast Response sprinkler systems. An overview of the storage related chapters and the requirements for idle pallet storage from NFPA 13 will be presented. The requirements of NFPA 25 for the inspection, testing and maintenance of building fire pumps will be presented. Case studies and a review of violations discovered in Big Box and Warehouse Occupancies are included in the class.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 29** 

MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# **Wood Frame & Ordinary Construction Principles**

Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford

Wood frame and ordinary constructed buildings pose significant challenges and risks for the fire service. This program will enhance the knowledge and understanding of the construction methods, materials, the fire spread and collapse potential of wood frame and ordinary constructed buildings. Case studies of fire incidents, case studies of buildings under construction and renovation will be presented throughout the program to illustrate the program objectives. The programs will also review how to develop and utilize differing forms of case studies including the use of NIOSH LODD reports to meet various teaching objectives relating to wood frame and ordinary construction.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15** 

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22** 

PASSAIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

#### **Drill Ground Instructor**

Instructor: Michael J. Corbo, Director (Ret.) Atlantic County Fire Training Center This one day course is required for anyone wishing to obtain or renew a Drill Ground Instructor Certification issued by the Division of Fire Safety. The intent of this course is to ensure that instructors understand the safety issues and adopted NFPA Standards inherent in SCBA/Smokehouse and Live Burn firefighting training. The students will be provided with a basic understanding of identifying and correcting unsafe situations as they occur, and will review various safety concerns regarding drill ground instructional activities and student performance criteria.

CEU credit for the Drill Ground Instructor course will only count toward renewal of a Drill Ground Instructor certification, not a Fire Instructor I or II renewal.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29** 

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4** 

MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 1 and 2 Initial Certification Program

New instructor certification programs have been adopted which meet the requirements of NFPA 1041, Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications, 2019 edition, utilizing the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) publication title "Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, 9th edition." Both the Fire & Emergency Services Instructor Level 1 and 2 programs are contained in this one publication. Students will be required to purchase the referenced textbook prior to attending the programs. Should a student take the programs after obtaining certification, they will receive 4.0 CEU's Technical credit toward renewal of their fire instructor certification. The New Jersey Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 1 and 2 programs are accredited by Pro Board and IFSAC. The student must meet all fire instructor credentialing requirements to be certified by the Division of Fire Safety.

## Fire Instructor 1 May 5, 2025 - June 4, 2025

Instructor: Michael J. Corbo, Director (Ret), Atlantic County Fire Academy

Students must contact IFSTA to order the Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, 9th Edition publication prior to the first session of the class.

#### 7:00 p.m. - 10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday

Monday, May 5 Wednesday, May 14 Saturday, May 31 Wednesday, May 7 Monday, May 19 Monday, June 2 Saturday, May 10 Wednesday, May 21 Wednesday, June 4 Monday, May 12 Wednesday, May 28

ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

## NJDFS Fire Service Certification Spring 2025

### T1 DFS Instructor Level 1 Certification Examination

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 9 A.M. TO 12 P.M. BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

THURSDAY, MAY 8 7 P.M. TO 10 P.M. MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 9 A.M. TO 12 P.M. MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

The 100-question exam evaluates concepts of instruction from IFSTA, 9th Edition Fire & Emergency Services Instructor Textbook. The minimum passing score for Instructor Level 1 Certification Examination is 70% correct.

#### T2 DFS Instructor Level 2 Certification Examination

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THURSDAY, MAY 8 7 P.M. TO 10 P.M. MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 9 A.M. TO 12 P.M. MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

The 100-question exam evaluates more advanced concepts of instruction from IFSTA, 9th Edition Fire & Emergency Services Instructor Textbook. The minimum passing score for Instructor Level 2 Certification Examination is 70% correct.

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## **Fire Service Certification**

The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety announces that a NJ Fire Inspector Written Examination will be presented regionally. Below are listed the exam dates, locations and start times. The written exam has been created to meet the examination requirements contained in the NJ Uniform Fire Code for individuals to obtain a NJ Fire Inspector certification issued by the Division of Fire Safety. This exam will be an 'open book' exam and will permit an individual to bring the referenced Fire Inspector course textbooks/codebooks into the exam room to be referenced throughout the exam. IFSTA Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement – Eighth Edition, NJ Uniform Fire Code, IFC 2015 NJ Edition, IBC 2015 NJ Edition – Chapter 9, 10 and Index or entire book and a solar or battery operated calculator. The exam will present 75 questions. To pass this exam an individual must obtain a minimum passing score of 70% correct. The exam will be 3 hours in length. The examination will not be administered orally to any individual.

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The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety announces that a NJ Fire Official Written Examination will be presented regionally. Below are listed the exam dates, locations and start times. The written exam has been created to meet the examination requirements contained in the NJ Uniform Fire Code (5:70 & 5:71) for individuals to obtain a NJ Fire Official certification issued by the Division of Fire Safety. This exam will be an 'open book' exam and will permit an individual to bring the referenced Fire Official course textbooks/codebooks into the exam room to be referenced throughout the exam. Jones & Bartlett Learning – Principles of Fire Prevention – Fourth Edition, NJ Uniform Fire Code. The exam will present 60 questions. To pass this exam an individual must obtain a minimum passing score of 70% correct. The exam will be 3 hours in length. The examination will not be administered orally to any individual.

#### FO DFS Fire Official Written Examination

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 9 A.M. TO 12 P.M. BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

THURSDAY, MAY 8 7 P.M. TO 10 P.M. MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 9 A.M. TO 12 P.M. MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

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#### **FIRE OFFICER**

### Fire Officer I

Instructors: Richard Gorman, Director, Toms River Fire Training Center, James Gillespie, Instructor, Toms River Fire Training Center, John Keating, Program Coordinator, Toms River Fire Training Center, John Novak, Former Deputy Director, Toms River Fire Training Center

**PURPOSE:** This program is designed to prepare the participants to obtain Fire Officer I Certification under the proposed New Jersey Division of Fire Safety Fire Officer Regulations. The course also meets the objectives of NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications.

**CONTENT:** Topics covered in this course will include human resource management, community and governmental relations, administration, inspection and investigation, emergency service delivery, on-scene incident command, safety and PEOSHA regulations.

**AUDIENCE:** Company Officers and Firefighters seeking to obtain Fire Officer I Certification.

**CLASS PREREQUISITES:** Firefighter 1 Certification per N.J.A.C. 5:73-4, Hazardous Materials: Operational Certification per N.J.A.C. 5:73-6, and Incident Management Level 1 Certification per N.J.A.C. 5:73-3.

PREREQUISITES FOR STATE CERTIFICATION: Firefighter 2 certification per N.J.A.C. 5:73-4, Incident Management Level I Certification per N.J.A.C. 5:73-3, Hazardous Materials Operational Certification per N.J.A.C. 5:73-6, Fire Instructor 1 course completion certificate per N.J.A.C. 5:73-5, NFA – Incident Safety Officer per N.J.A.C. 5:73-8, 12-hours of Building Construction courses, and 24-hours of Strategy & Tactics courses.

\* Students must contact Jones and Bartlett to purchase "FIRE OFFICER 4TH EDITION" prior to the first class.

Tuesday, April 29 Tuesday, May 6 Tuesday, May 13 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Thursday, May 1 Thursday, May 8 Thursday, May 15 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday, May 3 Saturday, May 10 Saturday, May 17 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Final Exam

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### Fire Officer II

Instructor: Anthony Avillo, Deputy Chief (ret.) North Hudson Regional Fire & Rescue

Fire officer II is a 45-hour course that prepares fire officers or aspiring firefighters with the knowledge and skills needed to operate as a level II fire officer and manager, apply leadership principles, manage community risk reduction programs, manage and navigate in the administrative communication world of the higher-level officer, determine fire causes, and manage major fire incidents.

**APRIL 29 - MAY 2, MAY 5 - 7** 

MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

## **Building Construction**

Instructors: Robert G. Moran, Fire Chief, (Ret.) Brewster, MA Fire/Rescue, Fire Chief (Ret.) City of Englewood, NJ and John J. Lewis, Lieutenant (Ret.) City of Passaic FD and Bergen County Fire Academy

To be safe and effective on the fire ground, it is critical for Fire Officers and Firefighters to have exceptional knowledge and understanding of the types of buildings, building construction methods, occupancies, collapse hazards, and construction materials, as well as how the buildings they will be operating will respond under fire conditions. Frank Brannigan, one of the authors of the building construction textbook adopted by New Jersey, said it best when he coined the phrase, "The building is your enemy, know your enemy."

This two-day building construction training program will provide attendees with the requisite knowledge of building construction types, methods, materials, hazards and operational considerations that Fire Officers and Firefighters need to acquire to achieve success on the fireground. Fire Officers who attend the program will meet the 12-hour building construction training requirements for Fire Officer 1 certification in New Jersey. Students must attend both days of class to receive the 1.0 DFS instructor credit. Attendees must hold a New Jersey certified fire one to attend.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21 and SATURDAY, MARCH 22 ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# NFA Incident Safety Officer

Instructor: Anthony Avillo, Deputy Chief (Ret.) North Hudson Regional Fire & Rescue

This course meets the requirements of NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, It includes classroom lectures and interactive exercises in advanced radio communication, program development, handling advanced supervisory issues, and will prepare an individual to meet the challenges of being an effective fire officer.

**MAY 19 and 20** 

MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# Strategy & Tactics for Initial Company Operations

Instructor: Joseph Vallo, Battalion Chief (Ret.), Jersey City Fire Department, Chief of Training, On The Job Fire-Rescue

FEMA/NFA "Strategy & Tactics for Initial Company Operations" (S.T.I.C.O.) is a New Jersey Division of Fire Safety approved curriculum designed to meet the needs of Company Officers responsible for managing emergency incidents involving one or more companies during structural firefighting operations. This FEMA, National Fire Academy course is specifically intended to develop the management skills needed by Company Officers to accomplish assigned tactics and to manage tasks at structure fires and emergency incidents.

The program utilizes a FEMA/NFA Power Point with up to date additional "street smart" material with open classroom critiques. The program addresses the NJ DFS & FEMA Certification & Validation process for all levels of Fire Officer and the procedures regarding certification, classes and forms necessary to facilitate full Fire Officer certification.

FEMA/NFA S.T.I.C.O. is a NJ DFS approved program and meets the curriculum requirements for Fire Officer 1 Certification and requires a FEMA Student Identification number (FEMA SID#) for National Fire Academy Certification. You must have a FEMA SID# to register for this class.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 and 2 MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

Please check the address at the end of the brochure for each class.

# Basics of Fire Protection Systems (Previously Basics of Fire Sprinklers and Fire Pumps)

Instructor: Tom Kline, Owner, Fire University

During this course, trainees will learn about the components and function of each type of fire sprinkler system and fire pump. As a result of this course, the student shall be able to describe various types of water-based, foam fire suppression systems and fire pumps and basic inspection and testing information for these systems. The first portion of the class will consist of classroom theory, with the second half consisting of practical training in the Fire University training lab.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23** 

**FIRE UNIVERSITY** 

# Dry Pipe, Deluge and Pre-Action Systems

Instructor: Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering, Operations Manager

This session is a mix of classroom and hands-on demonstrations that review the components and operation of the dry, pre-action, and deluge sprinkler systems. Fire detection systems will be reviewed, including how they interact with the pre-action and deluge systems.

Hands-on activities include tripping and resetting the dry pipe, pre-action, and deluge valves. NFPA 25 testing requirements for these systems will be reviewed and demonstrated.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 CHUBB

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 CHUBB

# Fire Sprinklers

#### **Fire Detection**

#### Instructor: Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering, Operations Manager

This one-day training is a combination of classroom and hands-on demonstrations focusing on fire detection and alarm systems. Initiating devices, control units, notification devices, and inspection & testing of NFPA 72 are discussed. With live demonstrations, such as fire detection activation, learning requirements has never been more enjoyable.

THURSDAY, MAY 1 CHUBB

MONDAY, MAY 12 CHUBB

### Fire Pumps

#### Instructor: Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering, Operations Manager

This session is a mix of classroom and hands-on demonstrations that review automatic fire pumps including drivers, controllers, and various other components. Hands-on activities include annual fire pump test on the electric booster pump. Attendees will graph fire pump test data and learn how to evaluate fire pump performance. NFPA 25 testing requirements for fire pumps and controllers are reviewed and demonstrated.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 CHUBB

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 CHUBB

# UPDATE Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Requirements for Fire Sprinkler Systems

(Previously ITM Requirements for Fire Sprinkler Systems)

Instructor: John Jeffers, Instructor, Fire University

Trainees will take an in-depth look at NFPA 25. Through this course, individuals will gain a refresher on the use of a codebook and how to apply the NFPA 25 code to their daily work. After completing this course, the trainee will be better prepared, from a legal obligation to a practical knowledge standpoint, to inspect and carry out their job in accordance with NFPA 25. The first half of the course will consist of classroom theory, with the second half consisting of practical training on fire sprinkler systems and fire pumps. All instruction and training will take place in the Fire University training lab.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

**FIRE UNIVERSITY** 

# **NEW** Introduction to Fire Pumps and Dive into NFPA 20

Instructors: David J. Davis, NFSA State Coordinator and Frank Ellis, NFSA State Coordinatorrd

This comprehensive course is designed to equip firefighters and fire inspectors with essential knowledge and skills related to fire pumps and the NFPA 20 standard. As crucial components of fire protection systems, fire pumps play a pivotal role in ensuring the effective delivery of water for firefighting purposes. This course will delve into the fundamentals of fire pump operation, maintenance, and compliance with NFPA 20 guidelines, offering participants a robust foundation for enhancing their proficiency in fire pump-related scenarios.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4** 

**SPRINKLER FITTERS LOCAL UNION 696** 

## **Standpipe Systems**

Instructor: Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering, Operations Manager

This one-day interactive training offers a mixture of classroom and hands-on live demonstrations bringing standpipe systems processes and exposures to life. NFPA 14, IBC and NFPA 25 will be discussed as well as installation and testing of standpipe systems. Learning is more engaging through live demonstrations; we invite you to learn more with our Risk Engineering instructors who are knowledgeable and offer interactive experiences.

THURSDAY, MAY 29 CHUBB

TUESDAY, JUNE 3 CHUBB

#### Core

# Water Supplies and Sprinkler Systems

Instructor: Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering, Operations Manager

This session is a mix of classroom and hands-on demonstrations reviewing the various water supplies that exist for fire protection systems including suction, pressure, gravity tanks, fire pumps, and more. The training reviews the various components of automatic sprinkler systems, as well as the wet pipe sprinkler system. Hands-on activities include water supply testing, analysis of test results, fire protection control valve inspection, and live fire with sprinkler activation. NFPA 25 testing requirements for wet pipe and control valves are reviewed and demonstrated.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 CHUBB

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 CHUBB

# NEW A Fire Officer's Guide for Today's Buildings and Fireground

Instructor: Chief Christopher J. Naum, SFPE, Chief of Training Command Institute, Center for Fireground Leadership, Technical Consultant NIOSH Firefighter Line of Duty Death Investigation Program

Today's fireground, buildings and occupancies present increasing challenges that have redefined strategic and tactical fireground operations that impact operations on a wide variety of levels that often include adverse compartment fire conditions, structural compromise, collapse and decreasing predicable building performance. Presenting insights on building construction for today's fire service, the objective of this program is to increase awareness and understandings and promote new skill sets in the fundamentals of building construction, architecture and design that directly impact firefighting, safety and command operations at structure fires. A discussion of emerging trends in Building Construction Systems, Occupancy Risks, Collapse & Compromise Characteristics, Methods & Materials, Design, fire protection and Fire Dynamics related to building anatomy will be presented. Topics include; Emerging Trends with dialog on Adaptive Reutilization of Type III's, Trends on Main Street Taxpayers, Commercial-Retail Building Challenges Commercial Hybrids and the issues facing many with Large Area Residentials and Mega-Mansions. This program is for all ranks and experience levels.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15** 

**OCEAN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# NEW Alternative Water Supply: "Building the Water Supply Infrastructure"

Instructor: Scott Kivet, Mercer and Middlesex County Fire Coordinator

The Alternative Water Supply: "Building the Water Supply Infrastructure" course is designed for firefighters, including fire chiefs and coordinators, to learn about alternative water supply methods. The course challenges participants and equips them with the knowledge to build a water supply infrastructure from the ground up. The student will be instructed to supply the water demand for large fires that require extensive volume, one step at a time. This instruction challenges the student with tough alternative water supply scenarios that are diverse from the rural setting to urban settings. The training is delivered through PowerPoint presentations featuring fires throughout New Jersey involving BIG WATER. It highlights large-scale operations, including relay strike teams and tanker/tender task forces.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

FRIDAY, MAY 9

BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# NEW Battery Power & Energy Storage Systems Awareness & Operations for First Responders

Instructor: Joseph Vallo, Battalion Chief (Ret.), Jersey City Fire Department, Chief of Training, On The Job Fire-Rescue

"Battery Power and Energy Storage Systems; Awareness and Operations for 1st Responders" is a comprehensive program that details battery types and engineering on an awareness level to describe the various types of batteries threatening Fire Fighters today. Energy Storage Systems have a multitude of challenges that are addressed such as power sources and delivery, building types and locations along with threats involving working fire and non-fire incidents. Strategy and Tactics are addressed to assist in safe operations in these evolving incidents offering Fire Fighters and Officers a greater way to manage emergency incidents involving devices. This program evolves from and is a compulsory addition to the program "SOLAR POWER; Strategy & Tactics for 1st Responders" as an essential look into the evolving hazards within the Fire Service.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 22** 

**TUESDAY, APRIL 29** 

**MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# NEW Building (or Rebuilding) a World-Class Fire Force: Leadership Planning to Get Points on the Board FAST!

Instructor: Brian J. Valentino, MPA, CEAS, ICMA-CM, FF2, FO1, FI2, FI, CEO/ED, Western Monmouth Utilities Authority, Chief, Western Monmouth Special Operations, Treasurer, New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association

This course equips fire service leaders with the skills and strategies to build or revitalize fire departments, fire companies, and other fire service agencies. By addressing strategic planning, leadership, recruitment, retention, community engagement, and Community Risk Reduction (CRR) strategies, participants gain actionable tools to lead their organizations effectively right out of the box. Participants will leave this course with an actionable list of priorities designed to get positive momentum and early buy-in from political leadership, unit officers and members, and agency partners—and develop a reputation for "getting things done fast."

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1** 

**SOMERSET COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# Character, Attitude and Values Before Hoseline, Halligans and Hydraulic Tools

Instructor: Anthony Correia, President NJ State Fire Chiefs Association

10-15% of what firefighters do involve Hoselines, Halligans, and hydraulic tools. 100% of what firefighters do involve Character, Attitude, and Values, yet we put most of our emphasis on tactical skills, not the people skills we use most often. Don't get me wrong, it's extremely important to be tactically proficient. However, many case studies of fireground "accidents" demonstrate it's poor decision making due to carelessness, ignorance or freelancing are individually or collectively are many times the issue. In addition over 80% of the time, our interaction with others is not at emergency incidents. We have never-ending daily media reports of firefighters arrested for moral, ethical, and dishonorable actions. Firefighters behaving badly is not an anomaly, it is a regular occurrence. Fire officers regularly complain of new, as well as seasoned firefighters lacking character, poor attitude, and lacking core values consistent with the fire service's mission. There are many fewer complaints regarding tactical competency. The deficiency in Character, Attitude, Values usually comes from a systemic lack of a fire department with plans, programs, and processes in place to address interpersonal skills, emotional intelligence, and organizational values. This program will bridge the gap between tactical and interpersonal attributes. This program will provide a framework to proactively implement plans and processes to improve interpersonal skills and the attributes that go with them.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8** 

SUSSEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# Company Drills in Acquired Structures Without Using Fire

Instructor: James A. Kirsch, MPA, EFO, Captain (Retired) / Partner, Dominion Emergency Service Consultants

This program deals with how to properly inspect, and then train in acquired buildings using non-fire scenarios. The course also discusses the role of using NFPA 1403 as an assistance document, as well as local considerations when using these structures. Also discussed is the vital step of acquiring the proper paperwork that allows your department to operate in such buildings. Drills for engine and ladder companies, rapid intervention teams, self-rescue, and other training scenarios that can be set up in donated homes, multiple dwellings, and commercial occupancies are covered.

**THURSDAY, MAY 22** 

**TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY** 

## NEW Controlling The Chaos: An In Depth Look at Managing the Fireground

Instructors: Robert G. Moran, Fire Chief, (Ret.) Brewster, MA Fire/Rescue, Fire Chief (Ret.) City of Englewood, NJ and John J. Lewis, Lieutenant (Ret.) City of Passaic FD and Bergen County Fire Academy

The primary mission of the first arriving Incident Commander at a structure fire is to conduct a rapid and accurate street wise size up of the fire scene that will furnish the information necessary to build an effective incident action plan. In order to complete this task, the IC must take into account a number of dynamic fireground and resource related factors from arrival through termination of the incident. Using adopted New Jersey fireground operational mandates, classical and cue based decision making processes, the concept of risk assessment, and the ICHIEFS "Rules of Engagement" as a foundation the instructors will provide the students with an interactive forum designed to move through topics such as the initial size-up, command sequence, command post establishment, building intelligence, strategy and tactics, operational coordination, arriving and ongoing progress reports, RIC usage, emergency radio communications, firefighter safety, and post control activities. In addition, by utilizing first due video and fireground photography the instructors will employ scenarios using "real time information" that will challenge the student's ability to rapidly develop, support, and justify an effective incident action plan consistent with the fireground factors identified above and their personal knowledge, skills, and abilities.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

**BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# NEW Developing a Thermal Imaging Training Program

Instructor: Captain Mike Daley – CTO; FO; MIFireE

When it comes to Fire Behavior, modern fuels and building construction considerations are two concerns when developing an action plan for suppression, based upon the clues on scene. Identifying these clues requires the use of Thermal Imagers (TI). The risks that are present during suppression operations, as well as Firefighter training applications, that are not identified early in the operation can result in catastrophic injuries to firefighters. NFPA 1010 (2024 editions, which includes NFPA 1001) requires that all Fire Service members show competency in areas including operating a TI so that victims are identified in conditions of obscured visibility as well as thermal energy within a structure during suppression, extinguishment and overhaul, and liquid levels in containers during hazardous materials incidents. Furthermore, as instructors provide direction and training for recruits in hazardous conditions with limited visibility, there is an additional need for instructors to have competency in utilizing the TI to monitor the progress of the recruit as well as monitoring the environment the training is being conducted in. It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that the student brings a Thermal Imager from their respective department in order to understand their respective device's operation during the class demonstrations.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24** 

MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

## **NEW** Education Facilities - UFC Inspections

Instructor: Andrew Fosina, Jr BS, CFPS, Fire Official, Hopewell Valley Bureau of Fire Safety

Fire Officials are under pressure to allow for untraditional locking and security measures in schools due to the history of violent attacks in schools. This course reviews relevant code sections and the intent of the code to ensure that fire code requirements and schools can have a level of security that balances this need with fire code compliance.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

## **NEW** Emergency Incident Media Coverage

Instructor: Dr. Robert S. Fleming, Professor, Rohrer College of Business, Rowan University

This course is designed to prepare fire and emergency service professionals to successfully contribute to media coverage of emergency incidents that fully meets and ideally exceeds stakeholder expectations that media coverage be delivered in a timely, accurate, credible, complete, and professional manner. The course has been designed and will be delivered in a manner that contributes to the development of knowledge, skills, and confidence as fire and emergency service personnel work with the media to bring informative reporting to the public and other stakeholders of the coverage of fire and emergency incidents. The course is designed for fire and emergency service personnel who may be called upon, both on and off emergency incident scenes, to contribute to media coverage that is both informative and persuasive.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 29** 

**ZOOM - FULL DAY** 

# Fight the Fire, Not the Building

Instructors: Ronald E. Kanterman, Executive Inspector, FDNY-Bureau of Fire Prevention

Work smarter not harder. Commercial buildings present many challenges during a fire fight but knowing what they have to offer will make your job easier and safer. This class reviews and discusses the built-in active and passive fire protection systems that make up the building's fire and life safety system and gives the participants an understanding of the basic workings of said systems. Upon completion, participants will be able to return to their departments and look at commercial buildings and other target hazards in their first due response district and make changes in strategy and tactics and on pre-fire plans. Firefighter safety is emphasized throughout the workshop.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# NEW Fire Departments Responsibilities at Incendiary Fires

Instructors: Bob Disbrow, IAAI-CFI, Fire Captain/Investigator and Robert Seeburger, Battalion Chief Special Operations Command, (Ret.)

The Fire Officer's and Firefighter's responsibilities at the fire scene is critical. The actions taken by the officers and the members of the fire suppression companies can either help or hinder the fire investigation. Topics include: Fire Officer roles and responsibilities, evidence protection, fire scene overhaul, fire pattern identification, fire causes, incendiary device identification, fatal fires, report narrative and how not to compromise a fire scene.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

**SOMERSET COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

## **NEW** Fire Service Lesson Plan Design

Instructor: Chief Brian Bennett, PhD

This course will provide the information necessary to design efficient and effective fire service training courses. Topics covered include instructional design, conducting a needs assessment, conducting a job task analysis, developing training goals and objectives, course content and organization, developing an evaluation plan, and instructional methods.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

**TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY** 

# NEW Fireground Radio Communications During Size Up and Progress Reports

Instructors: Bob Disbrow, IAAI-CFI, Fire Captain/Investigator and Robert Seeburger, Battalion Chief Special Operations Command, (Ret.)

The course will assist the first arriving incident commander in proper radio communication during size-up and fire ground progress reports. It will also discuss radio reports to dispatch and radio reports during fire ground emergencies between the incident commander and the companies operating. Case studies will be utilized to drive home best practices. This class will be interactive as the participants will deliver radio reports during the class to drive home the objective.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12** 

PASSAIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

### **NEW** Flood Rescue Awareness for the First Responder

Instructor: Charles Rivera, Deputy Chief, Sea Bright Fire Rescue

Flood Rescue Awareness for the First Responder is a foundational course designed to prepare emergency personnel for flood-related incidents. Participants will learn the fundamentals of flood dynamics, scene safety, and identifying potential hazards during rescue operations. This course emphasizes awareness-level skills, equipping first responders with the knowledge to support rescue teams while ensuring personal and company safety.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

**MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# **NEW** Leadership for the Fire Service Instructor

Instructor: Bill Hopson Beachwood, NJ Fire Department

This course is highly interactive and directly challenges the Leadership skills and abilities of all attendees. This course examines Leadership principles and philosophies as it directly relates to developing, designing, delivering and evaluating Fire Service training. This course will benefit all levels and abilities of attendees.

**SATURDAY, MAY 10** 

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# NEW Lithium Ion/Lithium Iron Phosphate Battery LIB LFP Fires and Emergencies Today

Instructor: David Dalrymple, Educator/Rescue Consultant

Lithium-Ion Batteries are everywhere in our world today. Many of the devices we hold dear operate only due to these types of battery chemistry. However, as responders, we know that fires and emergencies involving them have resulted in changes in our tactics, methodology and equipment to mitigate the incident. This program will cover the up-to-date basics on Lithium-Ion and Lithium Iron Phosphate Battery Fires and Emergencies. Mostly we will be focused upon motor vehicles of various types and e-mobility devices but will look at other issues too. Come switched on and ready to absorb new concepts and methodology!

**TUESDAY, JUNE 3** 

MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# NEW LOVERS U: A Back-to-Basics Review of Truck Company Operations

Instructors: Robert G. Moran, Fire Chief, (Ret.) Brewster, MA Fire/Rescue, Fire Chief (Ret.) City of Englewood, NJ and John J. Lewis, Lieutenant (Ret.) City of Passaic FD and Bergen County Fire Academy

This program will be a fresh look at the basic roles and responsibilities of the Truck Company on the fireground and the key factors creating a safe and effective operation for those members assigned these tasks. Whether there is a first due ladder on the scene, a rescue company, or other company fulfilling these basic duties the same incident priorities and mandatory assignments must be addressed. By dissecting the acronym L.O.V.E.R.S.U. into Ladders, Overhaul, Ventilation, Rescue, Salvage and Utility Control, and utilizing interactive discussion concerning the how, why, where, and when each of these operational tasks need to be performed. The instructor will provide attendees with key elements and information concerning the basic truck company roles, responsibilities and tasks they will be required to perform at every emergency incident and their relevance to a safe and effective fire suppression operation. In addition, structural size up as it relates to Ladder Company Operations as well as apparatus placement and positioning for maximum benefit will be discussed.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# **Marine Firefighting Awareness**

Instructor: Forest Herndon, Jr., Senior Trainer, MERE M-PACT Solutions

Marine Firefighting is unarguably one of the most challenging of all firefighter disciplines. The incident complexity may vary, but in most cases, success is determined by the responders' level of preparation, training and general knowledge associated with the marine environment. This course will introduce the participants to key elements needed to operate effectively in the maritime arena, such as problems unique to marine responses, vessel types, ship configurations, communication challenges, specialized safety and tactical considerations to name a few. Knowledge gained will complement existing skill-sets while enabling emergency responders to mount an effective response.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26** 

**SATURDAY, MAY 3** 

UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

**CAPE MAY COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

### NEW Modern Fire Training: Implementing NFPA 1700 Skills into NFPA 1403 Practices

Instructor: Captain Mike Daley - CTO; FO; MIFireE

Firefighters, Fire Officers, Fire Instructors, and Fire Investigators all share one common characteristic: the need for a strong competency in Fire Behavior. When it comes to Fire Behavior, modern fuels and building construction influences are two concerns when developing an action plan for suppression, based upon the clues on scene. With recent data from multiple organizations that are providing scientific direction for suppression and coordinated operations, it has become critical to update the training and delivery of modern firefighting practices and methods. An excellent method of performing this is to utilize accurate and efficient resource materials, such as NFPA 1700, Guide for Structural Firefighting, and NFPA 1403, Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, in combination to lay the foundation for successful training that can lead to success on the fireground.

**SATURDAY, MAY 3** 

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# **Preventing Firefighter Training Injuries**

Instructor: James A. Kirsch, MPA, EFO, Captain (Retired) / Partner, Dominion Emergency Service Consultants

This course will review statistics, case studies, and personal experiences to bring an awareness to fire service instructors of the problem of firefighter injuries and deaths during training. Data from fire service organizations will be presented to show that firefighter injuries during training evolutions are not falling, even though firefighter injuries during emergency operations have declined. Injury prevention recognition during hand-on training from the point of view of the certified instructor, company officer, and department training officer will be discussed. Additionally, the role of the department safety officer in injury prevention during training exercises will be reviewed. The course will also discuss the need for instructors to review lesson plans with an eye towards hazard recognition that may lead to a firefighter injury while creating a safer environment that allows for completion of training scenarios.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 3** 

ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

## **RECEO-VS Revisited for Private Dwelling Fires**

Instructor: John Hueston, Jr., Instructor at Middletown Twp. Fire Academy and Instructor at the Monmouth County Fire Academy

The "RECEO-VS Revisited for Private Dwelling Fires" course will explain the benefits of applying the RECEO-VS acronym to strategic and tactical decision making, in the development of the initial incident action plan, at the scene of working fires in occupied private dwellings.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26** 

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# Resiliency is the Way and Stress Management

Instructor: Dr. David Griffin, Assistant Chief, Charleston (SC) Fire Department

Have we done a good job of developing resilient firefighters? Have we given them the tools to succeed over 30 years in a profession where we respond to the worst day of someone's life? Unfortunately, the research on mental health and suicide rates of emergency responders indicates that we have an issue that must be addressed. Therefore, during this class we will focus on why post-traumatic stress, acute stress disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder affect emergency responders all over the world and how we as leaders can provide resiliency training to combat this. During this workshop, David will discuss the signs and symptoms of post-traumatic stress, acute stress disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder from research and from his own personal experience. Then we will discuss and practice self-help tools that can be utilized in the firehouse for self support and for peer support.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# NEW Seeing the Elephant: A Fire Chief's Guide to Performing Under Stress

Instructor: Thomas Dunne, Deputy Chief, New York City Fire Dept.

This class is designed to help you function safely and effectively in a stressful environment. It is based on lessons learned from many years of managing fire and emergency operations with the New York City Fire Department. Channelized attention, task saturation, communication issues, social influences, and other factors that negatively affect the decision-making process will be analyzed. Learn the tools that allow you to refocus from disabling fear to positive action in any challenging situation.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# NEW Strategies and Tactics: Command Size-up and Scene Reporting

Instructor: Anthony Avillo, Deputy Chief (ret.) North Hudson Regional Fire & Rescue

This course covers the 13 points of size up and how they relate to the fire ground as well as their relationship to scene reporting, especially the arrival report. Specific examples of size up concerns and their strategic impact will be discussed in great detail. Further discussed will be the tactics that are required to meet the challenge of specific size up concerns. Case study and rules of thumb will be discussed in regard to issues concerning command and operating personnel. The second part of the course will cover scene reporting and like the first part, interactive discussion and student-generated reports based on report templates will provide the student with a linear path to a solid radio report and not only provide them with what to say but what to listen for. Confidence on the radio is one of the goals of this course and blends a solid and comprehensive size up with a template aimed at the successful use of that information.

MONDAY, APRIL 14
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY
BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

### Think Like an Incident Commander

Instructor: Thomas Dunne, Deputy Chief, New York City Fire Dept.

What is an incident commander seeing, thinking, and feeling when he supervises a fire operation? Tactics may vary at various incidents but the one constant is the incident commander's thought process. How is his view of a fire different and how can his perspective make you a more effective firefighter? This lecture illustrates key points in preparation, size up, fire ground decision making, command, and communications. Through the use of case studies, photos, and videos, students are presented with the challenges inherent with rapid emergency decision making and are offered tools to help them function safely and effectively. This course is relevant for chiefs and company officers, however the concepts developed are also vital for firefighters of all ranks. A chief, company officer, or firefighter who has the ability to think like an incident commander is better prepared to make confident and effective decisions on the fireground.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

**BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# Thinking Beyond First Due at Townhouse and Multi-Residential Complexes

Instructors: Robert Moran Fire Chief Brewster (MA) Fire/Rescue, Fire Chief (ret) City of Englewood (NJ) and John Lewis Lieutenant (ret) Passaic (NJ) Fire Department

The intensified market for affordable housing and urban "downtown" residential living space throughout the country has led to the increased construction of large-scale townhouse and multi-unit residential complexes in both urban and suburban environments. The lightweight materials and pre-engineered methods used to construct these developments along with other inherent design weaknesses such as limited access and egress, inadequate sprinkler protection, pedestal construction, exposure hazards, and significant life safety issues present unique fire suppression and incident command challenges. This dynamic training program will take an in-depth look at these hazards while providing valuable fireground information concerning size up, plan review, incident management, pre-planning, and fire suppression strategy and tactics. The instructors will also examine and review the 2000 and 2015 Avalon Complex fires in Edgewater (NJ) in a roundtable type discussion focusing on the lessons learned during each event and the impact these destructive fires will continue to have on communities across the State..

**SATURDAY, MAY 3** 

**CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

# **NEW** Vehicle Extrication Tips and Tactics

Instructor: Michael Wolfschmidt, Firefighter/EMT-I

This class is a culmination of my personal experiences and training on tactics for vehicle extrication on a variety of modern vehicles. Designed for the firefighter, fire officer and fire instructor, the lecture will discuss modern conventional vehicle hazards, electric/hybrid vehicle hazards, proper stabilization, equipment options, preparation tips, technical rescue incidents involving motor vehicles, and tactics that can make an operation run smoother, especially with short staffing. Basic lifesaving emergency medical inventions will be discussed, as these steps can be essential for saving the lives of severely injured patients before they can be extricated.

**SATURDAY, MAY 17** 

**OCEAN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

## NEW Vehicle Technology Issues and Concerns for Today's Responder and Instructor

Instructor: David Dalrymple, Educator/Rescue Consultant

This program is designed for today's responders and instructors. As technology concerns increase, so must our preparedness. Over time, motor vehicles of all types have become complex workings for myriad reasons related to occupant safety, vehicle construction, and the components used in manufacturing. Two major changes, Vehicle Construction & Materials and alternative fuels, have become hot button topics for today's responders. This course will explore the recent changes and how our response has been effected. As part of program layout this program will also give the latest information for the Instructor to use in their own educational programs on Vehicle Rescue.

MARCH 22

TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY

## **Basics of Fire Protection Systems**

(Previously - Basics of Fire Sprinklers and Fire Pumps)

Instructor: Tom Kline, Owner, Fire University

During this course, trainees will learn about the components and function of each type of fire sprinkler system and fire pump. As a result of this course, the student shall be able to describe various types of water-based, foam fire suppression systems and fire pumps and basic inspection and testing information for these systems. The first portion of the class will consist of classroom theory, with the second half consisting of practical training in the Fire University training lab.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

**FIRE UNIVERSITY** 

# Community Risk Reduction: Integrating Our Efforts

Instructor: Lt. Michael O. McLeieer (Ret.)

This course is intended to familiarize fire operations personnel with the concepts of community risk reduction, stressing their importance in today's tough economic times. It is more important than ever for the fire service to seek innovative mitigation strategies to manage call volume and improve firefighter and public safety. This course was created by Vision 20/20, a project of the Institution of Fire Engineers, USA in cooperation with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the National Fire Academy. The goal of this course is to provide national strategies to be utilized at the local level for fire loss prevention.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

SATURDAY, MAY 3

**MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

## **NEW DFS Criminal Activity Awareness**

Instructors: Steven Mulcahy, Special Agent, WMD Coordinator, Bennet Berkman, Field Intelligence Officer, NJ Division of Fire Safety, NJSFM, and Robert Clark, Fire Captain LFD (Ret.), Field Intelligence Officer (WMD/CBRNE) UCDPS

The purpose of this class is to recognize the hazards regarding criminal activity and terroristic acts while responding to incidents. Students will be able to recognize, report, and notify proper authorities. A three-module morning classroom will be conducted. After lunch, students will be broken up into groups of five and sent on mock incident scenarios. Training rooms have been up set up where role-players will act out illicit activities to test the students on what they learned in the morning classroom sessions. This class will dismiss at approximately 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14** 

# NEW Dry Pipe, Deluge and Pre-Action Systems

Instructor: Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering Center Project Team Lead

This session is a mix of classroom and hands-on demonstrations that review the components and operation of the dry, pre-action, and deluge sprinkler systems. Fire detection systems will be reviewed, including how they interact with the pre-action and deluge systems.

Hands-on activities include tripping and resetting the dry pipe, pre-action, and deluge valves. NFPA 25 testing requirements for these systems will be reviewed and demonstrated.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 CHUBB

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 CHUBB

## Fire Incident Report Writing

Instructors: Vincent Campagna and Scott Royle, New Jersey Division of Fire Safety

This course will identify the importance of Fire Incident Report Writing. The course will show how to properly document and articulate your fire incident and include how to write a narrative. Course teaches report writing skills to include who, what, where, when, why, how and C.A.R.T (Complete, Accurate Reliable and Timeliness).

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 SALEM COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

## **NEW Fire Pumps**

Instructor: Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering Center Project Team Lead

This session is a mix of classroom and hands-on demonstrations that review automatic fire pumps including drivers, controllers, and various other components. Hands-on activities include annual fire pump test on the electric booster pump. Attendees will graph fire pump test data and learn how to evaluate fire pump performance. NFPA 25 testing requirements for fire pumps and controllers are reviewed and demonstrated

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 CHUBB

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 CHUBB

# Fundamentals of Automatic Sprinkler and Standpipe Systems

#### Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford

This course will present timely and up to date material covering fundamental design and water supply requirements for automatic sprinkler and standpipe systems including when and why building fire pumps are required. The participants will be able to identify the various component parts of automatic sprinkler systems, standpipe systems and fire pumps. The importance of ensuring these fire protection systems are maintained in full service, while identifying common system impairments and violations which lead to these fire protection systems being out of service, will be reviewed throughout the course.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

FRIDAY, MAY 9

**SOMERSET COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

CAPE MAY COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# UPDATED HAZMAT for Fire Inspectors: Alternative Fuels and Lithium Batteries

Instructor: Chief Brian Bennett, PhD

Alternative fuels are slowly replacing fossil fuels. These new fuels are found not only in vehicles but in all types of occupancies, including residential, commercial, retail, and industrial facilities. This class will review alternative fuels such as liquified hydrogen gas, compressed hydrogen gas, propane/LPG, compressed natural gas, liquified natural gas, and solar power.

Lithium metal and Lithium-ion batteries are found everywhere in today's society. This class will include information on battery basics, battery technology, storage systems, recharging systems, uses, hazards, and firefighting concerns.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25** 

MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

**CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 

#### Core

REVISED & UPDATED Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Automatic Sprinkler Systems: NJIFC & **NFPA 25** 

Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford

This class was previously presented as Inspection and Testing of Water Based Fire Protection Systems in two parts.

The class will focus on the Inspection, Test and Maintenance (ITM) requirements of NFPA 25-17 including how to properly cite violations of NFPA 25. Automatic sprinkler systems are the most common of automatic suppression systems encountered during fire inspections. This class will focus on proper inspection and identification of violations and system impairments to ensure the automatic sprinkler system is able to function properly including requirements for wet-pipe systems, dry-pipe systems, fire department connections and building fire pumps. The 5-year ITM and obstruction investigation requirements are included. Case studies of violations/impairments from inspections will be presented. The class has been updated to reflect the 2017 Edition of NFPA 25 referenced by the 2018 NJIFC.

**MONDAY, APRIL 21** 

SOMERSET COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

THURSDAY, MAY 15

CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

## **UPDATED** Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Requirements for Fire Sprinkler Systems

(Previously ITM Requirements for Fire Sprinkler Systems)

Instructor: John Jeffers, Instructor, Fire University

Trainees will take an in-depth look at NFPA 25. Through this course, individuals will gain a refresher on the use of a codebook and how to apply the NFPA 25 code to their daily work. After completing this course, the trainee will be better prepared, from a legal obligation to a practical knowledge standpoint, to inspect and carry out their job in accordance with NFPA 25. The first half of the course will consist of classroom theory, with the second half consisting of practical training on fire sprinkler systems and fire pumps. All instruction and training will take place in the Fire University training lab.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

**FIRE UNIVERSITY** 

#### Core

# **Principles of Modern Building Construction**

Instructor: Michael Scardino, Fire Chief/Fire Official (Ret.) Winslow Twp. Fire Department

Principles of Modern Construction is a refresher for the veteran firefighter/inspector, and a primer for the newest member. It is designed to create an appetite for future construction study, emphasizing both the vital importance and value of both aggressive preplanning and fire inspection. This course is continually updated to include and highlight cutting edge methods, materials, technologies, and trends. Not just your average five-hour CEU course, it truly offers something for every attendee to use, and apply.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4
FRIDAY, MAY 30

CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY
MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

# **Wood Frame & Ordinary Construction Principles**

Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford

Wood frame and ordinary constructed buildings pose significant challenges and risks for the fire service. This program will enhance the knowledge and understanding of the construction methods, materials, the fire spread and collapse potential of wood frame and ordinary constructed buildings. Case studies of fire incidents, case studies of buildings under construction and renovation will be presented throughout the program to illustrate the program objectives. The programs will also review how to develop and utilize differing forms of case studies including the use of NIOSH LODD reports to meet various teaching objectives relating to wood frame and ordinary construction.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15
TUESDAY, APRIL 22

PASSAIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY
MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

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FRIDAY, MAY 2 SATURDAY, MAY 3 BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

### NEW Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention Awareness

Instructor: Lt. Michael O. McLeieer (Ret.)

Children are often curious about fire. While curiosity is normal, there are things you can inform parents and caregivers about to prevent children from experimenting with fire and engaging in other high risk- taking. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, fires set by children are responsible for more the 100 fire deaths, nearly 1,000 painful burn injuries, and hundreds of millions of dollars in property loss each year in the United States. This full day course will provide participants with an overview of the youth firesetting problem and steps to take to connect families with appropriate intervention strategies and services.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

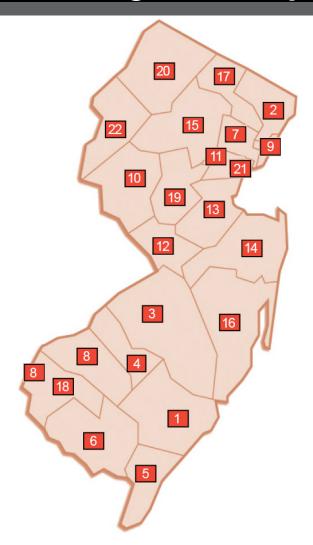
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FRIDAY, MAY 9

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY** 



## **New Jersey Fire Training Academy Locations**

1 - Atlantic County	<b>9</b> - Hudson County & Liberty Science Center	<b>17</b> - Passaic County
2 - Bergen County	<b>10</b> - Hunterdon County	18 - Salem County &
3 - Burlington County	11 - Kean University	Fire University
4 - Camden County	12 - Mercer County	<b>19</b> - Somerset County & Chubb
5 - Cape May County	13 - Middlesex County	20 - Sussex County
6 - Cumberland County	<b>14</b> - Monmouth County	21 - Union County

## **Anthony "Tony" Canale Fire Training Center**

5033 English Creek Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234, 609-407-6743

**From GSP southbound and northbound:** Take GSP to Atlantic City Expressway, Exit 38 towards Philadelphia. On AC Expressway, take first exit, Exit 9, AC International Airport. Pay toll, go to stop sign at top of hill, make left onto Delilah Road. Go 1 mile to English Creek Avenue (CR 575) make left. Follow for 3.5 miles, Training Center is on the right.

**From AC expressway eastbound:** Take Exit 9, make right at light after toll onto Delilah Road. Go .5 mile to English Creek Avenue (CR 575) make left. Follow for 3.5 miles, Training Center is on the right.

**From AC expressway Westbound:** Take Exit 9, AC International Airport. Pay toll, go to stop sign at top of hill, make left onto Delilah Road. Go 1 mile to English Creek Avenue (CR 575) make left. Follow for 3.5 miles, Training Center is on the right.

## Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute

281 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430, 201-818-7800

**Via Route 4 West:** Route 4 West to Route 208 North (bear right at the split). 208 North to the Ewing Ave. exit (first exit in Franklin Lakes). At the end of the ramp turn right onto Ewing Ave. At stoplight, turn left onto Franklin Ave. Go approximately 0.5 mile and turn right onto Pulis Ave. (VFW is on the right at the intersection). Proceed on Pulis Ave. for 1 mile and turn left onto Campgaw Road. Institute is about 1 mile North on the right. Note: If you miss Ewing Avenue, the next exit is Summit Ave. Proceed East on Summit to the first light and turn left onto Franklin Ave. The next light on Franklin is at Pulis Ave. Turn Right onto Pulis Ave. (VFW is on the right at the intersection). Proceed on Pulis Ave. for 1 mile and turn left onto Campgaw Road. Institute is about 1 mile North on the right.

**Via Route 17 from the South:** Route 17 North to the MacArthur Blvd exit. Turn left at light onto MacArthur go to end. Turn right onto Darlington Ave. and make first left onto Seminary Road. Seminary Road to Campgaw Road. Turn left onto Campgaw Road. The Institute is about 0.5 mile on the left.

**Via Route 17 from the North:** Route 17 South to Route 202/Ramapo Valley Road. Route 202 (Ramapo Valley Road) South to Darlington Ave. Darlington Ave. North, Bear right at fork onto Campgaw Road. The institute is about 0.75 mile on the left.

**Garden State Parkway, North and South:** Garden State Parkway to exit 160. Left onto Paramus Road. Travel 0.25 mile, take Rte.4W/208N exit. Follow the directions "Via Route 4 West", above. **Alternate:** Garden State Parkway to exit 163, Oradell Ave., West. Turn right at the end of the ramp onto Oradell Ave. Oradell Ave. West to Route 17 North. Follow the directions "Via Route 17 from the South", above.

**From 287 North:** Route 287 North to Route 208 South. Route 208 South to Summit Ave. exit. At the end of the ramp turn left onto Summit Ave. Proceed East on Summit to the first light and turn left onto Franklin Ave. The next light on Franklin is at Pulis Ave. Turn Right onto Pulis Ave. (VFW is on the right at the intersection). Proceed on Pulis Ave. for 1 mile and turn left onto Campgaw Road. Institute is about 1 mile North on the right.

## **Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center**

53 Academy Drive, Westampton (Mt. Holly), NJ 08060, 609-702-7157 ext. 3906
\*\*1 Academy Drive, Westampton, NJ 08060, NJ 911 / Central Communication Building

**From NJ Turnpike:** Take Exit 5 to traffic light. Turn right onto Route 541. Proceed East 2 miles. Before the second traffic light, turn into jug handle (Woodlane Road/County Facilities) and stay right. Turn right off jug handle onto Woodlane Road, (Route 630). Proceed 1 mile to second traffic light. Turn right at the light. Follow signs for Public Safety Center. Turn left after the Public Safety Center onto Academy Drive. Follow to the end.

From I-295 North or South: Take Exit 45A (Mount Holly/Willingboro). Proceed to third traffic light and turn left onto Irick Road for 0.5 mile. Turn right onto Woodlane Road, (Route 630). Turn left at next light into the complex. Follow signs for Public Safety Center. Turn left after the Public Safety Center onto Academy Drive. Follow to the end.

## **Camden County Regional Emergency Training Center**

420 Woodbury/Turnersville Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012, 856-374-6167

From NJ Turnpike: Take Exit 3 to Route 168 South, (Black Horse Pike). Proceed 5.2 miles through Blackwood. Turn right at the traffic light at Lakeland Road. Follow Lakeland Road 1.0 mile to the end. Turn right onto Woodbury/Turnersville Road. The Fire Academy is 0.4 miles down on the left, across from Health Services Center. From I-295: Take Exit 28 to Route 168 South, (Black Horse Pike). Travel 6.1 miles through Runnemede and Blackwood. Turn right at the traffic light at Lakeland Road. Follow Lakeland Road 1.0 mile to the end. Turn right onto Woodbury/Turnersville Road. The Fire Academy is 0.4 miles down on the left, across from the Health Services Center.

## Cape May County Public Safety Training Center

175 Crest Haven Road, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210, 609-465-2570

**From the GSP:** Take Exit 11, turn left at first traffic light. Proceed .5 mile on Crest Haven Road;

Fire Academy is on the right.

## **Chubb Risk Engineering Center**

35 Columbia Road Branchburg, NJ 08876

US -22 West to Readington Road Slight right toward Orr Dr Turn Left onto Orr Dr Continue onto Readington Road Left on Columbia Rd

US-22 East Right onto Readington Road Left on Columbia Rd

I-78 West

Take exit 26
Turn Left on Rattlesnake Bridge Rd
Continue on Lamington Rd
Turn Left on NJ-28E
Turn Right on Orr Dr
Continue on Readington Rd
Turn Left onto Columbia Rd

I-287 North use the 2 left lanes to take exit 21B
Merge onto I-78 West
Take exit 26
Turn Left on Rattlesnake Bridge Rd
Continue on Lamington Rd
Turn Left on NJ-28E
Turn Right on Orr Dr
Continue on Readington Rd
Turn Left onto Columbia Rd

I-287 South take exit 17 on the left to merge onto US-202 S/US-206 S toward US 22 Use the right lane to merge onto US-22 W via the ramp to Clinton Slight right toward Orr Dr Turn Left onto Orr Dr Continue onto Readington Road Left on Columbia Rd

## **Cumberland County Fire Training Center**

601 Vineland Avenue, Bridgeton, NJ 08302, 856-455-8526

**From NJ Turnpike:** Take Exit 7 (Route 206). Follow signs to I-295 South. Take I-295 South about 30 miles

to Route 42 South. Take Route 42 South about 3 miles to Route 55 South. Take Exit 32B (Route 56 West). See below.

**From Route 55:** Take Exit 32B, (Route 56 West). Follow Route 56 West 3.3 miles. At the second traffic light, turn left onto Morton Ave., Route 634 South. After exactly 1.0 mile, turn right onto Bridgeton Ave. (Route 666 West). Training Center is 1.5 miles down on the left.

**From Route 77 South:** To Rosenhayn Ave., Route 659 East. Follow Rosenhayn Avenue to Bridgeton Avenue, Route 666 East. Training Center is on the right just past The Cumberland County Technical Education Center.

## **Fire University**

9 Florence Ave, Building B, Penns Grove, NJ 08069

**From the South:** Take exit 10 of the Garden State Parkway. Take Court House South Dennis Rd and NJ-347 N to NJ-55 N in Maurice River. Follow NJ-55 N and US-40 W to NJ-48 W in Carneys Point Township. Continue on NJ-48 W. Drive to Florence Ave

**From the North:** Take the NJ Turnpike South. Take the NJ-140 exit toward Penns Grove/Deepwater/County Rd 540. Take S Pennsville Auburn Rd, Hollywood Ave and US-130 N to Florence Ave.

From 295 South: Take exit 13. Follow US-130 S to Florence Ave in Carneys Point Township.

### Gloucester County Fire Academy

210 County House Road Clarksboro, NJ 08020, 856-494-5683

**From I-295 Southbound:** Take Exit 18 (Mt. Royal, Clarksboro). At the top of the ramp and at the traffic light, turn left. Pass through the next traffic light. Dunkin Donuts will be on your right.

Proceed through the next traffic light and travel 1.5 miles to the next traffic light. Proceed through the light and immediately bear to the right (County House Road). NOTE: The Pantry I convenience store must be on your immediate right. The Fire Academy is about .5 mile on your left.

**From I-295 Northbound:** Take Exit 18 (Mt. Royal, Clarksboro, Paulsboro). At the top of the ramp and at the traffic light turn right. A Dunkin Donuts will be on your right. Follow directions as stated above.

From the Atlantic City Expressway or Route 322: From the AC Expressway take Exit 38 for Williamstown (RT 536 Sicklerville Road). Follow to large intersection (see Geets Diner on your right). Proceed through the intersection and follow all signs for RT 322 West. Proceed about 15 miles. You will pass over RT 55. Shortly thereafter you will pass through 2 traffic lights. Note a large WaWa on your right Travel about 1 mile and bear right onto RT 667. Follow RT 667 for 4 miles. At the traffic light for RT 667 and RT 45, the name will change to Cohawkin Road. Continue straight

for about another 4 miles. There will be a large cemetery on your left. Turn right onto County House Road. Proceed about 1 mile, the Fire Academy building can be seen on your right. It is the closest building to the road.

From Route 55: Exit RT 55 at RT 322 West and follow directions above.

**From NJ Turnpike:** Exit at Exit 2. At the end of the ramp turn left. Follow RT 322 to the next traffic light (NOTE: Kingsway High School is on your far right.) Turn right onto Kings Highway. Proceed north for about 7 miles. Shortly after passing a Heritage convenience store on your left, you will see a white church on your right. Turn right onto Shady Lane. Proceed to stop sign, (County House Road) turn left. You will see the Fire Academy on your right. The building is the closest to the road.

## **Hunterdon County Emergency Services Training Center**

59 Petticoat Lane, Annandale, NJ 08807, 908-806-5599 NOTE: GPS directions are not accurate

**From I-78 East:** Take Exit 20A Lebanon / Round Valley Rec Area, right turn onto Cokesbury Rd. to Route 22 West. Right turn onto Route 22 West to second traffic light at Petticoat La. Right turn onto Petticoat lane, travel 0.8 miles to HCESTC driveway. Turn left into driveway, to HCESTC sign turn right onto lane to parking lot.

**From I-78 West:** Take Exit 18 Annandale/Lebanon onto Route 22 East to second traffic light left turn lane for Petticoat Lane. Turn left onto Petticoat Lane, go 8/10ths of a mile to HCESTC driveway. Turn left into driveway, to HCESTC sign turn right onto lane to parking lot.

From US Route 22 East: Exit at Petticoat Lane and follow directions from above.

**From Route 287 Northbound:** Take Exit 14B to Route 22 West. Proceed on Route 22 West approximately 17 miles and follow directions above.

**From Route 287 Southbound:** Take Exit 21B for I-78 West - Easton PA. Follow I-78 West take Exit 20A Lebanon / Round Valley Rec Area, right turn onto Cokesbury Rd. to Route 22 West. Right turn onto Route 22 West to second traffic light at Petticoat La. Right turn onto Petticoat lane, travel 0.8 miles to HCESTC driveway. Turn left into driveway, to HCESTC sign turn right onto lane to parking lot.

## **Kean University**

1000 Morris Ave, Union, NJ 07083, 908-737-3060

For all students attending classes at the Kean University location, you must register your vehicle in advance. Tickets of \$50.00 will be given for unregistered vehicles. Parking is in white lined spaces. **DO NOT PARK IN THE VISITOR LOT**. Go to the parking permits page on www.keanfiresafety.com by hovering over Course Brochure and then clicking on Kean University Parking Permit. Next, click on the link under the Date you plan to attend and complete the required fields: State, License Plate, Make, Style, Color. Click the Register button. See the course description for building name and room number. See the campus map for building location http://www.keanfiresafety.com/kean-campus-map/

#### From US Route 22

**Eastbound:** Drive under Parkway turn right onto exit for Route 82 East. Continue toward Elizabeth. Campus is within 2 miles. Turn right on Green Lane. Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

**Westbound:** Drive under Parkway, keep right and follow signs to Elizabeth (Route 82 East). Turn right on Morris Avenue/82 east. Turn right on Green Lane. Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

## From the Garden State Parkway

**Northbound:** Leave Parkway at Exit 140, keep right and follow signs for Route 82 East towards Elizabeth. Turn right on Morris Avenue/82 east. Turn right on Green Lane Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

**Southbound:** Leave Parkway at Exit 140-A onto Route 22 West. Keep right and follow signs to Elizabeth (Route 82 East). Turn right on Morris Avenue/82 east. Turn right on Green Lane. Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

#### From Routes 1 & 9

Northbound: Enter Elizabeth and go around the Bayway circle onto Route 439 West (Elmora Avenue). Continue to Morris Avenue (Route 82 West). Turn left onto Green Lane. Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

Southbound: Entering Elizabeth follow signs for Local Traffic (extreme right). Follow signs to North Avenue. Turn right onto North Avenue (Route 439) Turn right onto Route 82 /Morris Avenue. Turn left onto Green Lane. Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

### From The New Jersey Turnpike

**From Exit 13A (Elizabeth):** Follow North Avenue West sign onto route 439. Turn right on Morris Ave/Route 82. Turn left onto Green Lane. Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

**From Exit 14, Take Route 1-9 South:** Entering Elizabeth follow signs for Local Traffic (extreme right). Follow signs to North Avenue. Turn right onto North Avenue (Route 439) Turn right onto Route 82 / Morris Avenue. Turn left onto Green Lane. Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

## **Liberty Science Center**

Liberty State Park 222 Jersey City Boulevard Jersey City, NJ 07305

Take the NJ Turnpike to Exit 14C, staying in right-hand lanes at the toll. The exit is immediately after the toll. Take the first right onto Jersey City Boulevard, then make an immediate left to enter the parking lot. Travel time from the exit: under 1 minute.

## **Mercer County Fire Academy**

(Captain John T. Dempster Sr. Fire Service Training Center) 350 Lawrence Station Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, 609-799-3245 **NOTE:** Parking is not allowed on the training grounds.

**From NJ Turnpike (above Exit 9):** Take Exit 9 to Route 18 North to Route 1 South. Proceed approximately 18 miles to Quaker Bridge Road. Take Quaker Bridge Road exit. After the Quaker Bridge Mall, proceed .5 mile and turn right onto Lawrence Station Road. Training Center is on the right after approximately .75 mile.

**From NJ turnpike (below Exit 8):** Take Exit 7A to I-195 West. Follow I-195 West to I-295 North. Take exit for Route 1 North. Follow Route 1 North to Quaker Bridge Road. Take Quaker Bridge Road exit. After mall, proceed .5 mile and turn right onto Lawrence Station Road. Training Center is on the right after approximately .75 mile.

## **Middlesex County Fire Academy**

1001 Fire Academy Dr, Sayreville, NJ 08872, 732-727-0008

#### From the North

**Route 9 South:** Cross the Raritan River and take the South Amboy Business District/ Parkway South exit. Make a right at light onto Chevalier Drive. Turn left onto Main Street. Take jug handle for Kennedy Drive. At stop sign turn right onto Fire Academy Drive.

**Route 287:** Take 287 south to Route 9 south. Cross over the Raritan River and take the South Amboy Business District/Parkway South exit. Make a right at light onto Chevalier Drive. Turn left onto Main Street. Take jug handle for Kennedy Drive. At stop sign turn right onto Fire Academy Drive.

**New Jersey Turnpike:** Take the NJ Turnpike to exit 11. Follow signs to Route 9 south. Cross over the Raritan River and take the South Amboy Business District/Parkway South exit. Make a right at light onto Chevalier Drive. Turn left onto Main Street. Take jug handle for Kennedy Drive. At stop sign turn right onto Fire Academy Drive.

**Garden State Parkway:** Take the Garden State Parkway South to Exit 124. Make right onto Main St., Sayreville. Make first right turn off of Main St. onto Kennedy Drive. Kennedy Drive will turn into Fire Academy Drive at the first traffic light.

#### From the South

**Route 9 North:** Take 35 North/Parkway South exit. Follow signs for Chevalier Drive and Parkway South. Take Chevalier Drive to Main Street. Take jug handle for Kennedy Drive. At stop sign turn right onto Fire Academy Drive.

**Garden State Parkway:** Take the Garden State Parkway North to Exit 125. At end of exit ramp turn left onto Chevalier Drive. Make the second left onto Main St., Sayreville. Take jug handle for Kennedy Drive. At stop sign turn right onto Fire Academy Drive.

**New Jersey Turnpike:** Take the NJ Turnpike to exit 10. Follow signs to 440 east to Route 9 south. Cross over the Raritan River and take the South Amboy Business District/Parkway South exit. Make a right at light onto Chevalier Drive. Turn left onto Main Street. Take jug handle for Kennedy Drive. Turn right onto Fire Academy Drive.

**From Middlesex County Route 535:** Take Route 535 (Cranbury Rd.) east to Main St. in South River. Cross over the Veteran's Memorial Bridge. Proceed to the second traffic light and make a left turn onto Main Street in Sayreville. Proceed to fourth traffic light and turn left onto Fire Academy Drive.

## **Monmouth County Fire Academy**

1027 Business Route 33 East, Howell, NJ 07728, 732-938-5689

**From NJ Turnpike Southbound:** Take Exit 8, merge onto 133 west, turn on to travel 33 East, can take the 33 Bypass to avoid local and business traffic, approximately 18 miles to the Academy which will be on the left side.

**From NJ Turnpike Northbound:** Take exit 7A, merge on to I-195 East, stay on about 20 miles to Route 9 North Exit 28B, take Route 9 North for about 6 miles to Route 79 North/South St (Freehold), merge onto Rte 33 East. Take 33 East for approximately 5 miles; Academy is 1/2 mile past Cabin Restaurant on the left.

## Morris County Public Safety Training Academy

500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, NJ 07950, 973-285-2979

**From I-287 Southbound:** Take Exit 36. Bear right off exit to traffic light. Make right onto Ridgedale Avenue. At next traffic light, make left onto East Hanover Avenue. Proceed through six additional traffic lights. At the 7th traffic light, turn right into Academy driveway (Freedom Way). Mileage - 3.5 miles.

**From I-287 Northbound:** Take Exit 36B. Cross back over I-287 and stay to the extreme right. At the traffic light, take yield to the right (Ridgedale Avenue). Turn left at third traffic light (East Hanover Avenue). Proceed through 6 addi- tional traffic lights. At the 7th traffic light, turn right into the Academy driveway (Freedom Way). Mileage - 3.5 miles.

**From Route 24 Westbound:** Take Exit 1A. At first traffic light make right onto Hanover Avenue. Proceed through 8 additional traffic lights. At 9th traffic light, turn right into Academy driveway (Freedom Way). Mileage - 4.5 miles.

**From GSP Northbound:** Take Exit 142 to I-78 East to I-78 West, to I-287 (then follow directions from I-287 Northbound), or Route 24 West (Follow directions from Route 24 Westbound).

**From NJ Turnpike Northbound:** Take I-78 West. To Route 24 West (Then follow directions from Route 24 Westbound).

## **Newark Liberty International Airport**

1 Conrad Road, Newark, NJ 07114 Administration Building "Building 1" Room: 2nd Floor Large General Manager's Conference Room

**Via New Jersey Turnpike:** Take Exit 14-14A-14B-14C for I-78 W toward US-1/US-9/Newark Airport.Continue on I-78 West. Use left lane to take the exit toward Port Newark. Take the exit toward Newark Airport. Merge onto Breaster Road. Left onto Conrad Road. Left into Parking Lot for Building 1.

**Via Garden State Parkway:** Take Exit 142A for I-78 East toward NJ Turnpike/Newark international Airport. Stay on I-78 East. Use right two lanes to take Exit 57 for NJ-21 N towards Newark/Newark Airport

Keep left and follow signs for the "North Area". Left onto Brewster Road. Right onto Conrad Road. Left into Parking Lot for Building 1.

## Ocean County Fire & EMS Training Center

200 Volunteer Way, Waretown, NJ 08758, 800-723-2088

From the North and South: Take Garden State Parkway North to Exit 69 (Waretown). Turn right onto Route 532 East (Wells Mills Road). Take Wells Mills Road approximately 2.5 miles to Route 9. Turn left onto Route 9 North. Travel Route 9 North approximately 0.6 miles to Volunteer Way. Turn left and follow to the end.

**From the West:** Take Route 70 East to Route 72 East. Take Route 72 East for approximately 16 miles to Route 532 (Wells Mills Road). Turn left onto Route 532 for approximately 8 miles to Route 9. Turn left onto Route 9 North. Travel Route 9 North approximately 0.6 miles to Volunteer Way. Turn left and follow to end.

## Passaic County Community College Public Safety Academy

300 Oldham Road, Wayne, NJ 07470, 973-304-6020

**From the North:** GSP North to Exit153. Route 3 West to Route 46 West. Make a right unto Union Boulevard (Turns into Union Avenue). Go to Preakness Avenue and make a left onto Preakness Avenue \*Take Preakness Avenue to the very top of the hill. Turn right onto Oldham Road – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy "Kattak Parkway", on right side, approximately 1.5 miles.

**From the South:** GSP South To Exit 154 onto Route 46 West. Make a right unto Union Boulevard (Turns into Union Avenue). Go to Preakness Avenue and make a left onto Preakness Avenue. Follow the above direction from the \*.

From Route 80 Westbound: Take Route 80 West to Exit 56 on the right (Squirrelwood Road, West Paterson). Make a right at end of ramp. Make first left onto Glover Street, Go through first traffic light and over bridge. At second traffic light, turn right onto Totowa Avenue. At first traffic light, turn left onto Preakness Avenue. \* Take Preakness Avenue to the top of the hill. Turn right onto Oldham Road – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy "Kattak Parkway", on right side approximately 1.5 miles.

From Route 80 Eastbound: Take Route 80 East to Exit 54 on the right (Minnisink Road, Totowa). Make left at end of ramp and go back over Route 80 on Minnisink Road. Make first left onto Vreeland Avenue (sign for Route 80 West). At the end of Vreeland Avenue, make a right onto Riverview Drive. Make a right onto Valley Road (Golf Course is on the right) from Riverview Drive. Make a right onto Preakness Avenue from Valley Road. Follow above directions from the \*.

**Going East on Valley Road, Wayne, N.J. (toward Ratzer Road):** Turn right on Preakness Avenue – go to top of hill – turn left on Oldham Road – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy, on right side approximately 1.5 miles.

Going West on Valley Road, Wayne, N.J. (toward French Hill Road): Turn left on Preakness Avenue – go to top of hill – turn left on Oldham Road – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy, on right side "Kattak Parkway," approximately 1.5 miles.

**Going East on Alps Road, Wayne, N.J.** Make right on Burhwood Avenue, proceed to Valley Road and make a right on Valley Road to Preakness Avenue – turn left – go to top of hill, make a left turn on Oldham Road – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy, on right side approximately 1.5 miles.

**Going West on Alps Road, Wayne, N.J.** Make a left on Birchwood Avenue – proceed to Valley Road – make a right turn on Valley Road – make a left at Preakness Avenue – go to top of hill – make left on Oldham Road –– follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy, on right side "Kattak Parkway," approximately 1.5 miles.

**From Route 46:** Exit at Riverview Drive (from East or West) proceed on Riverview Drive to Valley Road – turn right on Valley Road – go to Preakness Avenue – make a right turn on Preakness – make a left turn on Oldham Road – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy, on right side "Kattak Parkway," approximate- ly 1.5 miles.

From Route 287 North to Route 80 East: Exit Minnisink Road – at end of exit make left, go over Route 80. Take next left. Go to end to stop sign. Make a right – straight to Valley Road (can only make a right) Straight to Preakness Avenue – make right. Up to top of hill make left on Oldham Road. – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy, on right side "Kattak Parkway," approximately 1.5 miles.

## **Paulsboro Refinery**

600 Billingsport Rd, Paulsboro, NJ 08066

From the East: Take Garden State Parkway South to Exit 38B. Exit at 38B for A C Expressway toward Camden. Merge onto Atlantic City Expy W. Keep left at the fork to stay on Atlantic City W. Continue onto NJ- 41 N. Take exit 14A for NJ-42 N/ I-295S. Take exit 18 toward Mt Royal/Clarksboro. Follow Berkley Rd. to Billingsboro Rd in Greenwhich Township. Turn right onto Berkley Rd. Turn left onto E Broad St. Turn right onto Billingsport Rd. Pass by Fulton Bank (on the right). Destination will be on the left.

From the South: Take I- 295 N. Follow signs for Camden/ Trenton. Take exit 16A toward Paulsboro. Continue on Swedesboro Rd. Drive to Billingsport Rd. Merge onto Swedesboro Rd. Pass by Fulton Bank (on the right). Destination will be on the left.

From the North: Take NJ Tpke South. Take exit 4 toward NJ-73N. Take exit 4 toward NJ-73 N. Keep right, follow signs for NJ-73 N and merge onto NJ-73 N. Use the middle lane to stay on NJ-73 N and follow signs for I-295 S/Del Mem Brg. Slight right to merge onto I-295 S toward Del Mem Brg. Use the right 2 lanes to take the I-295/NJ-42 S exit toward Del Mem Br/ Atlantic City. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for I-295 S. Continue onto I-295 S. Take exit 18 toward Mt Royal/ Clarksboro. Turn right onto Berkley Rd. Turn left onto E Broad St. Turn right onto Billingsport Rd. Pass by Fulton Bank (on the right). Destination will be on the left.

## Salem County Fire Academy

135 Cemetery Road, Woodstown, NJ 08098, 856-769-3500

**From the North:** Take I-295 South to Exit 4 - Penns Grove Woodstown. Take Route 48 East to Route 40. Turn right on Route 45 where Route 40 and 45 intersect. (Landmarks - WaWa and Shopping Center) 1.5 miles south make a left on Cemetery Road. (Landmarks - County Road Dept. and Veterans Cemetery) Look for signs that say Salem County Emergency Services. The Academy is right next to the Salem County Road Dept.) The Fire Training Center is on the right. (It is a two story brick building with three towers behind it). The entrance is the same as the Salem County Correctional Facility.

**From the East:** Take Route 40 West through Woodstown to traffic light (WaWa on corner), proceed straight through light onto Route 45 South, go approximately 1.5 miles turn left on Cemetery Road. Follow the directions above.

**From South East:** Take Route 49 West to Salem, turn right on to Route 45 North, go approximately 7 miles turn right on Cemetery Road. The Academy is second driveway on right.

## Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy

402 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844, 908-725-5070

**From the East:** I-78 West to I-287 South. Take Bridgewater Exit 17 (202/206 South). Take Route 206 South around the Somerville Circle toward Princeton. Travel for approximately 2.5 miles and turn right onto Dukes Parkway West. Travel approximately 1 mile and turn left onto Roycefield Road. Go approximately 0.5 mile and turn left into the Somerset County Public Works facility. Go through the gates and make an immediate right. Follow this road to the Training Academy.

**From the South:** Garden State Parkway or New Jersey Turnpike to I-287 North. Take Exit 14B to Route 22 West. Go approximately 2 miles and take Route 202/206 South. Take Route 206 South around the Somerville Circle toward Princeton. Travel for approximately 2.5 miles and turn right onto Dukes Parkway West. Travel approximately 1 mile and turn left onto Roycefield Road. Go approximately .5 mile and turn left into the Somerset County Public Works facility. Go through the gates and make an immediate right. Follow this road to the Training Academy.

**From the South (via Route 206):** Take Route 206 North onto Hillsborough Township. Travel for approximately 6 miles and take the jug handle for Dukes Parkway West. Travel approximately 1 mile and turn left onto Roycefield Road. Go approximately .5 mile and turn left into the Somerset County Public Works facility.

**From the North:** From I-287 South. Take Bridgewater Exit 17 (202/206 South). Follow the directions from the East.

**From the West:** I-78 East to I-287 South. From I-287 South take Exit 17 (202/206 South). Follow the directions from the East.

### **Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 696**

41 E. Willow St. #43, Millburn, NJ 07041

**From the North:** Take 287 South. Take exit 37 to NJ 24 E. Take the exit to 78 E toward Newark. Take exit 49A to merge onto NJ 124 W/Springfield Ave toward NJ 82/Union/Springfield. Turn right onto Main Street. Turn right onto E. Willow Street. Destination will be on your left

**From the South:** Take the Garden State Parkway North. Take exit 139B toward NJ 82 W/Union.

Turn right onto Chestnut Street. Slight right onto Stuyvesant Avenue. Turn left onto Elmwood Avenue. Turn left onto NJ 82 W/Morris Avenue. Turn right onto Maple Avenue. Slight left onto Main Street. Continue straight to stay on Main Street. Turn right onto E. Willow Street. Destination will be on your left.

## Sussex County Public Safety Training Academy

(At the Sussex County Homestead Complex in Frankford Township) 114 Morris Turnpike (Route 655), Newton, NJ 07860, 973-948-7897

From Route 206 or Route 94 Northbound: (Route 206, 94 and 519 merge in Newton). Take Route 206 or 94 to 519 North in Newton (Hayeks Market). Turn onto Route 519 North. Take Route 519 North until the intersection with Route 655 (Morris Turnpike). Go straight through intersection. Fire Academy is approximately 1 mile on the left.

**From I-80 Westbound:** Take I-80 to Route 15 North. Take Route 15 North to intersection with Routes 206 & 565 (Ross' Corner). Take Route 206 North (straight through intersection). Follow Route 206 to Route 519. Left turn on Route 519 South until the intersection with Route 655. Right turn onto Route 655 (Morris Turnpike). Fire Academy is approximately 1 mile on the left.

**From I-80 Eastbound:** Take I-80 to Route 94 North or Route 206 North. Follow directions for Route 206 or Route 94 above.

**From route 23:** Take Route 23 to Route 639 (Sussex Boro - Loomis Ave.). Take Route 639 to Route 565 (McCoys Corner). Route 565 South to Routes 206 & 15 (Ross' Corner). Follow Route 206 North to Route 519. Take Route 519 South to Route 655. Right turn onto Route 655 (Morris Turnpike). Fire Academy is approximately 1 mile on the left.

## **Toms River Fire Academy**

1780 Church Rd, Toms River, NJ 08753 732-255-4024

**From the North:** Take the Garden State Parkway South to Exit 88 and tum right to state highway route 70 west. Take Rt 70 West approximately four miles to New Hampshire Ave. Turn left using a right-handed jug handle to New Hampshire Ave south approximately three miles to Church Road. Turn Left onto Church Rd and follow road east under Parkway the training center is on left approximately one-half mile after parkway.

**From the South:** Take the Garden State Parkway North to Exit 83. Take Route 9 (Lakewood Rd) north approximately three miles to Church road turn right follow road east under parkway the training center is on the left approximately one half-mile after parkway.

**From the West:** Take Route 70 East to New Hampshire Ave. Tum right onto New Hampshire Ave travel south for approximately three miles to church road Turn left follow church road under parkway. Academy is on the left in approximately one half mile after parkway.

## Union County Department of Public Safety Fire/EMS Training Academy

1075 Edward St., Linden, NJ 07036

For students using navigational apps for Union County Fire Academy, you are advised to ONLY use Google Maps. All other apps/software will take you to a different location.

From Garden State Parkway North: Take Exit 135 (Clark), bear to the right and follow Brant Ave. to traffic light. Make a left on Westfield Avenue. Follow straight through seven traffic lights onto East Grand Ave. and cross Route 1 & 9. Continue straight onto Barnett St. which will turn into Lower Rd. Continue straight past the Amazon distribution center on your left and turn left onto Avenue C. Academy Main Campus entrance will be 100 yards on the left.

**From Garden State Parkway South:** Take Exit 135 (Clark), follow circle under Parkway and make first right onto Brant Ave. Then follow directions above from Parkway North.

Routes 1 & 9 North:

Proceed North on Route 1 & 9 past the Union County Resource Recovery Facility in Rahway on the right, continue for ¾ of a mile and turn right onto East Grand Ave. Continue straight onto Barnett St. which will turn into Lower Rd. Continue straight past the Amazon distribution center on the left and turn left onto Avenue C. Academy Main Campus entrance will be 100 yards on the left.

#### Routes 1 & 9 South:

Proceed South on Routes 1 & 9 past the Walmart Supercenter in Linden on the right. Drive under the railroad overpass and turn left onto Avenue C. Continue straight on Avenue C for ¼ mile, Academy Main Campus entrance is on the right.

## **Warren County Fire Academy**

1024 Route 57, Washington, NJ 07882, 908-835-2048

**Route 78W:** Take Exit 17. Drive north on Route 31 for 10 miles. Go under railroad bridge; make left at traffic light on Route 57 West. Go 2–3 miles to the Warren County Community College and Public Safety Building entrance. Take left into driveway. Follow road through left curve; make right toward radio tower. Academy is on left in front of the radio tower. **From the South:** Garden State Parkway or New Jersey Turnpike to 1–287 North. Take Exit 14B to Route 22 West. Go approximately 2 miles and take Route 202/206 South. Take Route 206 South around the Somerville Circle toward Princeton. Travel for approximately 2.5 miles and turn right onto Dukes Parkway West. Travel approximately 1 mile and turn left onto Roycefield Road. Go approximately .5 mile and turn left into the Somerset County Public Works facility. Go through the gates and make an immediate right. Follow this road to the Training Academy.

**From the South (via Route 206):** Take Route 206 North onto Hillsborough Township. Travel for approximately 6 miles and take the jug handle for Dukes Parkway West. Travel approximately 1 mile and turn left onto Roycefield Road. Go approximately .5 mile and turn left into the Somerset County Public Works facility.

**From the North:** From I-287 South. Take Bridgewater Exit 17 (202/206 South). Follow the directions from the East.

**From the West:** I-78 East to I-287 South. From I-287 South take Exit 17 (202/206 South). Follow the directions from the East.

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