# BFST3533
# Community Risk Reduction
# Syllabus

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## Course Contacts
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## Class Days/Time
The course is designed for a traditional delivery consisting of 45 hours of instructor/student participation. The traditional program at the Florida State Fire College will be Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1700 with group project design and presentation for an additional 5 hours. The hybrid program will consist of utilizing Canvas LMS, three conference calls and an two day in-person attendance at the Florida State Fire College.

## Contact Hours
45-hour course

## Continuing Education Units (CEU's)
Approved for 45 CEUs toward Fire Safety Inspector and Fire Instructor.

## Course Description
This course provides theoretical framework for the ethical, sociological, organizational, political, and legal components of community risk reduction, as well as a methodology for the development of a community risk reduction plan.

## Prerequisite(s)
None

**Pre-course Assignment**
None

**Course Materials, Grading and Attendance**

Computer access

The course materials are now available in a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) format that will function on any electronic device. The Florida State Fire College classroom environment is computer based. An increased number of students and instructors are bringing laptop computers or other electronic devices to campus; you are responsible for the security and maintenance of your equipment. The State Fire College cannot provide computer software, hardware (which includes disks, printers, scanners, monitors, etc.) or technical support for your device. Fore your convenience, we do provide surge protector power strips at each classroom table.
The course shall require you to conduct research about your agency. Electronic format is recommended and access to such information shall be necessary during the course.
Should you need access to the Student Resource Center, it is located off the main lobby and is available for all students to utilize. The lab is open daily Monday through Friday. A copy machine is available for printing course materials. A thumb drive maybe necessary to access documents for print.

Textbook

Community Risk Reduction Principles and Practices; Beverly E. Walker

Grading

| Tests | 15% |
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| Module Projects | 15% |
| Peer Review | 20% |
| Final Report | 25% |
| Final Presentation | 25% |

Attendance

You are required to attend all sessions of the course. If you do not, you may not receive a certificate.
- Excused absences - Students are permitted excused absences totaling no more than 10% of class (4.5 hours maximum); the instructor shall be the sole determining authority in the determination of an excused absence and may assign supplemental work to make up for missed class time.
- Unexcused absences - The instructor shall be the sole determining authority in the determination of an unexcused absence (i.e. "no call, no show").  The instructor has no obligation to offer the student an opportunity to make up assignments, including quizzes and/or exams, but may do so at his/her discretion.

## Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is crucial to the learning community and indicates respect for the college, the instructor, the course, your classmates and yourself. Any violation of this trust, including but not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, or using or having any content of an un-administered test, will result in immediate dismissal from the course. Under Florida Statute 633, any student dismissed for academic dishonesty can be refused acceptance for any course administered by FSFC.

The Student Standards of Conduct is located on the Florida State Fire College website located at https://myfloridacfo.com/docs-sf/state-fire-marshal-libraries/sfm-documents/bfst/student-services/student-standards-of-conduct.pdf

## Course Outcomes

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Community Risk Reduction for the Fire and Emergency Services (C0287)

1. Identify ways to become champions of risk reduction.
2. Develop and meet community risk-reduction objectives.
3. Identify and develop intervention strategies.
4. Implement a risk-reduction program.
5. Review and modify risk-reduction programs.

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Community Risk Reduction in EMS (C0298)

1. Demonstrate an understanding of community risk reduction as it pertains to EMS.
2. Explain the various components of a community risk-reduction program as it pertains to EMS including:
       a. Analysis.
       b. Public health.
       c. Identification.
       d. Program development.
       e. Results measurement.
3. Discuss the benefits of a risk-reduction program in the community as it pertains to EMS.

**Job Performance Requirement**


NFPA 1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2014 Edition

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NFPA 1037 Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Marshal, 2016 Edition

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