

2024 NFA WEEKEND Course Options

1. (W0166) EMS Functions in ICS

In this 2-day course, students will practice use of the Incident Command System (ICS) in coordination with other public safety responders. As a follow-up to ICS-100 and ICS-200 training, this course will present scenarios requiring responders to structure their EMS resources within the guidance of National Incident Management System ICS as appropriate to the needs of the different incident types.

Through simulation and role-playing, students will demonstrate the implementation of EMS components in an ICS at incidents.

Audience: Emergency response personnel with responsibilities to implement the initial EMS functions of an ICS at incidents.

Link to Course Description: <https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10421>

2. (W0322) Incident Command System for Structural Collapse Incidents

Gain an understanding of command operations at structural collapse incidents including response operations, basic command procedures and Incident Command System (ICS) organizational structure.

Audience: Individuals who have statutory authority/responsibility and may serve in a Unified Command structure at a structural collapse; fire command officers.

Link to Course Description: <https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/159>

3. (W0455) Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations

This 2-day course is designed to meet the needs of Company Officers (COs) responsible for managing the operations of 1 or more companies during structural firefighting operations. This course is designed to develop the management skills needed by COs to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires.

Audience: Senior firefighters who may at times assume the responsibilities of the CO

Link to Course Description: <https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/144>

4. (W0522) Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Through Difficult Conversations

The purpose of this 2-day course is to provide knowledge and skills for having difficult conversations to exercise leadership in addressing adaptive challenges. The goal of this course is for the participant to identify and apply skills for having difficult conversations as they relate to exercising leadership when addressing adaptive challenges.

Audience: The primary target audience is fire and emergency service personnel in positions of authority (executive-level officers) who have an opportunity to exercise leadership.

Link to Course Description: <https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10468>

5. (W0610) Wildland Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer

Learn about operational activities and safety concerns for structural Company Officers assigned to a wildland urban interface (WUI) incident, including command and control issues of WUI firefighting.

Audience: COs or chief officers who may be in command of a single resource or Strike Team at the scene of a WUI incident.

Link to Course Description: <https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/161>

6. (W0646) Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth

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

Audience: The primary target audience for this course are those individuals who are at the first-line level of supervision. For purposes of student selection, first-line level is considered to be those at the Company Officer or Unit (fire prevention, fire education, communications, EMS, etc.) Supervisor level. More specifically, primary selection criteria are as follows: First-line supervisors in fire and EMS organizations. Fire and EMS personnel due for promotion/appointment to a first-line supervisory position within 18 months. Fire and EMS personnel who are regularly assigned acting supervisory positions. Fire and EMS personnel currently enrolled in the National Fire Academy Managing Officer Program will be provided priority selection. The secondary target audiences are fire and EMS personnel at the first-line management level (Chief Officer or above). Students at this level may be given consideration on a space-available basis.

Link to Course Description: <https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10735>

7. (W0770) Fire Investigation: First Responders

This 2-day course presents a basic overview of a fire investigation for the first responder. Students will review the basics of fire chemistry and develop an understanding of the role of the first responder in relation to fire suppression and fire investigation. The course will stress the importance of fire scene awareness, evidence identification, preservation, and the basics of a fire investigation. Students will develop an appreciation for the convergence of suppression, investigation, science and law.

Audience: First Responders that have investigative responsibilities and/or want to learn the importance of fire scene preservation.

Link to Course Description: <https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10758>

8. (W0722) Health and Safety Program Manager

Gain the abilities necessary to manage the duties and responsibilities of the Health and Safety Program Manager and positively impact health and wellness within your organization.

Audience: Individuals who have department-level health and safety responsibilities and responsibility for setting policy for the department on such issues. Individuals attending this course should have working knowledge of the Incident Command System as taught by the National Fire Academy, as well as working knowledge of applicable National Fire Protection Association and Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements and recommendations.

Link to Course Description: <https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10750>