

Rockingham County Department of Fire & Rescue Regional School



April 5,6,7,12,13,14, 2024

(Some classes have additional dates!)

Elevator Rescue (2 Course Offerings)

Driver Pump Operator

VDFP Firefighter Rescue and Survival Program (New MayDay Program)

NFA: Leadership in Supervision

NFA: STICO

NFA: Framework for Success

Lecture Series

Live Fire Instructor

NFA TTT

VDFP Written Test Site Administrator (2 Course Offerings)

Water Thieves: Advanced Drafting Operations

VAOEMS: Mass Casualty Module 1 and 2 Course

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Live Fire: Can Confidence Course



The Programs are being presented through the collaborative efforts of Rockingham County Fire & Rescue and the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

*Courses Held at Massanutten Technical Center
Address: 325 Pleasant Valley Road, Harrisonburg VA, 22801
Unless Otherwise Noted*

Train the Trainer Courses offered at no cost!

**Regional School One Time Non-Refundable
Registration Fee: \$40**

Registration is a one-time fee please confirm you only pay one fee at checkout

Some Courses May Have Additional Fees.

Registration Deadline: Monday April 1, 2024

Please review and confirm the pre-requisites prior to registration

Registration is online through [Rockingham County Parks and Recreation WebTrac website](https://rockinghamcountyparksandrecreation.webtrac.com/).



Available Courses can be found by searching activities search keyword RCFR

Course enrollment and tuition require a one-time creation of an online account at this website.
Regional School Registration is included in Water Thief and Live Fire course fees.



Rockingham Regional School 2024

Lecture Series:

Friday April 5th, 2024 0800-1730
Sipe Center, 100 N. Main St. Bridgewater, VA



“Surviving the Commercial Building Fire”

Presented by Tony Carroll



TONY CARROLL is with the Louisa County (VA) Department of Fire and EMS. He recently retired from the District of Columbia Fire Department (DCFD) after 29 years of service and is a life member of the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton (VA) Volunteer Fire Department. Carroll is a fire service professional who is constantly seeking to raise the bar and be part of the solution.

Mayday Monday is a firefighter survival campaign. The goal is to provide tips and techniques to survive the fireground. This includes methods for personal survival and firefighter rescue, fitness and other healthy tips, and firefighting strategies and tactics that will help all or our members to come home. This session will focus on fighting and surviving commercial building fires. Fires in these structures pose unique challenges not seen in residential buildings. Add to that the infrequency of responding to fires in commercial buildings and the risk to firefighters increases. Using new research and our experience, the class will look at risk management principles and tactics we can use to reduce the risk. The class will present lessons learned from previous fires that can be applied to the incident commander all the way to the nozzleman.

“Street Smart Fire Behavior”

Presented by Marc Nicholson



BATTALION CHIEF MARC NICHOLSON has 29 years of combined volunteer and career service and is currently working for Loudoun Fire Rescue, where he is assigned to the Special Operations Division.

“Street Smart Fire Behavior” will focus on flashover training that is designed to help firefighters from all ranks recognize and respond to changes in fire growth, heat, and smoke production. Marc will present “water on the fire concepts” and discuss things such as horizontal and vertical ventilation, and indirect and direct water applications.



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“Interior Truck Work”

Presented by Dan McMaster



DEPUTY CHIEF DAN MCMASTER currently works for Alexandria Fire Department and brings over 35 years of Fire Service Experience.

“Interior Truck Work” Operating as a member of the inside team of a truck company is one of the most potentially dangerous positions on the fireground. Members of the inside team must have a clear understanding of both the tasks they plan to complete and the hazards they will encounter as they complete them. The lecture will cover the standard duties of the interior truck team in various building types, with a focus on understanding how larger fireground operations and conditions will affect these duties.

“From the Tailboard to the Trenches”

Presented by Alex Caldaro



FIREMAN ALEX CALDARO has 12 years of combined volunteer and career experience. A relief driver on C shift with the Town of Winterville Fire Rescue on the eastern side of North Carolina & active back step Fireman with Kentland Volunteer Fire Department. Alex has nothing but love for the fire service and isn't afraid to let anyone know about it. To Alex it doesn't matter if he's riding on the Engine, Rescue or Ladder, whatever is going to take to him a fire he's all about it and knows we are here for one thing and one thing only....the citizens we serve.

“From the Tailboard to the Trenches” The rewards and struggles in the life of the backstep fireman. From your first day on the job, to being a Senior on the backstep. Tips, tricks struggles and thoughts, for the backstep life.



Contact Capt. Albertson, RCFR Training Division, at dalbertson@rockinghamcountyva.gov with any questions



The Water Thieves: “Water Thievery:” The Art of Advanced Supply Pumper Operations

Date: April 13th & 14th, 2024 (0800-1700)

COST \$200.00 which includes Regional School Registration Fee

Instructor: Andy Socodotto and The Water Thieves

Course Description: Operating as the supply pumper is one of the most important tasks on any fireground. The supply engine must rapidly establish an initial source of water for the attack engine, but also be prepared to expand their system to meet future flow demands. This is regardless of whether the water source is a fire hydrant or static body of water. It is the supply pump operator's responsibility to be prepared to maximize any water source from which they are assigned to operate from. This course is designed to show students how to maximize their water availability while operating from a draft and pressurized water sources. By the conclusion of this course, students will be able to implement these techniques to ensure that they are able to meet the flow demands of their next large scale fire incident.

Hours: 16

Audience: Pump operators interested in maximizing their water delivery capabilities

Prerequisites: Basic Pump Operations course or course meeting NFPA 1002 requirements for Pumper/Driver Operator

Certification Level: Certificate of Attendance

Class Size: Maximum of 25

Restrictions: Participants must be not less than 18 years of age
Participants must have basic pump operations knowledge & understanding.



LIVE FIRE: ‘The Can Man’ Course

Dates: April 13th, 2024 0800-1700

Location: *Fire Training Grounds at 320 East Mosby Road, Harrisonburg Va.*

COST \$100.00 which includes Regional School Registration Fee

Instructors: Jack Reeks, Jess Rodzinka, Bobby Matthews

Description: The Water Can is often the most under-utilized tool on the fire apparatus. We carry them on everything: Engine, Medic, Truck and yet we still don’t utilize them for their true capability. Maybe you have never seen or forgot about the capabilities of the 2.5 gallon can? Come join us for this hard-hitting class on all things “water can”. Class includes search practical’s with live fire and techniques that can make you successful at the “can position”.

Prerequisites: FF1

Student Equipment: FF PPE, and SCBA along with Spare Cylinder that will pass 1403 Inspection.

VDFP DRIVER PUMP OPERATOR

Dates: April 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 27, 28th, May 4th (each day starts at 0800)

TESTING DATE: May 5, 2024, 0830- Till Complete

Instructor: Captain Chris Lantz

Description: The Driver Operator - Pumper Certification Course contains 28-hours of student lectures, and 36-hours of group practical applications. Each student is responsible to participate in all the skills stations in the program and complete the skills to the satisfaction of the instructors. It is important for the Driver Operator - Pumper Candidate to understand the Driver Operator - Pumper Certification training program offered by Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP). **This** is a “college level” course requiring extensive reading and preparation by each candidate.

Prerequisites: FF I & EVOC III

Class Size: 18 students

Student Equipment: FF PPE, Hearing protection, Eye Protection

Curriculum Text: IFSTA “Pumping Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook” Textbook (Third Edition) Books will not be provided or available for sale, students must supply their own for the class.

VDFP Firefighter Rescue and Survival Program

(NEW MAYDAY OPS/TECH PROGRAM)

Dates: April 6th, 7th, 13th, & 14th, 2024 (0800-1700 each day)

Instructor: Chief Shawn Dunstan Lead

Description: This course is designed to address issues impacting firefighter survival. Subjects include case studies of historical incidents involving Mayday calls and LODDs, air management and impact of incident command. The training includes the basic training procedures for fire service personnel to conduct firefighter rapid intervention operations to promote firefighter safety and survival.

This training program is designed to create a highly disciplined operational capability to rescue firefighter(s) who become lost, injured, trapped, incapacitated, or disoriented at an emergency scene or during a training operation. **This program is replacing the current MayDay Operations and Technician Class.**

Hours: 32

Prerequisites: HMO & Fire Fighter I.

Students must be a minimum of 16 years of age and have a VDFP Parental Consent Form submitted with their Registration to Rockingham at the time of registration.

Class Size: 18 Students

Student Equipment: FF PPE with SCBA and Spare Cylinder

Curriculum Text: Optional - Fire Fighter Rescue & Rapid Intervention Teams from Fire Department Training Network. (Jim McCormack)

Elevator Rescue (Class being offered both weekends)

Dates: April 6th & 7th, 2024 (0800-1700) or April 13th & 14th, 2024 (0800-1700)

Instructor: Chief Kevin Bartal

Description: The Elevator Emergencies course is designed to provide the emergency provider with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to response to elevator emergencies. It will show the provider how to safely remove people from malfunctioning elevators by providing them with a working knowledge of both traction and hydraulic elevators. The use of elevators during fire emergencies will also be discussed. The course consists of 6 hours classroom followed by hands on familiarization and expands into practical skills and applications.

Audience: For those Fire Fighters that could be performing Elevator Rescues in Multi-Story Structures

Hours: 16

Prerequisites: Fire Fighter II, Hazardous Materials Operations and be 18 years of age.

Class Size: 24 Students

Student Equipment: Structural PPE, or steel toe shoes, firm fitting helmet, gloves and eye protection, station uniform or other suitable attire no shorts.



NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY: STRATEGY & TACTICS FOR INITIAL COMPANY OPERATIONS

Dates: April 6th and 7th, 2024 (0800-1700)

Instructor: Chief Joe Bailey & Lt. JD Bailey

Description: Changes in modern building design and materials have altered the nature of structure fires, with modern homes able to reach flashover eight times faster than homes built 50 years ago. Fire Fighters are being challenged by different fire ground hazards due to today's more open floor plans and the use of synthetic materials in furniture and building products. These changes have made structure fires deadlier than ever before and call into question traditional firefighting tactics. With what has been brought to light by UL and NIST, this NFA-STICO training program provides an educational opportunity through a combination of *lecture, illustrations, group discussions/activities, case studies, and computer-generated simulations*. This program is essential for all levels of fire service personnel. It provides the necessary information and basic skills to recognize how and why science and the fire service have joined forces to adjust and enhance firefighting tactics. Fire Fighter safety and building occupant survivability are our primary responsibilities and key elements for this training program.

Hours: 16

Prerequisites: N/A

Class Size: 24 Students

Student Equipment Required: IPAD or Laptop

Curriculum Text: Download manual and material from CSOD on IPAD or Laptop

Written Test Administrator (2 Sessions)

DATE: April 13th (1300-1700) or April 14th (0800-1200)

Instructor: Chief Dave Jolly

Description: A course designed to cover all elements of the testing of certification programs by VDFP. The class will allow all participants the opportunity to understand testing methodology used for accredited program testing. This will qualify those interested in assisting with written and skills test administration/evaluation.

Hours: 4

Prerequisites: Fire Instructor I

Class Size: 30 Students

Student Equipment Required: IPAD or Laptop

Curriculum Text:

Live Fire Instructor

DATE: April 6th (0800-1700)

Instructor: Chief Tom Berry

Description: This program is to update and/or provide those instructors that are going to conduct live fire training with the requirements of the current NFPA standard as well as the policies of VDFP including the requirements to operate as the VDFP Compliance Officer.

Hours: 8

Prerequisites: Fire Instructor I

Class Size: 24 Students

Student Equipment Required: IPAD or Laptop

NFA Train the Trainer

DATE: April 7th (0800-1700)

Instructor: Chief Tom Berry

Description: Prepares candidates to deliver General NFA 2-day Handoff programs. The program consists of 8 topics to include class activities. Time is spent teaching about the concepts behind NFA programs as well as the important components that instructors should be familiar with.

Hours: 8

Prerequisites: Fire Instructor I

Class Size: 24 Students

Student Equipment Required: IPAD or Laptop

Curriculum Text: Download manual and material from CSOD on IPAD or Laptop.

NFA Leadership in Supervision: Perspective in Thinking

DATE: April 6th & 7th, 2024 (0800-1700)

Instructor: Chief Chris Jett

Description: This 2-day course provides the supervisor with the conceptual foundation and framework for success in leadership roles by exploring creative, analytical, political, and critical thinking perspectives. The course addresses skills needed for assessing situations from multiple perspectives, making critical decisions, fostering creativity and innovation, and using persuasion.

Hours: 16

Prerequisites: None

Class Size: 24 Students

Student Equipment Required: IPAD or Laptop

Curriculum Text: Download manual and material from CSOD on IPAD or Laptop.

NFA Leadership in Supervision: Framework to Success

Date: April 13 & 14th, 2024 (0800-1700)

Instructor: Chief Melvin Byrne

Description: This 2-day course provides the supervisor with the knowledge and skills to perform successfully in fire and emergency medical services (EMS) environments. The course addresses professionalism, resilience, emotional intelligence, and situational awareness, as well as managing conflict, delegating mentoring, coaching, empowering, and building collaboration and synergy for professional growth.

Hours: 16

Prerequisites: None

Class Size: 24 Students

Student Equipment Required: IPAD or Laptop

Curriculum Text: [Download manual and material from CSOD.](#)

MCI Mod I and II

Date: April 13th, 2024 (0800-1700)

Instructor: Sam Burnett VAOEMS

Description: MCIM Module I will prepare students who are the first responders to a mass casualty incident to take appropriate initial control actions of the medical problem and perform the initial triage of patients.

Description: MCIM Module II provides more in-depth information on managing mass casualties, including creating the medical command structure. A live tabletop exercise helps practice the skills taught in the class.

Hours: 8

Prerequisites:

Class Size: 24 Students

Student Equipment Required: IPAD or Laptop

Fire Officer I and II Train the Trainer

Date: April 14th, 2024 (0800-1700)

Instructor: Chiefs Victor Podbielski & Michael Pruitt

Description: A course designed to cover all elements of the NFPA Officer (2020) standard. This program will introduce the Navigate 2 software to be used by the instructor and students.

Hours: 8

Prerequisites: Fire Instructor I & Fire Officer II

Class Size: 24 Students

Student Equipment Required: IPAD or Laptop

Curriculum Text: J&B Fire Officer Principles & Practice 4th Edition (Books will not be provided or available for sale, students must supply their own for the class). Download material from CSOD on IPAD or Laptop.

Fire Instructor II Train the Trainer

Date: April 13th, 2024 (0800-1700)

Instructor: Chiefs Joe Bailey & Jeff Bailey

Description: This course is based on NFPA 1041 – 2019, Chapter 5, Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications. This class is designed to teach new instructor trainers the methods on how to deliver the current Fire Instructor II program, including instructional aids and evaluation instruments.

Hours: 8

Prerequisites: Fire Instructor I TtT, Fire Instructor II

Class Size: 24 Students

Student Equipment Required: IPAD or Laptop

Curriculum Text: IFSTA Fire & Emergency Services Instructor 9th Edition (Books will not be provided or available for sale, students must supply their own for the class). Download material from CSOD on IPAD or Laptop.

MCI Mod I and II Train The Trainer

Date: April 12th, 2024, (1800-2200)

Instructor: Sam Burnett VAOEMS

Target Audience: ALS, BLS, Educators

Description: Please note the prerequisites for this class before registering. Completion of this course will allow a person to instruct the Virginia Office of EMS Mass Casualty Incident Management Awareness and Operations courses. Current Education Coordinators can teach MCIM I Awareness, but to teach MCIM Operations, they must attend this course. All other instructors must attend this course to teach MCIM I Awareness and MCIM II Operations. This course can also serve as the required biannual update for existing MCIM instructors.

Hours: 4

Prerequisites: *Completion of MCIM Awareness and Operations within the last 5 years. Must have one of the following: Education Coordinator, VDFP Fire Instructor, VAVRS Instructor, AHA or ARC Instructor, or DCJS Instructor. Upon completion of the course, students will receive an application to instruct that will need to be endorsed by their agency and operational medical director.*

Class Size: 24 Students

Student Equipment Required: IPAD or Laptop

