



Firefighter Skills Training Programs

Firefighter Skills Training Programs provides something for all firefighters. Whether you are a rookie learning the basics, or a seasoned veteran brushing up on critical fireground skills, our programs provide the best in standards-based training. Most programs are offered regionally and can also be taught in your community.

Advanced Structural Firefighting

Course Number: 292 **Certificate Type:** Attendance

Hours Total: 8 **Classroom:** 2 **Practical:** 6

FCC: 0 **FPO:** 0 **OEMS:** No

The structural firefighting practices program has been updated to include different methods of fire suppression. The program is for experienced firefighters. The program focuses on tasks including stretching hose lines, calling for water, operating with limited personnel, water application, ventilation, self contained air management and evacuation.

Prerequisites: You must have completed either the Career Recruit Program, Call/Volunteer Recruit Firefighter Training Program, a previous Structural Firefighting Practices Program or be Firefighter I/II Certified. This is a live fire training program. Your Chief must sign sections D and E on the second page of the application.

Emergency Vehicle Operator - Advanced

Course Number: 129 **Certificate Type:** Attendance

Hours Total: 12 **Classroom:** 6 **Practical:** 6

FCC: 0 **FPO:** 0 **OEMS:** Yes

This program introduces students to current motor vehicle laws, common driver mistakes and methods to prevent accidents during emergency vehicle operation. The two-day program includes a mandatory one-day competency course. The program was designed by VFIS (insurance provider and educator to emergency service organizations) to challenge student competency in the operation of emergency motor vehicles. We recommend student have some emergency vehicle driving experience before taking this program. Applications must be received one month prior to the start date of class to be considered for admission.

Emergency Vehicle Operator – Awareness

Course Number: 125 **Certificate Type:** Attendance

Hours Total: 6 **Classroom:** 6 **Practical:** 0

FCC: 0 **FPO:** 0 **OEMS:** No

This course heightens an emergency vehicle operator's level of professionalism on the job. The course focuses on the attitude that drivers should possess. The course covers the standards governing emergency vehicle operators and their fire departments, getting ready to drive, rules of the road, and Massachusetts General Laws chapters 89 and 90 governing emergency apparatus. The program also reviews techniques used to maintain control of a vehicle, emergencies and emergency awareness, and apparatus braking systems. This is a fast-paced course with something for everyone who drives emergency vehicles. Applications must be received one month prior to the start date of class to be considered for admission.

Flashover Simulator Training

Course Number: 291 **Certificate Type:** Attendance

Hours Total: 6 **Classroom:** 3 **Practical:** 3

FCC: 0 **FPO:** 0 **OEMS:** No

This program teaches the warning signs of imminent flashover to firefighters conducting interior fire attack. The class includes a 2-hour lecture on the characteristics of flashover followed by 2.5 hours of live fire evolutions in the Swede flashover simulator. This is a priority selection class and is limited to 24 students. Applications must be received one month prior to the start date of class to be considered for admission. Prerequisite: Proof of completion of one of the following: Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Career Recruit program, Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Call/Volunteer Firefighting Training Program, Structural Firefighting Practices or certification to Firefighter I/II. Students are required to sign a safety guidelines and precaution document and to bring NFPA-compliant protective clothing consisting of helmet, hood, coat, gloves, and bunker gear. Advanced hydration is required.