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# **Sissonville Fire & Rescue School**

## **13TH ANNUAL SISSONVILLE FIRE & RESCUE SCHOOL**

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**CLASSES HELD OVER TWO WEEKENDS  
SISSONVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**100 Middle School Lane, Charleston, WV 25312**

**MARCH 1 - 3 AND MARCH 8 - 10, 2019**

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# Welcome!

We would like to invite all Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement personnel to the **13th Annual Sissonville Fire & Rescue School** in March 2019. Recently, we have trained OVER 800 first responders per year from West Virginia and surrounding states.

We have teamed up with West Virginia Public Service Training and West Virginia University Fire Service Extension to offer certifications for most of our courses.

Also, we are hosting Blended Learning EMT-B and Firefighter I courses where you will complete part of the course at your own home.

Firefighter Training Headquarters previously released a statement saying that "*Sissonville Fire and Rescue School offers one of the best fire academies in the US*".

**General Assembly:** All students, instructors, and staff must be present for General Assembly on the first Saturday morning - March 2, 2019 - at 8:00am for announcements.

**Free T-Shirt:** All students who submit their registration to us by February 19, 2019 will receive a Free Fire School T-Shirt. **Any registrations received after this date, - including those at the door - will not receive a T-shirt.**

**Refunds:** No refunds will be given unless all three of your choices for a particular day are canceled or full. Second and Third Choices must be selected or you forfeit your option for a refund. All refund requests must be made in writing and submitted via U.S. Mail with your Fire Chief's (or other designee's) signature.

**Meals:** Lunch will be provided to all participants on both Saturdays. Lunch on Sunday will be on your own. Free refreshments will be available on both Saturdays and Sundays.

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= Junior Firefighters are eligible to attend the course.



= Course submitted for approval of EMS In-Service Hours.



= Course submitted for approval of Law Enforcement In-Service Hours.

# Two Weekend Courses

(March 1-3 and March 8-10, 2019)

## EMT-B (Online)

Instructor: WVPST Instructor TBA

### Course 001

150 HOURS

FRI 6PM

SAT 8AM

SUN 8AM

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**Tuition, Textbook, & Online Access Code: \$800 Prerequisite: High School Diploma**

This is a blended learning course for initial Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). This EMT course will cover the content necessary for students to take the practical skills and written examinations for EMT certification. If you are a self-motivated, goal-oriented student who enjoys being challenged, then this is a great educational opportunity. If you are looking for an easy route to EMT Certification, then this course is NOT for you. Additional fees will need to be paid to the appropriate agencies for background checks and testing fees.

This is a VERY accelerated online EMT course. The student must be ready to work and be willing to work on this course nearly every day. The course will begin on March 1, 2019 at 6pm and students will have in-class dates of March 2, March 3, March 8, March 9, March 10, March 30, March 31, April 5, April 6, and April 7. On days not listed the student will be responsible for completing all the online course modules and obtaining the required patient contacts and ambulance ride time. Class begins at 6pm on Fridays and 8am on Saturdays and Sundays.

## FIRE FIGHTER 1 (Online)

Instructor: Mike Hart

**Tuition, Textbook & Online Access Code: \$275 Prerequisite: None**

### Course 002

120 HOURS

FRI 6PM

SAT 8AM

SUN 8AM

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This course is designed to meet the job performance requirements of NFPA 1001. Students will learn the fundamentals of firefighting skills through this blended learning course which will combine online learning with intense practical application. The course is designed to assist students with obtaining certification through a self-paced style of instruction and includes certification in Firefighter Level I, First Aid and CPR, Hazardous Materials Awareness, and Hazardous Materials Operations.

**Students must attend one of the two orientation weekends to attend this course at the fire school. Those dates are January 12th and 13th OR February 2nd and 3rd.**

This is a Blended Learning class that requires independent study and a commitment to learning. Students will be given their text and a Course Access code at the first meeting. Students are expected to complete all of the on-line assignments and read the requisite course materials to be prepared to test on Sunday, March 10, 2019.

**YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR THIS COURSE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 2, 2019.**

**ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS CAN BE ISSUED FOR THIS CLASS ONCE YOU REGISTER.**

\* Your textbook and online access code will be delivered once we receive payment for your registration. Once the packet arrives you will be contacted and will either need to make arrangements to pick up the textbook and access code or they will be mailed to you.

\*\* Because this is a Blended Learning Class, each student will need to have a Mentor from their department or organization who is willing to work with the student and provide some out of class support. Mentors will work with students in their stations to ensure that the student is practicing key skills necessary for certifications. Fire School time will be devoted primarily to re-enforcing skills and

# Two Weekend Courses

(March 1-3 and March 8-10, 2019)

## Course 003

**40 HOURS**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN 8AM**

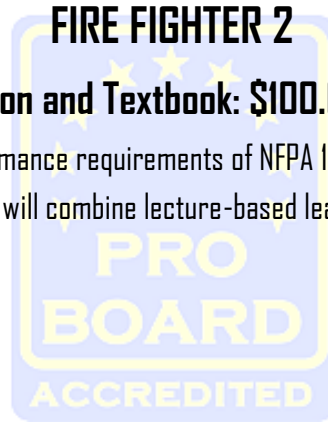
**BOTH WEEKENDS**

**Instructor: David Gray**

**Tuition and Textbook: \$100.00**

**Prerequisite: Firefighter 1**

This course is designed to meet the job performance requirements of NFPA 1021. Students will learn advanced fundamentals of firefighting skills through this course which will combine lecture-based learning with intense practical application including live fire training.



## Course 004

**48 HOURS**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN 8AM**

**BOTH WEEKENDS**

**Instructor: Brent Burger Tuition: \$200.00 Textbook: \$160.00 Prerequisite: Fire Fighter 2**

Designed to meet the job performance requirements of NFPA 1021. It identifies the requirements necessary to perform the duties of a first-line to mid-level supervisor. Introduces the student to the concepts of management and supervision on such topics as: Organizational Structure, Communication Skills, Human Resource Management, Public Relations, Planning, Emergency Service Delivery, Safety, information management, government structure, and department budget planning and management.



## Course 005

**50 HOURS**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN 8AM**

**BOTH WEEKENDS**

**Instructor: Mike Daley**

**Tuition: \$200.00**

**Textbook: \$105.00**

**Prerequisite: HazMat Ops**

Hazardous Materials Technician prepares Operations-level responders for Technician-level Hazardous Materials certification. This course, based on NFPA 472 standards, provides participants with HAZMAT-specific response knowledge and skills, enabling them to respond safely and effectively to a suspected incident at the hazardous materials technician level. Participants receive hands-on training in donning and doffing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Levels A and B, containing leaks and drum over-packing, containing leaks in pressurized containers, and performing technical and mass decontamination. The course culminates with performance of these offensive-level tasks in an activity in which the participants apply the knowledge and skills learned in a simulated HAZMAT environment.



## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIAN

# Two Weekend Courses

(March 1-3 and March 8-10, 2019)

## Course 006

**50 HOURS**

**FRI 5PM**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN 8AM**

**BOTH WEEKENDS**

## INSTRUCTOR 1 & 2

**Instructor: TBA Tuition: \$200.00 Textbook Package: \$300.00**

**Prerequisite: Fire Fighter 1, Fire Fighter 2, HazMat Operations OR EMT**

This NFPA 1041 course will train participants to teach a class from a prepared lesson plan as well as the ability to develop goals and objectives for course success. This course introduces the student to the concept of utilizing training aids to enhance his/her presentation, and how to properly select and use these training aids. The student will give several presentations during the week, all leading to the twenty-minute graded presentation on the final day.

Upon Successful completion of this course students will be issued certification for Instructor 1 & 2; however, this does not guarantee employment with WV PST or West Virginia University - Fire Service Extension.



## RESCUE CORE

**Instructor: Darin Virag Tuition: \$150.00 Textbook: \$110.00 Prerequisite: None**

This course is the Introduction to Technical Rescue and goes into rope rescue techniques which will include a classroom review of equipment, knots, and rope safety. Instruction events include: establishing need for rope rescue; uses and limitations of equipment; knotcraft; safety aspects; basic anchoring systems; lowering systems and other aspects of rope rescue. The class meets the requirements of NFPA 1006 Chapter 5, prerequisite for all other technical rescue subjects upon successful completion. At the conclusion of the course, the student will be trained and have certificates for Vehicle and Machinery Extrication Awareness, Wilderness Search and Rescue Awareness, Rope Rescue Awareness and Rope Rescue Operations to the NFPA Standard 1006, 2017 edition.

## Course 007

**34 HOURS**

**FRI N/A**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN 8AM**

**BOTH WEEKENDS**



# Weekend One - Friday Day Time Courses

(March 1, 2019)

## GRANT WRITING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES

**Instructor:** Tom Miller    **Tuition:** \$45.00    **Prerequisite:** None

**Course 100**

**8 HOURS**

**FRI 8AM**

**SAT N/A**

**SUN N/A**

**1ST WEEKEND**

This course enables the student to learn basic grant writing skills and grant researching skills for emergency services organizations. Topics to be covered include developing statements of need, establishing clear goals and objectives, gathering data to support the application, justifying the need(s), and establishing confidence in the organization. Various grants that are available to fire departments and emergency response organizations will be discussed and a "Grant Resource Toolkit" will be given to each student attending. The course is designed for students with little or no previous experience. Students will be provided a list of local, State and Federal grant resources including minimum requirements and tips for securing and effectively managing these grants.

Students attending this course will need to report to the Sissonville Fire Department - Johnson Station, 383 Call Road, Charleston, WV 25312.

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# Weekend One - Friday Courses

(March 1, 2019)

## Course 101

**3 HOURS**

FRI 6PM  
SAT N/A  
SUN N/A  
1ST WEEKEND

### DEALING WITH INJURED FIREFIGHTERS AND GEAR REMOVAL

**Instructor:** Robert Smith

**Tuition:** \$30.00

**Prerequisite:** None

This class will address how to properly manage the injured firefighter who has been exposed to a super-heated environment. So many courses deal with calling the mayday or how to self-rescue. This program prepares you to help the injured firefighter by quickly removing his or her turnout gear. Bring your EMS shears because attendees will practice cutting turnout gear away from an injured colleague. This course is designed for both fire and EMS providers.

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## Course 102

**4 HOURS**

FRI 6PM  
SAT N/A  
SUN N/A  
1ST WEEKEND

### FIREGROUND ACCOUNTABILITY - TRACKING THE HOT ZONE

**Instructor:** John Philpott

**Tuition:** \$30.00

**Prerequisite:** None

After many years of LIMITED or NO Fire Ground Accountability in multiple Jurisdictions, a simple but effective system has been developed. This system can be used for any department, with or without a current system, that responds to your incidents and operates in the Hot or Hazard Zone. The system accounts for crews that are assigned to a Hot Zone Task, the crew's assigned Location, and their Exit out of the Hot Zone.

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## Course 103

**4 HOURS**

FRI 6PM  
SAT N/A  
SUN N/A  
1ST WEEKEND

### OPIOID RESPONSE PROTECTION FOR FIRE, POLICE & EMS

**Instructor:** Tom Miller

**Tuition:** \$30.00

**Prerequisite:** None

This program is intended to provide important personal safety information to first responders as it relates to their response to incidents involving potential opioid emergencies. It is not intended to address patient care, medical interventions, or law enforcement tactical considerations as they relate to opioid responses. Agencies should draft and/or implement SOPs/SOGs for handling these types of emergencies. The information in this course may be used as guidance material in that process.

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## Course 104

**4 HOURS**

FRI 6PM  
SAT N/A  
SUN N/A  
1ST WEEKEND

### PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER AWARENESS

**Instructor:** Amber Elmore

**Tuition:** \$30.00

**Prerequisite:** None

This course covers basic information about the role of a Public Information Officer. The goal of this awareness course is to provide an orientation to the public information function and the role of the Public Information Officer (PIO) in the public safety/emergency management environment. The topics addressed in this course include: Understanding the PIO role; Using tools and resources; Communicating effectively; Preparing the community; and Communicating in an incident.

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## Course 105

**4 HOURS**

FRI 6PM  
SAT N/A  
SUN N/A  
1ST WEEKEND

### TEACHING AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS

**Instructor:** RC Fellows & Lance Winstel

**Tuition:** \$30.00

**Prerequisite:** Prior Rope Rescue Training

As a rope rescue technician do you know what an MPD is? What about a Petzl I'd or an AZTEK? If the answer is no to the previous question then this class is for you. This class will go over some of the latest innovations in rope rescue. This class will challenge anyone who has been through rope rescue training.

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# Weekend One - Saturday Courses

## CANDICE MCDONALD SEMINAR

### Course 110

8 HOURS

Instructors: Candice McDonald

Tuition: \$45.00

Prerequisite: None

FRI N/A

SAT 8AM

SUN N/A

1ST WEEKEND

This seminar will include two courses. Beginning at 8am students will attend the "Busting through Recruitment & Retention Challenges: Deploying YOUR Game Plan!" course. After lunch students will attend "Being a Catalyst for Change & Engaging Women in the Fire Service". One price gets both courses.

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### Course 111

8 HOURS

Instructor: Scott Holmes    Tuition, Textbook & Supplies: \$100.00    Prerequisites: Current CPR Cert

FRI N/A

SAT 8AM

SUN N/A

1ST WEEKEND

The American Heart Association (AHA) instructor course will prepare the student to serve as Basic Life Support Instructors for AHA CPR and First Aid Courses. The course will cover topics such as effectively presenting core learning content, facilitating group discussions, developing insights into learner characteristics and needs, and more. All students must complete the online BLS Instructor Essentials Course before attending. Certifies Instructors to teach the Basic Life Support (BLS) course and all Heartsaver course disciplines, including First Aid, CPR AED, and Pediatric First Aid CPR AED.

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### Course 112

8 HOURS

## HOSELINES 101

Instructor: Lance Carney    Tuition: \$45.00    Prerequisites: Firefighter 1

FRI N/A

SAT 8AM

SUN N/A

1ST WEEKEND

This course will cover all the aspects of fireground engineering and fire stream operations. Some of those examples include hoseline configurations, hose loads and layouts, fire flows and basic hydraulics, deployment and advancement, and tactical considerations. This course will consist of both lecture and practical evolutions.

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### Course 113

8 HOURS

## MAN IN MACHINE

Instructor: RC Fellows & Lance Winstel    Tuition: \$45.00    Prerequisites: None

FRI N/A

SAT 8AM

SUN N/A

1ST WEEKEND

This class is focused around machinery entrapments. The class will give fire and EMS personnel the knowledge and skills to be able to free victims from various types of machinery. The class will also go over some of the most common entrapments and how to free a victim from those entrapments. This class will challenge all first responders from the new member to the seasoned veteran.

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### Course 114

8 HOURS

## THE FIRST FIVE MINUTES

Instructor: Benny Filiaggi    Tuition: \$45.00    Prerequisites: Firefighter 1 (recommended)

FRI N/A

SAT 8AM

SUN N/A

1ST WEEKEND

This program is a strategy and tactics course that will answer the question "What do I do when I get a fire?" Topics will include hose line placement, engine company and ladder company operations, and standard operating procedures with the emphasis on applying these topics to fire situations with a minimum of manpower and equipment. Each student will develop and present a scene management plan to the class based on a scenario selected by the instructor.

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# Weekend One - Two / Three Day Courses

## Course 150

**16 HOURS**

FRI N/A  
SAT 8AM  
SUN 8AM  
1ST WEEKEND

### BASIC SEARCH AND RESCUE

**Instructors:** Deron Wilkes **Tuition:** \$75.00 **Prerequisite:** None

This course is designed to provide guidance to SAR field responders on the best practices and techniques. Information about the duties and tasks of SAR field responders, current information on SAR field responder clothing and equipment, as well as details on the latest search techniques, information on SAR specialists such as hasty search, grid search, utilizing specialty teams, subject packaging and transport.



## Course 151

**20 HOURS**

FRI N/A  
SAT 8AM  
SUN 8AM  
1ST WEEKEND

### CONFINED SPACE RESCUE LEVEL 1

**Instructors:** Travis Sanford & Dave Ross **Tuition:** \$75.00 **Prerequisite:** Rescue Core

This course is designed for personnel who will respond to and perform limited entry and rescue operations or support technician level personnel during confined space entry and rescue operations. At the completion of this course, the student shall learn how to protect themselves, their team and their victims from the hazards within a confined space. Student will learn how to recognize and size up spaces and manage incidents appropriately, using the guidelines defined by NFPA and OSHA. Areas of focus will include environmental considerations, structural concerns, personal protective gear required and safety. Additional topics include victim transport and procedures for using ropes in a high angle environment.



## Course 152

**16 HOURS**

FRI N/A  
SAT 8AM  
SUN 8AM  
1ST WEEKEND

### DAVE LEWIS SEMINAR

**Instructor:** Dave Lewis **Tuition:** \$75.00 **Prerequisite:** None

This seminar will include three courses. Beginning at 8am on Saturday students will attend the "Leadership Challenges in Today's Volunteer Emergency Services Organizations" course. On Sunday at 8am students will attend "Recruitment and Retention Challenges in Volunteer Emergency Services Organizations". After lunch on Sunday, students will attend "Reputation Management - Preventing Member Derailment". One price gets all three courses.

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## Course 153

**28 HOURS**

FRI 6PM  
SAT 8AM  
SUN 8AM  
1ST WEEKEND

### EMT RECERTIFICATION

**Instructor:** TBA **Tuition:** \$200.00 **Prerequisite:** Current EMT Certification

This is a program designed to recertify West Virginia EMT's. Participants must submit a completed CE Record Form and Skills Evaluation Form according to the current policies of WVDEMS. Participants must score 70 or higher on the written evaluation from WVDEMS to receive recertification.

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## Course 154

**16 HOURS**

FRI N/A  
SAT 8AM  
SUN 8AM  
1ST WEEKEND

### INCIDENT COMMAND FOR THE FIRE SERVICE

**Instructors:** Jason Burger & Chris Burger **Tuition:** 75.00 **Prerequisite:** None

This program provides students with an understanding of the Incident Command System (ICS) and resource management for the fire service and their application in both emergency and non-emergency situations. This course addresses the need for an ICS, and provides an overview of the structure and flexibility of ICS, an understanding of the command skills necessary to function effectively in an ICS structure, and the need to effectively manage your resources.

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## Weekend One - Two / Three Day Courses (cont.)

### Course 155

**16 HOURS**

FRI N/A  
SAT 8AM  
SUN 8AM  
1ST WEEKEND

### ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents

**Instructor:** Tom Miller    **Tuition:** \$75.00    **Prerequisite:** ICS 100 and ICS 200

This course is designed for those emergency response personnel who would function in a Command or General Staff position during a large, complex incident or event or personnel who are or would likely be part of a local or regional Incident Management Team during a major incident, whether single agency, multiagency or Unified Command.

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### Course 156

**16 HOURS**

FRI N/A  
SAT 8AM  
SUN 8AM  
1ST WEEKEND

### INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER

**Instructor:** TBA    **Tuition:** \$75.00    **Prerequisite:** None

This course examines the Safety Officer's role at emergency responses. A specific focus on operations within an Incident Command System (ICS) as a Safety Officer is the main theme. Response to all-hazards types of situations will be addressed. This course is designed for Fire and EMS responders who may be designated as an ISO while working within an ICS. This course is an incident-specific, scenario-oriented course designed to teach students what an ISO needs to know at an incident.

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### Course 157

**16 HOURS**

FRI N/A  
SAT 8AM  
SUN 8AM  
1ST WEEKEND

### ROPE RESCUE - LEVEL 1

**Instructor:** Rodney Winter    **Tuition:** \$75.00    **Textbook:** \$80.00    **Prerequisite:** Rescue Core

This course is designed to provide you with the skills and knowledge required to perform basic rope rescue operations utilizing appropriate equipment, methodologies, protocols, and patient and resource management techniques. The course covers Chapter 6, "Rope Rescue" of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1006, Standard For Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications, including the area of multi-point anchors, rappelling systems, and ascending systems.

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### Course 158

**16 HOURS**

FRI N/A  
SAT 8AM  
SUN 8AM  
1ST WEEKEND

### TRUCK COMPANY OPERATIONS

**Instructor:** Ritchie Gobble & Corey Carr    **Tuition & Supply Fee:** \$100.00    **Prerequisite:** Firefighter 1

This course is designed to provide firefighters of all experience levels with the knowledge and skills to operate as effectively as a possible during ladder company operations. This includes accomplishing multiple tasks, in multiple locations, simultaneously and safely. Participants will engage in skill-based training on the capabilities of Aerial Apparatus, Apparatus Positioning & Placement, Ladder Company Riding Positions & Assignments, Basic & Advanced Forcible Entry, Rooftop & Horizontal Ventilation, Portable Ladders, and Search & Victim Removal Techniques.

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### Course 159

**16 HOURS**

FRI N/A  
SAT 8AM  
SUN 8AM  
1ST WEEKEND

### VEHICLE AND MACHINERY RESCUE - LEVEL 1

**Instructor:** Paul Niedbalski and Steve Cavender    **Tuition:** \$75.00    **Textbook:** \$90.00    **Prerequisite:** Rescue Core

This course is designed to acquaint the student with techniques used in Auto Extrication. More specifically, the student will become familiar with the different classifications and characteristics of vehicles and machines. Students will also become familiar with the different tools used in extrication, stabilization of the vehicle/machine, disentanglement of the patient(s), and initiating patient care. The student will become familiar with initiating the Incident Command System and how to terminate the incident when finished. The majority of the course will be spent working on the various skills/techniques each student will learn during this course.

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# Highway Pile-Up Managing the MCI

**March 9 & 10, 2019 | 8am to 5pm**

**Sissonville, West Virginia**



**The scenario in this course will involve approximately 40 passenger vehicles, Tractor Trailer(s), other hazards, and approximately 40 patients.**

Multi-Vehicle pile ups are happening at an alarming rate each year around the country. From a dozen to over a hundred vehicles is not uncommon. These incidents are complex, multifaceted, and resource demanding. This program has been developed to help departments and agencies cope and plan for such a disaster.

This course will capture complex extrication scenarios, combined with BLS and ALS medical interventions for MCI, as well as incident command strategies for chief officers or incident commanders all rolled into one program.

This course is for Firefighters, EMTs, Paramedics, and Incident Commanders.

**Instructors:** **Paul Niedbalksi** (Charleston FD), **Steve Cavender** (Point Pleasant FD), **Matt Lanham** (Ripley FD), **Patrick Coles** (Charleston & Sissonville FD), **Tim Curry** (Marion Rescue), **Ben Tacy** (Bridgeport FD), **Ryan Pennington** (Charleston FD)

See Course 255 in the fire school program to register by mail or register online by visiting <http://www.SissonvilleFireSchool.com>

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# Sissonville Fire & Rescue School Registration 2019

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PERSONAL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ AGENCY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
T-SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED VIA TEXT OR EMAIL FOR  
CLASS CANCELLATIONS OR CLASS CHANGES

## CHOOSE YOUR CLASS SELECTIONS BELOW

### MULTIPLE WEEKEND COURSES

- ☐ 001 - EMT-B
- ☐ 002 - Fire Fighter 1
- ☐ 003 - Fire Fighter 2
- ☐ 004 - Fire Officer 1 & 2

### WEEKEND ONE

- ☐ 100 - Grant Writing for Public Safety Agencies
- ☐ 101 - Dealing with Injured Firefighters and Gear Removal
- ☐ 102 - Fireground Accountability - Tracking the Hot Zone
- ☐ 103 - Opioid Response Protection for Fire, Police & EMS
- ☐ 104 - Public Information Officer Awareness
- ☐ 105 - Teaching an Old Dog New Tricks
- ☐ 110 - Candice McDonald Seminar
- ☐ 111 - CPR & First Aid Instructor
- ☐ 112 - Hoselines 101
- ☐ 113 - Man in Machine
- ☐ 114 - The First Five Minutes
- ☐ 150 - Basic Search and Rescue
- ☐ 151 - Confined Space Rescue Level 1
- ☐ 152 - Dave Lewis Seminar
- ☐ 153 - EMT Recert
- ☐ 154 - Incident Command for the Fire Service
- ☐ 155 - ICS 300
- ☐ 156 - Incident Safety Officer
- ☐ 157 - Rope Rescue Level 1
- ☐ 158 - Truck Company Operations
- ☐ 159 - Vehicle and Machinery Rescue Level 1

- ☐ 005 - Hazardous Materials Technician
- ☐ 006 - Instructor 1 & 2
- ☐ 007 - Rescue Core

### WEEKEND TWO

- ☐ 200 - Fire and EMS Response to School Safety & ...
- ☐ 201 - Forcible Entry: The Forgotten Art
- ☐ 202 - Social Media & The First Amendment: What Can I ...
- ☐ 203 - Swift Water Rescue Awareness
- ☐ 204 - Thermal Imaging on the Fireground
- ☐ 210 - Can of Confidence
- ☐ 211 - Essential Sports Medicine Skills
- ☐ 212 - Legal Issues in the Fire Service
- ☐ 213 - Understanding Basement Fires
- ☐ 214 - Ventilation Tactics and Application
- ☐ 250 - Aggressive Fire Attack with Limited Staffing
- ☐ 251 - Basic Chaplain
- ☐ 252 - Confined Space Rescue Level 2
- ☐ 253 - EVOC - Emergency Vehicle Operations Course
- ☐ 254 - Hazardous Materials Incident Commander
- ☐ 255 - Highway Pile Up - Managing the MCI
- ☐ 256 - ICS 400
- ☐ 257 - Rope Rescue Level 2
- ☐ 258 - Search Management for the Initial Response IC
- ☐ 259 - Volunteer Fire Department Management

### SECOND / THIRD CHOICES

(Enter Class Numbers)

#### Multiple Weekend Courses

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

#### Weekend One - Friday

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

#### Weekend One - Saturday

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

#### Weekend One - Sunday

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

#### Weekend One - Two/Three Day Courses

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

#### Weekend Two - Friday

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

#### Weekend Two - Saturday

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

#### Weekend Two - Sunday

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

#### Weekend Two - Two/Three Day Courses

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Enter 2nd / 3rd choices above as  
needed above. Courses will be selected  
for you if you do not list them.**

### WAIVER OF LIABILITY / MEDIA RELEASE

I agree not to hold the Sissonville Fire Department, West Virginia University FSE, WV Public Service Training, its sponsors, or anyone else associated with the Sissonville Fire & Rescue School responsible for any injuries that may occur to me while I am a participant in any class or function. I understand that that nature of fire and rescue classes can be hazardous and I agree to participate in a safe and responsible manner. I also confirm that I am covered under Workers Compensation Coverage at my Department / Agency. I give my consent for my image and likeness to be videotaped, audiotaped, or photographed for use in educational / instructional media, recruitment / outreach media, development media, and newsworthy documentation to be used by the Sissonville FD. I certify that I am at least 18 Years old and do not need permission to participate in any class.

SIGNATURE

DATE

### EARLY REGISTRATION IS DUE BY

**FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

### TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE T-SHIRT

### MAIL PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION TO:

SISSONVILLE VFD

P.O. BOX 13096

Sissonville, WV 25360

### Total Amount Enclosed

Tuition: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Textbook(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

### STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT FOR THEIR CLASSES:

**AGGRESSIVE FIRE ATTACK WITH LIMITED STAFFING** - FULL PPE, SCBA AND SPARE BOTTLE  
**BASIC SEARCH AND RESCUE** - OUTDOOR APPROPRIATE PPE  
**CAN OF CONDIFENCE** - FULL PPE, SCBA AND SPARE BOTTLE  
**CONFINED SPACE RESCUE LEVEL 1** - SCBA AND SPARE BOTTLE, GLOVES, HELMET, AND EYE PROTECTION  
**CONFINED SPACE RESCUE LEVEL 2** - SCBA AND SPARE BOTTLE, GLOVES, HELMET, AND EYE PROTECTION  
**DEALING WITH INJURED FIREFIGHTERS AND GEAR REMOVAL** - EMS SHEARS  
**EVOG** - APPARATUIS FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT/AGENCY TO DRIVE ON SUNDAY IS PREFERRED  
**FIRE OFFICER 1 & 2** - LAPTOP COMPUTER WITH INTERNET ACCESS  
**FIRE FIGHTER 1** - FULL PPE, SCBA AND SPARE BOTTLE  
**FIRE FIGHTER 2** - FULL PPE, SCBA AND SPARE BOTTLE  
**FORCIBLE ENTRY: THE FORGOTTEN ART** - FULL PPE, SCBA AND SPARE BOTTLE  
**GRANT WRITING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES** - LAPTOP COMPUTER WITH INTERNET ACCESS  
**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIAN** - FULL PPE, SCBA AND SPARE BOTTLE  
**HIGHWAY PILE UP - MANAGING THE MCI** - FULL PPE AND EYE PROTECTION  
**HOSELINES 101** - FULL PPE, SCBA AND SPARE BOTTLE  
**INSTRUCTOR 1 & 2** - LAPTOP COMPUTER WITH INTERNET ACCESS  
**MAN IN MACHINE** - GLOVES, HELMET, AND EYE PROTECTION  
**RESCUE CORE** - FULL PPE, GLOVES, HELMET, AND EYE PROTECTION  
**ROPE RESCUE LEVEL 1** - HELMET, GLOVES, BOOTS, AND APPROPRIATE OUTDOOR CLOTHING  
**ROPE RESCUE LEVEL 2** - HELMET, GLOVES, BOOTS, AND APPROPRIATE OUTDOOR CLOTHING  
**TEACHING AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS** - GLOVES, HELMET, AND EYE PROTECTION  
**TRUCK COMPANY OPERATIONS** - FULL PPE, SCBA AND SPARE BOTTLE  
**VEHICLE AND MACHINERY RESCUE LEVEL 1** - FULL PPE AND EYE PROTECTION  
**VENTILATION TACTICS AND APPLICATION** - FULL PPE, SCBA AND SPARE BOTTLE

### Fire School Committee Contact Information

	Contact Phone or Text	Available
Eddie Elmore	(304) 552-4493	9:00am - 10:00pm
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**FireSchool@station26.org**

### CHECK-IN TIME BEGINS:

5:00 PM ON FRIDAY  
7:00 AM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

### ASSEMBLY BEGINS:

8:00 AM EACH SATURDAY

## ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

<http://www.SissonvilleFireSchool.com>

[HTTP://WWW.SISSONVILLEFIRESCHOOL.COM](http://www.sissonvillefireschool.com)



# Weekend Two - Friday Courses

(March 8, 2019)

## Course 200

**4 HOURS**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT N/A**

**SUN N/A**

**2ND WEEKEND**

## FIRE AND EMS RESPONSE TO SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY INCIDENTS

**Instructor: Keith Vitito**

**Tuition: \$30.00**

**Prerequisite: None**

This course is designed to educate the participant on current practices in public school safety and security methods/policies and to examine the proactive risk-reduction measures implemented in local schools. The course will cover subjects such as emergency planning and training, crisis plans, security hardware, active shooter precautions, bomb threat management, shelter in place drills, suspicious activity reporting, and cooperative programs with local first responder agencies.

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## Course 201

**4 HOURS**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT N/A**

**SUN N/A**

**2ND WEEKEND**

## FORCIBLE ENTRY: THE FORGOTTEN ART

**Instructor: Ritchie Gobble & Corey Carr**   **Tuition & Supply Fee: \$45.00**   **Prerequisite: None**

Forcible Entry runs a key role in the fire service, because we have to get through doors, fences and other obstructions to make it to the fireground. It is often a piece that we forget or look over. In this class we will cover conventional forcible entry, saw work, attacking pad locks, and more.

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## Course 202

**4 HOURS**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT N/A**

**SUN N/A**

**2ND WEEKEND**

## SOCIAL MEDIA & THE FIRST AMENDMENT: WHAT CAN I SAY?

**Instructor: Steve Connolly**

**Tuition: \$30.00**

**Prerequisite: None**

This course will look at the limits placed on the right of firefighters to speak their mind and on fire departments in terms of regulating speech. It will overview the challenges we face regarding the laws, the legal issues, and cases which shape the need for social media policies within your department.

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## Course 203

**4 HOURS**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT N/A**

**SUN N/A**

**2ND WEEKEND**

## SWIFT WATER RESCUE AWARENESS

**Instructor: Bobby Fisher**

**Tuition: \$30.00**

**Prerequisite: None**

This course is the first level of swift water rescue training. Course topics include organizational roles and objectives, safety, the drowning problem, water types, reading water and water flows, rescue failures, logistics, hand signals, risk versus benefit, environmental concerns, flood characteristics, response strategies, PPE, and types of water rescue.

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## Course 204

**4 HOURS**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT N/A**

**SUN N/A**

**2ND WEEKEND**

## THERMAL IMAGING ON THE FIREGROUND

**Instructor: Joey Baxa**

**Tuition: \$30.00**

**Prerequisite: None**

Thermal imaging cameras have the ability to increase our efficiency and safety on the fireground. However, many firefighters lack the basic knowledge or skills to apply the technology when performing on the fire scene. If the only thermal imaging training you have received was a brief in service upon purchasing the camera, this class is for you. The class will help connect the visual clues seen on the camera with the fire behavior, the different sensitivity modes, best practices for using TIC's during operations, and much more.

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## Weekend Two - Saturday Courses

### Course 210

**8 HOURS**

FRI N/A  
SAT 8AM  
SUN N/A  
2ND WEEKEND

**Instructor:** Ritchie Gobble & Corey Carr    **Tuition:** \$45.00    **Prerequisite:** Firefighter 1

This class is designed to build confidence on one of the most often neglected tools found on nearly every fire apparatus, the 2 1/2 gallon water extinguisher. The "Can" can be an extremely effective lifesaving tool by allowing a well-trained fireman to quickly apply water between fire and victims. Attendees will learn proper filling and pressurization steps, how to build homemade carrying straps and other useful "Can" modifications. The class will also cover valuable skills on carrying and searching with the "Can," and confining fire with it as well. Attendees will perform live fire attacks with nothing more than a "Can" and witness the effect of the "Can" on pre-flashover conditions.



### Course 211

**8 HOURS**

FRI N/A  
SAT 8AM  
SUN N/A  
2ND WEEKEND

**Instructor:** TBA    **Tuition:** \$45.00    **Prerequisite:** EMT or Paramedic

This course will focus on skills needed when responding to a sports related emergency. This program will improve the skill set of EMS providers and improve how they work together as one with a sports medicine team. Sports medicine teams utilize this philosophy on a daily basis and this concept will be taught using hand-on training sessions during specialized scenarios.



### Course 212

**8 HOURS**

FRI N/A  
SAT 8AM  
SUN N/A  
2ND WEEKEND

**Instructor:** Steve Connolly    **Tuition:** \$45.00    **Prerequisites:** None

This course deals with the entire spectrum of issues facing today's fire service leaders. Topics include: labor relations, human rights and diversity, conflicts of interest and frameworks for ethical decision-making are used.



### Course 213

**8 HOURS**

FRI N/A  
SAT 8AM  
SUN N/A  
2ND WEEKEND

**Instructors:** Joey Baxa    **Tuition:** \$45.00    **Prerequisite:** None

Between 1998 and 2017 the United States fire service suffered 32 line of duty deaths on incidents involving basement fires. Underwriter's Laboratories and the International Society of Fire Service Instructors joined to study these fires and the methods used to extinguish them. This class will examine their findings, discuss some of the barriers we face when encountering these events, and review some of the tragic history surrounding basement fires.



### Course 214

**8 HOURS**

FRI N/A  
SAT 8AM  
SUN N/A  
2ND WEEKEND

**Instructor:** James Hill and Dan Taaffe    **Tuition:** \$45.00    **Prerequisites:** Firefighter 1

With changes in architectural design and more innovative construction methodologies, it is essential for today's modern firefighters to understand the optimal tactical ventilation tactics and techniques required for different types of buildings. This course will focus on helping students gain an understanding of the dynamics of ventilation used in the fire service today. "Why" ventilation is necessary, "When" ventilation should begin, and "Where" ventilation should be set up will all be demonstrated. Students will learn proper techniques of positive pressure, vertical, and horizontal applications.



## Weekend Two - Two / Three Day Courses

### Course 250

#### AGGRESSIVE FIRE ATTACK WITH LIMITED STAFFING

**Instructor:** Jason Burger & Chris Burger    **Tuition:** \$75.00    **Prerequisite:** Firefighter 1

Recently, the Fire Service has been bombarded with loads of scientific data and teachings that call for a rapid departure from many tried and true fire ground tactics that have been relied upon for decades. At the same time, staffing levels have diminished to a critically low state. How do we (firefighters and officers) adapt to these changes and continue to maintain an "aggressive" firefighting approach? This class will review fire ground priorities and tactics, blending the traditional methods with modern concepts. A "hands-on" segment will present tips and tricks to assist fire scene operations with low staffing.



### Course 251

#### BASIC CHAPLAIN

**Instructor:** Rebecca Brown    **Tuition & Textbook:** \$100.00    **Prerequisite:** None

The Basic Chaplain Course includes course materials to teach the layperson skills to assist fire departments in times of spiritual and emotional trauma and/or crisis. Topics included are roles of fire chaplains, how to minister to firefighters, how to minister to fire victims, critical incident stress, fire department funerals, basic fire chaplain operations, etc. Materials are adapted from Federation of Fire Chaplains, Inc.



### Course 252

#### CONFINED SPACE RESCUE LEVEL 2

**Instructors:** Travis Sandford & Dave Ross    **Tuition:** \$75.00    **Prerequisite:** Confined Space Level 1 or Ops

This course is designed for organizations and personnel responsible for confined space entry and rescue operations in a more complex environment. Personnel at this level will learn how to manage high risk, high profile confined rescue operations, including management of local, regional and federal rescue teams, size-up and operational strategy for confined space rescue. This is an advanced level course for the serious rescuer, operating at an expert technician level.



### Course 253

#### EVOC - EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS COURSE

**Instructor:** Danny Cronin    **Tuition:** \$75.00    **Textbook:** \$80.00    **Prerequisite:** Drivers License

This course is a combination classroom and practical skills training about emergency vehicle operations. Safety, legal aspects, inspection, and driver responsibilities are covered. Both written and practical examinations are administered. This class meets WV State Fire Commission and State EMS initial driver training requirements/recommendations. It is recommended that you bring apparatus from your own department to drive.



### Course 254

#### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT COMMANDER

**Instructor:** Tom Miller    **Tuition & Textbook:** \$75.00    **Prerequisite:** HazMat Operations

The purpose of this program is to identify emergency service personnel who demonstrate competency in the performance requirements necessary to perform the duties of a firefighter. The NFPA 472 Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents identifies the minimum competence for a responder at the Incident Commander level. A person certified at the Hazardous Material Incident Commander level will have demonstrated competency in the necessary knowledge and skills, to assume responsibility and make decisions relating to the management of a hazardous materials incident and shall meet the competencies at the awareness and operations level.



## Weekend Two - Two / Three Day Courses (cont.)

### Course 255

#### HIGHWAY PILE UP - MANAGING THE MCI

**Instructor:** TBA    **Tuition:** \$250.00    **Prerequisite:** Vehicle Rescue Level 1 or Ops

Multi-Vehicle pile ups are happening at an alarming rate each year around the country. From a dozen to over a hundred vehicles in not uncommon. These incidents are complex, multifaceted, and resource demanding. This program has been developed to help departments and agencies cope and plan for such a disaster. This course will involve complex extrication scenarios, combined with BLS and ALS medical interventions for MCI, as well as incident command strategies for chief officers or incident commanders all rolled into one program. Students should be ready to work hard. There will be multiple scenarios involving upwards of 50+ passenger vehicles, multiple tractor trailers, and more!



### Course 256

#### 16 HOURS

#### ICS 400 - Advanced ICS Command General Staff - Complex Incidents

**Instructor:** Cindy Hart    **Tuition:** \$75.00    **Prerequisite:** ICS 300

This two-day course is designed for those emergency response personnel who would function as part of an Area Command, Emergency Operations Center, or Multiagency Coordination System during a large, complex incident or event or those personnel who are or would likely be part of a local or regional Incident Management Team during a major incident, whether single agency, multiagency or Unified Command.

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### Course 257

#### 16 HOURS

#### ROPE RESCUE - LEVEL 2

**Instructor:** Les Smith    **Tuition:** \$75.00    **Textbook:** \$80.00    **Prerequisite:** Rope Rescue Level 1 or Ops

This course is designed to provide you with the skills and knowledge required to receive certification for Chapter 6.2. "Rope Rescue Level II," as described in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1006, *Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications* (2013 edition). The course covers the areas of multipoint anchors, compound Mechanical Advantages (MA), highline systems, and pick-off systems.



### Course 258

#### 16 HOURS

#### SEARCH MANAGEMENT FOR THE INITIAL RESPONSE INCIDENT COMMANDER

**Instructor:** Sandy Green    **Tuition & Textbook:** \$100.00    **Prerequisite:** Basic SAR

The class is designed for individuals responsible for investigating reports of lost or overdue individuals, and for initiating appropriate search responses. It is designed to provide a systematic and logical method whereby incident commanders and managers are able to make rapid decisions on tactics and the application of resources.



### Course 259

#### 16 HOURS

#### VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT

**Instructor:** Jim Oldaker    **Tuition:** \$75.00    **Prerequisite:** None

This intensive course provides the appropriate skills for the volunteer emergency services officer to view administrative effectiveness through adaptive leadership skills and efficient management practices. Course units include leadership--setting the stage, planning, forging partnerships, human resource management, recruitment, retention, needs assessment and assets, risk assessment, leading change, finance, and "putting it all together."

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# Instructors



**Baxa, Joey** - Joey is a career Lieutenant with the Buckhannon Fire Department where he has served since 2006. He is an Adjunct Instructor for West Virginia University Fire Service Extension, and a Technical Consultant.



**Brown, Rebecca** - Rebecca is President and Chief of the Kentucky Federation of Chaplains. She is Chaplain at the Rolling Fork VFD and AMR Ambulance Service in Kentucky. She has completed training at FBI Headquarters and the International Conference of Police Chaplains. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Baptist Seminary of Kentucky and is currently obtaining her Doctor of Ministry degree. She has worked as a hospital chaplain at Hardin Memorial Hospital and serves on the Board for Kentucky EMS Memorial Foundation. She is currently employed by AMR Louisville Ambulance Service.



**Burger, Brent** - Brent is the Director of Support Services for Kanawha County Ambulance Authority and Retired Chief from the Culloden Fire Department with 30+ years of service. He is also a Supervising Instructor with WV Public Service Training having taught Fire, Hazmat and EMT classes for over 17 years. Brent has also been a team member with the Kanawha County Ambulance CISM team since the early 1990's.



**Burger, Chris** - Chris has been a member of Culloden Volunteer Fire Department for 18 years and currently serves as Fire Chief. Chris is employed by Dunbar Fire Department where he has worked for 6 years, currently serving as Lieutenant/EMT. He has been a WV PST Instructor for the past four years where he has taught Fire, Rescue and HazMat courses. Chris currently resides in Culloden, WV with his wife Averill and their two children Grace and Gage.



**Burger, Jason** - Jason joined the fire service in 2000 as a volunteer at Culloden Fire Department, where he still currently serves as Deputy Chief. He has held many different positions while there, including Chief. In 2005, he began his career at Dunbar Fire Department, where he currently serves as Assistant Chief/Shift Commander. Jason is an Instructor with WV Public Service Training.



**Carney, Lance** - Lance began his fire service career in 1999 and currently serves as Chief of the Saint Albans Fire Department. He has worked many years with both the Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department and the Tyler Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, and has been a West Virginia Public Service Training and WVU Instructor since the early 2000's. He began his career with the City of Saint Albans in 2001, and has held every Fire Department rank since becoming Chief in 2015. He also served as SAFD Training Officer for more than a decade.



**Carr, Corey** - Corey began his Fire Service Career in 2007 at Tornado Volunteer Fire Department and currently is a volunteer at Pinch Volunteer Fire Department, where he holds the rank of Lieutenant. Corey is employed at the City of Charleston Fire Department as a Firefighter. Corey is a West Virginia Public Service Training Instructor and an instructor for Take the Door Training based out of New York. Corey remains active in education in the Fire Service.



# Instructors



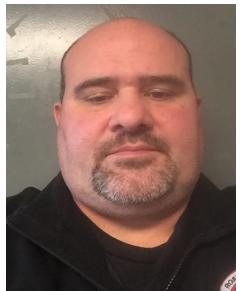
**Cavender, Steve** - Steve has several years experience in the fire and rescue service. He is a WVPST Instructor. Steve has been teaching vehicle, machinery, farm and heavy rescue for 21 years. In addition to teaching first responders he conducts farm safety and farm accident procedures training to agriculture organizations and groups. Steve has been a member of the Point Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department for 27 years and currently serves as Assistant Chief.



**Coles, Patrick** - Patrick has been in the fire service since 1991. He is currently an Assistant Chief/EMT at the Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department. He is also a Captain/EMT at the Charleston Fire Department where he is assigned to the Operations / Training Division. Patrick has also served in the Army since 2005. He is married with five children.



**Connolly, Stephen** - Steve is the Special Counsel and Director of the Fraud Unit for the State Auditor. He has served his community as a volunteer firefighter for over 25 years. He is a 2002 graduate of the WVU College of Law, and holds Master's and undergraduate degrees from the Jacksonville Theological Seminary, West Virginia State University, and Blue Ridge CTC. Previously, Steve Deputy Attorney General where he supervised lawyers and staff representing the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety (DMAPS), and also served as Prosecuting Attorney in Putnam County and City Attorney in Hurricane, WV.



**Cronin, Danny** - Danny has been with the Roane County Emergency Squad for the last 21 years where he currently serves as Directors of Operations and Squad Training Officer. He has been with the Spencer-Roane Co. VFD for the last 20 years and currently serves as the Assistant Chief. He is a Public Service Training Supervising Instructor in both Fire and EMS and have taught classes throughout the region.



**Curry, Tim** - Tim serves as a Lead Instructor/Adjunct within Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program of Pierpont Community & Technical College and is a 2008 graduate of the Pierpont Paramedic Program and a 2018 Graduate of Columbia Southern University with a Bachelors is Emergency Management. Tim has also served as a career paramedic and rescue technician with the Marion County Rescue Squad for over 12 years and has 12 years of service in a volunteer fire house.



**Elmore, Amber** - Amber began her Fire Service career in 2004 with the Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department where she served as a Firefighter and First Responder for 10 years. She is a certified Fire Instructor 2, NWCG (National Wildfire Coordinating Group) Instructor, FEMA PIO Instructor, a certified Wildland Public Information Officer, and is a Chaplain. She holds a Master of Marketing and Communications Degree from West Virginia University. Amber is also an adjunct professor at West Virginia State University.



**Fellows, R.C.** - R.C. is currently a Lieutenant and Training Coordinator for the Pleasant Valley Joint Fire District in Plain City, Ohio. He's a member of the Jefferson County Technical Rescue Team and Ohio Task Force I. R.C.'s also a Fire instructor for the Ohio Fire Academy and for Belmont College.

# Instructors



**Filiaggi, Benny** - Benny is the Deputy Chief with the Montgomery Fire Dept. in Fayette County. He was Assistant Chief and Training Officer from 1994 until appointment to Deputy Chief in 2009. He started in Montgomery as a Junior Firefighter in 1975. Benny has been an instructor since 1986. In the early 90's, he also spent four years at the Summersville Fire Department in Nicholas County as a Firefighter.



**Fisher, Bobby** - Bobby is a Lieutnant / EMT with the Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department and a Firefighter / EMT with Charleston Fire Department. He previously served with the Morgantown Fire Department, 130th Airlift Wing Fire Department, and the Montgomery VFD. He holds certifications as Fire Officer 4, Fire Instructor 2, Fire Inspector 1, Rescue Technician, HazMat Technician, Swift Water Technician, and National Registry EMT-B. Bobby is also part of the West Virginia State Swift Water Response Team. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from West Virginia University.



**Gobble, Ritchie** - Ritchie began his career as a volunteer with the Ripley VFD. Ritchie is currently working for the City of Charleston Fire Department. He is a certified fire fighter and an instructor for West Virginia Public Service Training, and Take The Door training. Ritchie began teaching forcible entry five years ago and has since been actively involved with instructing in West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Ritchie currently resides in Ripley and is actively instructing in multiple disciplines in the fire service.



**Gray, David** - Dave began his fire service career in 1986. He has been instrumental in the start up of hazmat and rescue teams. Additionally, he has served as an assistant emergency services director and a president of a Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC). Serving in emergency services, David has experience in commanding large scale incidents, managing federal response to natural disasters, planning for events such as the Greenbrier Classic and Presidential Details. Currently, he serves in a volunteer capacity for the Sissonville Fire Department as a firefighter. He is a WVU Fire Service Instructor.



**Green, Sandy** - Sandy is the Fire Chief of the Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department where he has served for nearly 40 years. He previously served with Tucker County EMS as an EMT. He has managed dozens of back country Search and Rescue missions, with the vast majority being short lived and with minimal staffing. He has served lead roles in some SAR missions that have went several operations periods with multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional involvement. He is the Area Liaison for Local Emergency Management to the WV Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.



**Hart, Cindy** - Cindy started her career in the 1990's as a CCT Paramedic. She has obtained many ALS and BLS instructor certifications, and also teaches NIMS courses, HazMat courses, Emergency Management, and 911 courses. She is the 911 Director and Emergency Management Director for Randolph County. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Glenville State College, Master of Public Safety from Capella University, and currently obtaining her Doctorate in Emergency Management. She is an adjunct instructor for WVPST and WVU Fire Service Extension.



**Hart, Mike** - Mike began his fire service career more than 50 years ago. He has held various positions within the fire service currently serving as Deputy Chief. Mike has obtained his CCT Paramedic certification recently retiring from Randolph County EMS. Mike is an adjunct instructor for West Virginia Public Service Training and WVU Fire Service Extension.

# Instructors



**Hill, James** - James began his fire service career as a volunteer at Tyler Mountain Fire Department in 1999. He has held positions of Captain and Training Officer. Since 2000, James has been employed with the City of St. Albans, WV Fire Department where he serves on the Water Rescue Team and the department Training Committee. James is a West Virginia Public Service Training and WVU Fire Service Instructor.



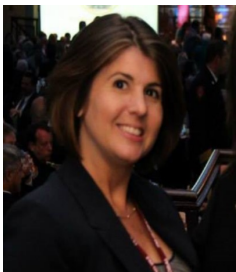
**Holmes, Scott** - Scott is a 20+ year veteran of the Fire and EMS Service. Scott began his fire service career at the Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department where he currently serves as EMS Captain. He works as a career Firefighter / EMT at the City of Charleston Fire Department assigned to Rescue 2 and West Virginia Task Force 1.



**Lanham, Matt** - No bio or photo available at print time.



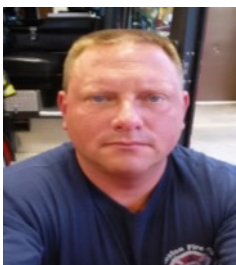
**Lewis, Dave** - David - has served for over 47 years as a firefighter/EMT and past Chief Officer. He is active as an instructor with the National Fire Academy, the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, and the University of Maryland, as well as a conference presenter for state, regional, and national conference programs. As an emergency services educator, Mr. Lewis is able to apply his life experiences in an environment that shares with others and builds future leadership across the emergency services communities.



**McDonald, Candice** - Dr. Candice McDonald is a volunteer firefighter/public information officer in Ohio. She works for NASA in the Office of Protective Services as a physical security specialist/federal special agent. She is a member of the FDIC/Fire Engineering Advisory Board, director with the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association, and iWomen Volunteer Trustee. She has authored numerous articles and has traveled across the country for over twenty years empowering individuals and organizations. She is the host of the Success Up Life podcast. McDonald holds a doctor of business administration degree..



**Miller, Tom**- Tom has 34 years of experience in the fire service. He is a Pro Board Certified Firefighter I & II; Driver Operator - Pumper; Fire Instructor III; Hazardous Materials Technician & Incident Commander; and is certified as a Swift Water Rescue Technician. He is State Certified as a Fire Officer I & II. He is West Virginia's Director to the NVFC where he serves on the Health, Safety & Training, and Standards & Codes committees, along with chairing the Hazardous Materials Response Committee. Tom serves as a Principal on the NFPA 472/473/1072/475 Technical Committee for HazMat and WMD Response, and is on the Joint 1001/472 Task Group. Tom is active with the various Committees for the West Virginia State Firemen's Association.



**Niedbalski, Paul** - Paul has been the recipient of many prestigious awards during his 30 years in the fire service including a 1997 Firehouse Magazine Heroism Award, 1996 Governor's Medal of Valor, and a 1997 West Virginia State Firefighters Association Award for Bravery. He has delivered programs across the country and is a Firehouse Expo H.O.T. Instructor, a member of West Virginia Regional Response Team, and serves on the West Virginia Technical Rescue Committee. Paul is a Lieutenant with the Charleston Fire Department and is assigned to Rescue 2.

# Instructors



**Oldaker, Jim** - Jim is a 42-year veteran of the Fire Service serving as Chief of the Alum Creek, WV Fire Department for 33 years. He served 10 years on the WV State Fire Commission and 3 terms as President of the WV State Firemen's Association. He is a certified Fire Officer 4, Fire Instructor 2, Fire Inspector 2 and Hazardous Materials Technician. He is also a proud member of the "Dog Pound" as a Cleveland Browns fan.



**Pennington, Ryan** - Ryan is a Lieutenant / Paramedic for the Charleston Fire Department in Charleston, West Virginia. He is currently assigned to the Training Division and is part of the West Virginia Task Force 1 USAR team. He has over 23 years of combined Fire, Rescue and EMS experience. Ryan started with a local volunteer department and continued through EMS to spend five years as a Critical Care Paramedic. Ryan transferred to the career fire service in 2003 and has worked for the City of Charleston since 2007.



**Philpott, John** - John began in the Fire Service 38 years ago as a Paid on Call Firefighter at Saint Albans Fire Department and in 1985 was hired full time. In 1993 he was promoted to Lieutenant and then to Captain in 2002. He is currently assigned as the Shift Commander and serves on the Department's Training Committee. John has also served on two Volunteer Fire Departments: Jefferson VFD and West Side VFD. He was appointed as Chief at WSVFD for 5 years. In more recent years, he worked part-time for the Teays Valley Fire Department where he held the position of Captain for 5 years.



**Ross, Dave** - Dave is a Career Firefighter / Paramedic for the City of Marietta, Ohio Fire Department. He has served in the emergency services profession since 1987 and O'Briens Safety-CS Rescue Team since 2008. HE is a certified Ohio Fire Instructor and holds Technician level certifications in Confined Space Rescue, Rope Rescue, Hazardous Materials, TEPP/DOE Radiation, Trench Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, and Dive Rescue.



**Sandford, Travis** - Travis is a career firefighter with the City of Marietta, Ohio where he has served for the past 21 years. He has held an EMT-Basic certification for 26 years. Travis has been an Ohio Fire Instructor since 2013.



**Smith, Les** - Les currently serves as a Captain with the Charleston Fire Department (WV). He started in the fire service in 1986 as a volunteer in Northern Virginia. He is the team leader for the West Virginia Regional Response Team - Hazardous Materials and USAR.



**Smith, Robert** - Robert Smith is a Captain with the Loudoun County (VA) Department of Fire and Rescue. He is currently assigned to the Office of Health and Safety. He has a combination of over 20 years of service between volunteer and career fire services. He holds a Bachelor's in Biology from Concord University and a Masters in Safety Management from West Virginia University.



# Instructors



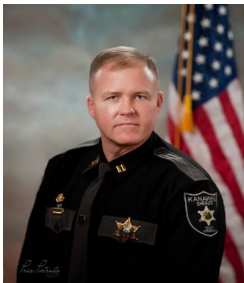
**Taaffe, Dan** - Dan is a Lieutenant for the City of St. Albans, WV Fire Department where he has served for the past 25 years. He is on the departments Hazardous Materials Team. He is also the Assistant Chief of the Jefferson, WV Volunteer Fire Department and the Teays Valley Fire Department. He is a West Virginia Public Service Training Instructor.



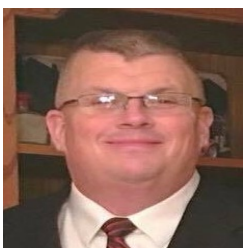
**Tacy, Ben** - Ben serves as the Program Coordinator for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program of Pierpont Community & Technical College. He is also a career firefighter with the City of Bridgeport Fire Department where he holds the rank of Lieutenant/Paramedic. He also has a background in emergency planning and preparedness. Ben is a 2009 graduate of Columbia Southern University with a B.S. in Occupational Safety & Health; concentration in Fire Science, and a 2018 graduate of Fairmont State University with a M.Ed. in Education with a focus in Online/Distance Education.



**Virag, Darin** - Darin is a 20+ year veteran of the fire service. He currently serves as a Captain with the Charleston Fire Department (WV). He has a Bachelors of Science Degree in Biology and Chemistry. Darin is also a member of the West Virginia Regional Response Team.



**Vittoe, Keith** - Keith is the Executive Director of Security for Kanawha County Schools. He supervises all security related functions within the school system and provides emergency management services for serious incidents. He served 22 years with the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office retiring as a captain in charge of the Field Operations Division and the Emergency Services Unit. He served as a SWAT officer and a bomb technician. He is a graduate of the 239th session of the FBI National Academy. Keith is also a retired Master Sergeant from the West Virginia Army National Guard and served tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. He possesses a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in business administration.



**Wilkes, Deron** - Deron currently serves as a Ground Team Leader for HealthTeam CCT. He is the past Chief of Shavers Fork Fire Rescue on Snowshoe Mountain and the past Chief of Hurricane Fire & Rescue. He previously served as the Chief of Operations for the WV Office of EMS. He has been involved in Fire & EMS for more than 33 years and is a paramedic, Wilderness EMT and a NASAR-certified SAR Technician II. Deron has been deployed to numerous disasters throughout the state as a member of the Incident Management staff.



**Winstel, Lance** - Lance has served the Toronto (OH) Fire Dept as a firefighter for 27 years. He's a Supervisor of Nuclear Maintenance at the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station. Lance is a Nuclear/Radiological Response Technician and a Haz Mat Technician. He is also a member of the Jefferson County Technical Rescue Team. Lance is a Fire Instructor At Belmont College.



**Winter, Rodney** - Rodney has served in the fire service since 1977. He is currently with The Dow Chemical Company serving in Emergency Services and Security. He is retired Chief of Operations from the Charleston Fire Department where he served for 24 years. Currently, he is the Assistant Chief and Training Officer for the Belle Volunteer Fire Department. He is a WV Public Service Training Instructor and holds two degrees from West Virginia State University.

## Lodging

Although we do not recommend any particular hotel, some of the closest ones are listed below. Please check with them for a special Sissonville Fire & Rescue School rate.

<b>Camp Virgil Tate Lodge</b>	<b>Rocky Fork Road (Sissonville)</b>	<b>(304) 984-3311</b>	<b>7 MINUTES FROM CAMPUS</b>
<b>Sleep Inn</b>	<b>I-79 Exit 1 (Mink Shoals)</b>	<b>(304) 345-5111</b>	<b>10 MINUTES FROM CAMPUS</b>
<b>Hampton Inn</b>	<b>I-64 Exit 58-C (Charleston)</b>	<b>(304) 343-9300</b>	<b>12 MINUTES FROM CAMPUS</b>
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b>	<b>I-77 Exit 138 (Ripley)</b>	<b>(304) 372-5000</b>	<b>22 MINUTES FROM CAMPUS</b>
<b>Sleep Inn</b>	<b>I-64 Exit 47 (Cross Lanes)</b>	<b>(304) 776-7711</b>	<b>25 MINUTES FROM CAMPUS</b>

## Directions

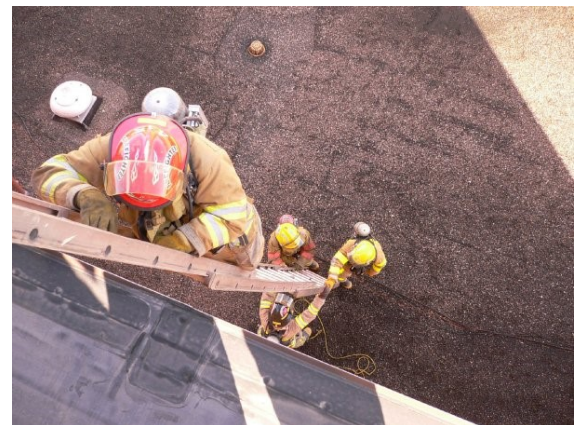
**From Parkersburg:** Take I-77 South to Tupper's Creek Exit III. Make a right at the bottom of ramp onto Call Rd. Go approximately 1.5 miles to stop sign and make a Right turn on Sissonville Dr. (CR-21). Go approximately 1.5 miles to the stop light in front of Sissonville High School and make a left onto Martins Branch Rd. Go 50 yards and make the left hand turn to enter the Sissonville High School parking lot.

**From Morgantown:** Take I-79 South to I-77/I-79 split. Take I-77 North to Tupper's Creek Exit III. Make a left at the bottom of ramp onto Call Rd. Go approximately 1.5 miles to stop sign and make a Right turn on Sissonville Dr. (CR-21). Go approximately 1.5 miles to the stop light in front of Sissonville High School and make a left onto Martins Branch Rd. Go 50 yards and make the left hand turn to enter the Sissonville High School parking lot.

**From Beckley:** Take I-77 North through Charleston to Tupper's Creek Exit III. Make a left at the bottom of ramp onto Call Rd. Go approximately 1.5 miles to stop sign and make a Right turn on Sissonville Dr. (CR-21). Go approximately 1.5 miles to the stop light in front of Sissonville High School and make a left onto Martins Branch Rd. Go 50 yards and make the left hand turn to enter the Sissonville High School parking lot.

**From Huntington:** Take I-64 East to Cross Lanes Exit 47B. Continue on Goff Mountain Rd. through traffic light onto Big Tyler Rd. Go approximately 5 miles to traffic light at Rocky Fork Rd. and make a left. Go approximately 4 miles until a fork in the road at intersection of Kelly's Creek Rd. and Martins Branch Rd. Make a right onto Martins Branch Rd. and go approximately 4 miles and Sissonville High School will be on right just before the traffic light at Sissonville Dr. (CR-21).







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