

# 18th Annual Sissonville Fire and Rescue School

March 1 - 3, 2024 and March 15 - 17, 2024

SISSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

6100 Sissonville Drive  
Charleston, WV 25312



*Train because you believe in yourself.  
Serve because you believe in the  
value of others.*

# Welcome!

We would like to invite all Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement personnel to the **18th Annual Sissonville Fire & Rescue School** in March 2024. 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 to offer certifications for most of our courses.

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:** General Assembly will be held on the first Saturday morning - March 2, 2024 - at 7:45 am.

**Free T-Shirt:** All students who submit their registration to us by February 19, 2024 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 available on both Saturdays and Sundays.

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= Junior Firefighters are eligible to attend the course.

# Event Schedule

## **Friday, March 1 and March 15, 2024**

- ◇ 5:00pm to 10:00pm - Vendor Set up allowed
- ◇ 5:00pm to 6:00pm - On-Site Registration and Check-in
- ◇ 6:00pm to 10:00pm - Classes in Session

## **Saturday, March 2 and March 16, 2024**

- ◇ 6:30am to 7:00am - Doors open for vendors and staff
- ◇ 7:00am to 8:00am - On Site Registration and Check-in
- ◇ 8:00am to 11:30am - Classes in Session
- ◇ 11:30am to 12:30pm - Lunch Break
- ◇ 12:30pm to 6:00pm - Classes in Session
- ◇ 5:00pm to 11:00pm - Evening classes in Session

## **Sunday, March 3 and March 17, 2024**

- ◇ 6:30am - Doors open for vendors and staff
- ◇ 7:00am - Doors open for students
- ◇ 8:00am to 11:30am - Classes in Session
- ◇ 11:30am to 12:30pm - Lunch Break
- ◇ 12:30pm to 6:00pm - Classes in session

\*\*\* Lunch, break, and end times are estimates and will be determined by your instructor. \*\*\*

# Multiple Weekend Courses

(March 1-3 and March 15-17, 2024)

## FIRE FIGHTER 1 (Online/ Blended Learning)

Instructor: Jason Redden, Luke Grimm, Jason Legg II

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**Tuition, Textbook & Online Access Code: \$550.00 Prerequisite: None**

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.

### Course 001

**120 HOURS**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN 8AM**

**THREE WEEKENDS**

Students must attend the orientation weekend to attend this course at the fire school. The orientation weekend will be held on February 10th, 2024, at the Sissonville Fire Department - Main Station - 383 Call Road, Charleston, WV 25312. Students must attend both days.

This class will meet on February 10, March 1, March 2, March 3, March 8, March 9, March 10, March 15, March 16, and March 17. On Friday's, class will begin at 6pm and on Saturdays and Sundays class will begin at 8am.

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 17, 2024.

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

**\*\* 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 assessing competencies.**

**\*\*\* There is an additional \$100.00 fee to be paid to West Virginia Public Service Training for the supplies and live burn portion of this course. It is not included in your tuition.**

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## DRIVER / OPERATOR PUMPER

Instructor: Perry Barlow Tuition: \$250.00 Textbook: \$80.00

**Prerequisite: Fire Fighter 1 & EVOC**

### Course 002

**40 HOURS**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN 8AM**

**BOTH WEEKENDS**

This program will identify emergency service personnel who demonstrate competency in the performance requirements necessary to perform the duties of a firefighter. The NFPA 1002 Standards for Fire Apparatus Driver/ Operator Professional Qualifications identifies the minimum requirements for firefighters who drive and operate fire apparatus in both emergency and non-emergency situations. A person certified at the Pumper/ Operator level will have demonstrated competency in the necessary knowledge and skills to perform the minimum requirements of an emergency vehicle driver/ operator.

# Multiple Weekend Courses

(March 1-3 and March 15-17, 2024)

## Course 003

### FIRE FIGHTER 2

**Instructor: Scott Holmes    Tuition: \$250.00    Textbook: \$75.00    Prerequisite: Fire Fighter 1**

Designed as the last step for interior structural firefighters, Firefighter II is based on performance objectives from NFPA Standard 1001, Firefighter Level II. This course consists of performance criteria in incident command implementation, building materials and collapse, vehicle extrication, technical rescue, fire hose testing, foam operations, flammable liquid/gases, fire detection and alarm systems, fire cause and origin, fire department communications, fire reports, pre-fire planning, strategy, and tactics.

**40 HOURS**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN 8AM**

**BOTH WEEKENDS**

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## Course 004

### FIRE OFFICER 3

**Instructor: Jason Burger    Tuition: \$200.00    Textbook: \$70.00**

**Prerequisite: Fire Officer 2**

This course is a front line or staff officer and supervisor in the fire department organization. A person certified to this level will be able to perform routine administrative functions, assist in the development of hiring, promote and promoting professional development of members of the fire department, follow department/ agency administrative policies, assist in the budget process by developing program budgets and the development of "requests for proposals" (RFP's), interact with the media by assisting press releases, manage multi-agency responders to major incidents following department policies and national guidelines, evaluate department inspection, assist in the development of community emergency response plans, review initial accident reports and make recommendations to change policy or procedures, and determine the effectiveness of a post-incident analysis (PIA) program.

**40 HOURS**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN 8AM**

**BOTH WEEKENDS**

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### INSTRUCTOR 1 & 2

**Instructor: Jeff Elswick    Tuition: \$250.00    Textbook: \$100.00**

**Prerequisite: Fire Fighter 1 & 2, HazMat Ops or EMT**

**\*\* THIS COURSE STARTS THE SECOND WEEKEND OF MARCH AT SISSONVILLE VFD MAIN STATION AT 383 CALL RD, CHARLESTON, WV 25312. \*\***

**\*\* COURSE DATES ARE MARCH 8-10, 2024 AND MARCH 15-17, 2024 \*\***

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 Public Service Training or West Virginia University - Fire Service Extension.

## Course 005

**50 HOURS**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN 8AM**

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# Weekend One - Friday Courses

(March 1, 2024)

## Course 100

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### PET FIRST AID & DISASTER RESPONSE

**4 HOURS**

**Instructor: Rod Johnson   Tuition: \$35.00   Textbook: \$25.00   Prerequisite: None**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT N/A**

**SUN N/A**

**1ST WEEKEND**

This course is designed to help responders provide temporary, urgent care to pets until they can reach a veterinary or emergency clinic. This course is ideal for the treatment of police K9's search and rescue animals, emergency care and pets injured in a house fire or auto accident, among other pet emergencies. The text will teach the student how to care for animals before, during, and after an emergency. Additional information includes injury prevention and disaster preparation, Personnel safety precautions to help pet emergencies including bleeding and bite wounds, cardiac arrest, choking, burns, poisoning, trauma, and more.

## Course 101

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### TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

**4 HOURS**

**Instructor: Chad Shaffer**

**Tuition: \$35.00**

**Prerequisite: None**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT N/A**

**SUN N/A**

**1ST WEEKEND**

This course consists of a planned and coordinated multi-disciplinary process to detect, respond to, and clear traffic incidents so that traffic flow may be restored as safely and quickly as possible. Effective TIM reduces the duration and impacts of traffic incidents and improves the safety of motorists, crash victims and emergency responders. The TIM Program of the Federal Highway Administrations (FHWA) is part of a larger all-hazards program called Emergency Transportation operations (ETO). TMS compliance will be required by all agencies who respond to incidents of highways as of 2015.

## Course 102

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### PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER: HEALTHY HABITS, SAFETY AND WELLNESS

**4 HOURS**

**Instructor: Jamie Bero**

**Tuition: \$35.00**

**Prerequisite: None**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT N/A**

**SUN N/A**

**1ST WEEKEND**

Volunteers in all areas of emergency management are always giving back and serving their communities. During this highly interactive class, participants will have the opportunity to learn about themselves and how they can improve their choices and live a healthier lifestyle.

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### THE 1ST TEN MINUTES

**4 HOURS**

**Instructor: Jeff White**

**Tuition: \$35.00**

**Prerequisite: None**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT N/A**

**SUN N/A**

**1ST WEEKEND**

Every Firefighter knows the first ten minutes of a call are critical. In this class, we will look at multiple aspects to assist departments in making the best of this time. Beginning with department structure we will work our way through running the call. We will discuss relevant NFPA standards, training and membership challenges, managing hose lines, forcible entry, reading smoke, scene size-up, and scene management.

## Course 104

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### ROPE RESCUE AWARENESS

**4 HOURS**

**Instructor: Mat Neil**

**Tuition: \$35.00**

**Prerequisite: None**

**FRI 6PM**

**SAT N/A**

**SUN N/A**

**1ST WEEKEND**

This class that meets NFPA 1006 for Awareness level of Rope Rescue. It consists of classroom presentation regarding the safety, size-up, hazard recognition, hazard control, and First Responders Level of Rope Rescue Considerations. This training will provide rescuers with basic equipment identification utilized for Rope Rescue incidents.



# Weekend One - Saturday Courses

## BLS INSTRUCTOR (CPR & FIRST AID INSTRUCTOR)

### Course 110

8 HOURS



Instructor: Rod Johnson

Tuition: \$200.00

Prerequisite: CPR Certification

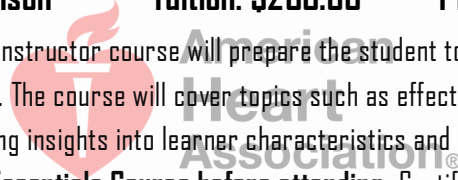
FRI N/A

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 Heart saver course disciplines, including First Aid, CPR AED, and Pediatric First Aid CPR AED.



### Course 111

8 HOURS



Instructor: R. C. Fellows

Tuition: \$150.00

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 the entrapments. This class will challenge all first responders from the new member to the seasoned veteran.

## MAN IN MACHINE

## MASS CASUALTY INCIDENTS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS

Instructors: Johnathan Evans

Tuition: \$50.00

Prerequisites: None

\*\*\* TWO COURSES. ONE DAY. ONE CLASS\*\*\*

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10 HOURS

FRI N/A

SAT 8AM

SUN N/A

1ST WEEKEND

**Mass Casualty Incidents:** This course includes Module I and Module II of the West Virginia Mass Casualty Incident Course. It is required for certification and re-certification for Fire Responders, EMT's and Paramedics.

**Hazardous Materials Awareness:** Hazardous Materials Awareness is designed for those personnel (fire, police, EMS, and industry) who may be first on the scene of a hazardous materials emergency. Stressing safety, the program describes correct Awareness level actions, including how to recognize potential problems, take appropriate action to protect themselves and others, collect hazard information from the current edition of the Emergency Response Guidebook, and initiate actions that lead to a favorable outcome.

### Course 113

6 HOURS



## NIGHT TIME VEHICLE EXTRICATION

Instructor: Darin Virag

Tuition: \$50.00

Prerequisite: Vehicle Extrication Ops or Firefighter 2

FRI N/A

SAT 5PM

SUN N/A

1ST WEEKEND

This course will consist of night time extrication scenarios in which students will learn to utilize equipment and apparatus to provide a safe extrication scene for both first responders and victims. Students will be exposed to challenges with scene access, advanced victim entanglement, and scene lighting considerations that often arise in night time incidents.

## Weekend One - Saturday Courses (cont.)

### Course 114



### PATIENT CARE IN THE AUTO-EX ENVIRONMENT

**Instructor:** Jeff White    **Tuition:** \$50.00    **Prerequisite:** None

**8 HOURS**

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

This is not your typical auto-ex course. In this course, we will look at unique medical and trauma situations that affect your extrication decision-making. You should have a good understanding of Auto-ex for this course. You will be faced with challenging patients who need extrication and make you re-think how you do your extrications. PPE is required for this course.

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## Weekend One - Sunday Courses

### Course 120



### HEV (HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLE) OPERATIONAL RESPONSE

**Instructor:** Energy Security Agency    **Tuition:** \$300.00    **Prerequisite:** None

**8 HOURS**

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

This course is designed to provide students with a complete understanding of HEV Vehicle Response and Hazard Management. Students will receive highly interactive instructional periods to safely identify and engage with HEV's in all potential hazard conditions. Practical Exercises allow students to perform shutdown procedures, HEV system orientation and HEV extrication techniques. Students will have the opportunity to train and cut on actual hybrid vehicles.

### Course 121



### NAEMT EMS SAFETY

**Instructors:** Jeff White    **Tuition:** \$60.00    **Prerequisite:** None

**8 HOURS**

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

NAEMT's 3rd edition EMS Safety course teaches students how to protect themselves and their patients while on the job. It promotes a culture of safety and helps reduce the number of on-the-job fatalities and injuries. EMS Safety is the only national, comprehensive safety course for EMS practitioners. Its interactive format features real-life case studies and compelling discussions on current safety issues and provides students with a forum to share their own experiences. Course activities allow students to apply critical thinking and best safety practices to EMS scenarios. This 8-hour course provides all 6.5 required operational hours for recertification. Tuition includes the cost of the card fee.

### Course 122



### VEIS: VENT, ENTER, ISOLATE, SEARCH

**Instructor:** Darin Virag    **Tuition:** \$50.00    **Prerequisite:** None

**8 HOURS**

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

Vent-Enter-Isolate-Search (VEIS) is a deliberate tactic for the immediate rescue of a fire victim. This tactic puts us in the immediate area of victims, or potential victim locations. The skill requires crew coordination, knowledge of building construction and a full understanding of fire dynamics. This course will cover the skills necessary to successfully perform a victim rescue under live-fire conditions. The topics and skills include, size-up, building considerations, fire behavior, victim access, search and victim removal techniques. This will be a physically demanding class.

# Weekend One - Two / Three Day Courses



## CISM - CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMNET

**Instructor:** Sky Kershner    **Tuition:** \$250.00    **Prerequisite:** None

### Course 150

**14 HOURS**

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

This Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) course "Assisting Individuals in Crisis" is certified by the ICISF (International Critical Incident Stress Foundation). Crisis Intervention is a specialized acute emergency mental health intervention which requires specialized training. As physical first aid is to surgery, crisis intervention is to psychotherapy. Thus, crisis intervention is sometimes called "emotional first aid". This program is designed to teach participants the fundamentals of, and a specific protocol for, individual crisis intervention. This course is designed for anyone who desires to increase their knowledge of individual (one-on-one) crisis intervention techniques in the fields of Business & Industry, Crisis Intervention, Disaster Response, Education, Emergency Services, Employee Assistance, Healthcare, Homeland Security, Mental Health, Military, Spiritual Care, and Traumatic Stress.



## CONFINED SPACE RESCUE AWARENESS & OPERATIONS

**Instructors:** David Ross & Travis Sandford    **Tuition :** \$90.00    **Prerequisite:** None

### Course 151

**20 HOURS**

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

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. Students 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.



## FIRE INVESTIGATION LEVEL 1

**Instructor:** Jason Baltic    **Tuition:** \$90.00    **Prerequisite:** None

### Course 152

**16 HOURS**

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

This class is designed specifically to provide a clear definition of the role of initial responder organizations, and to provide essential knowledge to enable them to recognize the potential of an intentionally set fire, preserve evidence, and properly report the information to appropriate officials. The training course includes the following basic topics: fire behavior, critical observations of the first responder, fire cause, scene security and evidence preservation, legal considerations, and reporting of findings.



## ROPE RESCUE OPERATIONS

**Instructor:** Mat Neil    **Tuition:** \$125.00    **Textbook (Optional):** \$80.00    **Prerequisite:** Rope Rescue Awareness

### Course 153

**20 HOURS**

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

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.

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

## Course 154

### SMALL TEAM RESCUE



**16 HOURS**

**Instructor:** Red River Rescue **Tuition:** \$350.00 **Prerequisite:** Working Knowledge of Ropes

**FRI N/A**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN 8AM**

**1ST WEEKEND**

This course was designed around rescue teams that are expected to affect a rescue with limited personnel and resources. In the Urban and Wilderness rescue worlds, we can't always bring more people to help solve a complex problem. In many jurisdictions and into rural/wilderness rescue, you may be personnel and equipment limited. The goal of this workshop is to explore the world outside the G-rated toolbox. Standards are created for specific reasons. The NFPA General use standard differs than the Technical use standard. As a rescuer and their team become more proficient in their skills, they have the ability to adopt other standards and best practices that may be better suited for their rescue environment. In addition, focus will be placed on utilizing rope autonomy to lighten rescue loads and be able to accomplish more, with less. Teams will work through rescue scenarios showing how the team can accomplish the goal of rescue and treatment with specific role management.

## Course 155

### ICS 300: INTERMEDIATE ICS FOR EXPANDING INCIDENTS



**20 HOURS**

**Instructor:** C.W. Sigman **Tuition:** \$90.00 **Manual:** \$10.00 **Prerequisite:** ICS 100 & 200

**FRI N/A**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN 8AM**

**1ST WEEKEND**

This course provides training for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System (ICS). This course expands upon information covered in the ICS 100 and ICS 200 courses. During a Type 3 incident, some or all of the Command and General Staff positions may be activated, as well as Division/Group Supervisor and/or Unit Leader level positions. These incidents may extend into multiple operational periods.

## Course 156

### Truck Company Operations - With or Without a Truck!



**16 HOURS**

**Instructor:** Paul Niedbalski **Tuition:** \$125.00 **Prerequisite:** Fire Fighter 1

**FRI N/A**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN 8AM**

**1ST WEEKEND**

This truck company operations program covers all the aspects of modern truckin'. During this program students will be challenged to complete truck skills with full and limited staffing. Alongside building construction, students will get size up tactics, riding positions, hand tools and ladder placement, forcible entry tactics, tactical consideration and most importantly DISCIPLINE preparations for the fireground. This class is a physically and mentally demanding class, which requires 100% good health by the students participating.

## Course 157

### VEHICLE AND MACHINERY EXTRICATION AWARENESS & OPERATIONS



**20 HOURS**

**Instructor:** Corey Carr, Ritchie Gobble, Jonathan Mitchell **Tuition:** \$125.00 **Prerequisite:** None

**FRI N/A**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN 8AM**

**1ST WEEKEND**

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 patients, 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.

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

Course 158



## WILDERNESS SEARCH AND RESCUE AWARENESS & OPERATIONS

**Instructor: Roger Bradford    Tuition: \$90.00    Prerequisite: None**

**20 HOURS**

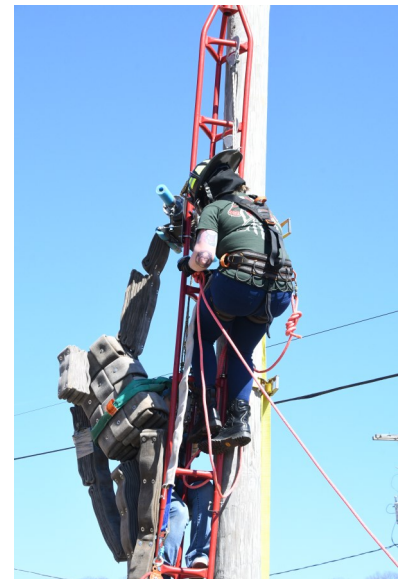
**FRI    N/A**

**SAT    8AM**

**SUN    8AM**

**1ST WEEKEND**

This course is designed to provide the participants with the core knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform search and rescue operations in a wilderness environment. A heavy focus is placed on the need for the Incident Command System, safety, search team coordination and communication, PPE, search techniques, land/air navigation, and practical skill exercises. The student will learn self-survival skills, including what equipment should be taken when going on a search, how to build an overnight shelter, water treatment options, wilderness first-aid, and investigation skills for different types of searching. Course will also include patient packaging and patient removal from the wilderness.



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# 18th Annual - 2024 Sissonville Fire & Rescue School Registration

## 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

### MULTIPLE WEEKEND COURSES

- 001 - Fire Fighter I (Online)
- 002 - Driver / Operator Pumper
- 003 - Fire Fighter 2

- 004 - Fire Officer 3
- 005 - Instructor I & 2

#### WEEKEND ONE

- 100 - Pet First Aid & Disaster Response
- 101 - Traffic Incident Management
- 102 - Putting it all Together: Healthy Habits...
- 103 - The 1st Ten Minutes
- 104 - Rope Rescue Awareness
- 110 - BLS Instructor (CPR & First Aid Instructor)
- 111 - Man In Machine
- 112 - Mass Casualty Incidents & Haz Mat Awareness
- 113 - Night Time Vehicle Extrication
- 114 - Patient Care In The Auto-Ex Environment
- 120 - Hybrid Electric Vehicles Operational Response
- 121 - NAEMT EMS Safety
- 122 - VEIS: Vent, Enter, Isolate, Search
- 150 - CISM - Critical Incident Stress Management
- 151 - Confined Space Rescue Awareness & Ops
- 152 - Fire Investigator Level I
- 153 - Rope Rescue Operations
- 154 - Small Team Rescue
- 155 - ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
- 156 - Truck Company Ops - With or Without a Truck!
- 157 - Vehicle Extrication Awareness and Operations
- 158 - Wilderness Search and Rescue Aware & Ops

#### WEEKEND TWO

- 200 - Art of Reading Smoke
- 201 - Command and Control
- 202 - Comm, Tech Rescue Incident / Develop Assets
- 203 - Swift Water Rescue Awareness
- 210 - Fire Officer I & 2 (Online/ Blended Learning)
- 211 - Forcible Entry: The Bread and Butter...
- 212 - Recruitment & Retention: A Nationwide Problem
- 213 - Flashover Simulator
- 250 - Confined Space Rescue Technician
- 251 - EVOC—Emergency Vehicle Operations Course
- 252 - Fire Investigation Level 2
- 253 - ICS 400: Advanced ICS
- 254 - Medical Management in Rope Rescue
- 255 - Navigating the Grant Application Process
- 256 - Rapid Intervention Teams
- 257 - Rope Rescue Technician
- 258 - Structural Collapse for the First Due Company
- 259 - Vehicle and Machinery Extraction Technician
- 260 - Wilderness Search and Rescue Technician
- 261 - EMT Refresher

### 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 / FEES

I agree not to hold the Sissonville Fire Department, West Virginia Public Service Training, Kanawha County Schools, NGK Spark Plugs, 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 Fire Department / Sissonville Fire and Rescue School. I certify that I am at least 18 Years old and do not need permission to participate in any class. I acknowledge that there will be an additional fee for supplies and the live burn portion of Fire Fighter I and other live burn courses that are not covered in the tuition.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### EARLY REGISTRATION IS DUE BY

FEBRUARY 19, 2024

### 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:

**CONFINED SPACE RESCUE** - SCBA, SPARE BOTTLE, GLOVES, HELMET, EYE PROTECTION

**FIRE FIGHTER 1** - FULL PPE, SCBA AND SPARE BOTTLE

**DRIVER/ OPERATOR PUMPER** - PPE, EYE PROTECTION

**EVOC** - APPRATUS FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT IS PREFERED ON SUNDAY

**FIRE FIGHTER 2** - FULL PPE, SCBA AND SPARE BOTTLE

**FIRE OFFICER 1 & 2** - LAPTOP COMPUTER WITH INTERNET ACCESS

**FIRE OFFICER 3** - LAPTOP COMPUTER WITH INTERNET ACCESS

**FLASHOVER SIMULATOR** - FULL PPE, SCBA, AND SPARE BOTTLE

**FORCIBLE ENTRY** - FULL PPE AND EYE PROECTION

**HEV (HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLE) OPERATIONAL RESPONSE** - FULL PPE AND EYE PROTECTION

**ICS 300 AND ICS 400** - LAPTOP COMPUTER

**INSTRUCTOR 1 & 2** - LAPTOP COMPUTER WITH INTERNET ACCESS

**MAN IN MACHINE** - GLOVES AND EYE PROTECTION

**MEDICAL MANAGEMENT IN ROPE RESCUE** - RESCUE HELMET, APPROVED HARNESS BY YOUR AHJ, AND ROPE GLOVES

**NAVIGATING THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS** - LAPTOP COMPUTER OR TABLET

**NIGHT TIME VEHICLE EXTRICATION** - FULL PPE AND EYE PROTECTION

**PATIENT CARE IN THE AUTO-EX ENVIRONMENT** - FULL PPE

**RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM OPERATIONS** - FULL PPE, SCBA, AND SPARE BOTTLE

**ROPE RESCUE** - HELMET, GLOVES, BOOTS, RESCUE HARNESS, APPROPRIATE OUTDOOR CLOTHING

**SMALL TEAM RESCUE** - RESCUE HELMET, APPROVED HARNESS BY YOUR AHJ, AND ROPE GLOVES

**STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE FOR THE FIRST DUE COMPANY** - FULL PPE AND EYE PROTECTION

**TRUCK COMPANY OPERATIONS** - FULL PPE, SCBA, AND SPARE BOTTLE

**VEIS: VENT, ENTER, ISOLATE SEARCH** - FULL PPE, SCBA, AND SPARE BOTTLE

**VEHICLE AND MACHINERY EXTRICATION** - FULL PPE AND EYE PROTECTION

**WILDERNESS SEARCH AND RESCUE** - INSTRUCTOR WILL CONTACT YOU WITH LIST PRIOR TO CLASS

### Fire School Contact Information

	Call or Text	Available
Bobby Fisher	(304) 382-6816	9:00am - 10:00pm
Zach Bess	(304) 881-2702	2:00pm - 6:00am
Scott Holmes	(304) 545-6976	9:00am - 9:00pm
Christian Shamblin	(304) 542-6828	9:00am - 9:00pm

**FireSchool@station26.org**

### CHECK-IN TIME BEGINS:

5:00 PM ON FRIDAY

7:00 AM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

### ASSEMBLY BEGINS:

7:45 AM ON SATURDAY

## ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

<http://www.SissonvilleFireSchool.com>

# Weekend Two - Friday Courses

(March 15, 2024)

## Course 200

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Approved

### ART OF READING SMOKE

Instructors: Darin Virag

Tuition: \$35.00

Prerequisite: None

4 HOURS

FRI 6PM

SAT N/A

SUN N/A

2ND WEEKEND

Often, smoke from a building is the only clue available to predict fire behavior and the likelihood of a flashover or rapid fire spread. First-arriving officers, Incident Commanders, and Safety Officers must know how to rapidly read smoke. This class explains the reading-smoke process and gives participants practice using actual fire-ground video.

## Course 201

Jr.  
Approved

### COMMAND AND CONTROL

Instructor: Lance Carney

Tuition: \$35.00

Prerequisite: None

4 HOURS

FRI 6PM

SAT N/A

SUN N/A

2ND WEEKEND

Managing Type 4 & 5 incidents using the command system. It Doesn't matter what color helmet you wear or how many years you have been in the fire service, this class is for you. There will be that one day or incident that you will have to run the command system. Have you ever been the IC and felt like you have lost control of the incident and personnel? Can't meet your objectives to control the incident? The solution is an effective command system to manage resources and personnel from the time the alarm is dispatched until command is terminated. Command systems can make or break an incident.

### COMMANDING THE TECHNICAL RESCUE INCIDENT AND DEVELOPING TECHNICAL RESCUE ASSETS

\*\*\* Two Courses | One Night | One Tuition \*\*\*

## Course 202

Jr.  
Approved

Instructor: R. C. Fellows

Tuition: \$45.00

Prerequisite: None

4 HOURS

FRI 6PM

SAT N/A

SUN N/A

2ND WEEKEND

Commanding the Technical Rescue Incident: This class will cover what the incident commander needs to know when responding to a technical rescue incident. We will discuss aspects of all technical rescue disciplines. The class will help any incident commander when it comes to a technical rescue incident.

Developing Technician Rescue Assets: In this class the instructors will discuss how to develop technical rescue assets. We will discuss training equipment and personnel needed to increase your rescue capabilities. The instructors will discuss how they increased the rescue capabilities within their own organization.

## Course 203

Jr.  
Approved

### SWIFT WATER RESCUE AWARENESS

Instructor: Ron Russell

Tuition: \$35.00

Prerequisite: None

4 HOURS

FRI 6PM

SAT N/A

SUN N/A

2ND WEEKEND

This course is the first level of 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.

# Weekend Two - Saturday Courses

## Course 210



### FIRE OFFICER 1 & 2 (ONLINE / BLENDED LEARNING)

**48 HOURS**

**Instructor:** Matt Lyons **Tuition:** \$200.00 **Textbook:** \$180.00 **Prerequisite:** Fire Fighter 2

**FRI N/A**

This course is 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.

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN N/A**

**2ND WEEKEND**

This is an online course. Students will meet in class on this day only and the remaining course work will be handled online. You will schedule your written test with your local PST office.

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## Course 211



### FORBIBLE ENTRY: THE BREAD AND BUTTER OF THE FIRE SERVICE

**8 HOURS**

**Instructors:** Jared Williams & Jamie Dzierzak **Tuition:** \$65.00 **Prerequisites:** None

**FRI N/A**

Without forcible we can't get the job done. It is one of the most important tasks on the fire-ground. We will teach you how to attack a door with proven skills to increase your performance on the fireground. Come get better at the job with us and get some knowledge from instructors that have taught up and down the east coast.

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN N/A**

**2ND WEEKEND**



### RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: A NATIONWIDE PROBLEM

**Instructor:** Dave Goldsmith **Tuition** \$50.00 **Prerequisite:** None

## Course 212

**8 HOURS**

Recruitment and Retention is not just a local problem, it is a nationwide problem. This class is designed for anyone and everyone that has a desire to add and retain members to their organization. We will address local, state and national statistics on where we were, where we are, and where we are going. We will address obstacles that keep your department from recruiting, as well as the changing culture. Understanding generational roadblocks which is important in how you communicate with each generation. We will review some out of the box ideas on recruitment and address the ongoing retention issues.

**FRI N/A**

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN N/A**

**2ND WEEKEND**

Attendees need to be prepared to work in group activities, and each attendee will need to bring your department and community information: (Department Run Volume, Number of Members, Size of Response Area Sq Miles, Residential, Industrial, Agriculture, & Population).

## Course 213



### FIRE BEHAVIOR LAB

**8 HOURS**

**Instructors:** Darin Virag **Tuition:** \$65.00 **Prerequisites:** Fire Fighter 1

**FRI N/A**

The student will learn to understand the phenomenon of flashover; recognize the warning signs; learn nozzle techniques to delay fire development and progress; and ventilation's effect on interior room conditions.

**SAT 8AM**

**SUN N/A**

**2ND WEEKEND**

There may be up to an additional \$100.00 fee payable to WV PST for the use of the live burn simulator. This cost is not included in the tuition.

# Weekend Two - Two / Three Day Courses

## Course 250



### 20 HOURS

FRI N/A

SAT 8AM

SUN 8AM

2ND WEEKEND

## CONFINED SPACE RESCUE TECHNICIAN

**Instructor:** Travis Sandford & Dave Ross

**Tuition:** \$90.00

**Prerequisite:** None

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 251



### 16 HOURS

FRI N/A

SAT 8AM

SUN 8AM

2ND WEEKEND

## EVOC - EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS COURSE

**Instructor:** C.J. Scalf

**Tuition:** \$90.00

**Textbook:** \$60.00

**Prerequisite:** Valid 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 and recommendations. It is recommended that you bring apparatus from your own department to drive.

## Course 252



### 16 HOURS

FRI N/A

SAT 8AM

SUN 8AM

2ND WEEKEND

## FIRE INVESTIGATION LEVEL 2

**Instructors:** Jason Baltic

**Tuition:** \$90.00

**Prerequisite:** Arson I or Fire Investigation Level 1

Previously named "Arson II - Scene Examination", this course will show the student how to investigate an actual fire scene, reconstruct the scene, take trace samples, document, diagram and photograph the scene, and determine and prove what started the fire.

## Course 253



### 16 HOURS

FRI N/A

SAT 8AM

SUN 8AM

2ND WEEKEND

## ICS 400: ADVANCED ICS

**Instructor:** Kevin Clendenin

**Tuition:** \$90.00

**Student Manual:** \$10.00

**Prerequisite:** ICS 300

NIMS ICS 400 Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff is a course that is intended to provide training on and resources for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System (ICS). It is designed for senior public safety personnel and will provide information on how they are expected to perform in a management capacity in an Area Command or Multiagency Coordination Entity.

**Per the State of West Virginia, students must wait a minimum of three months between taking ICS 300 and ICS 400.**

## Course 254



### 16 HOURS

FRI N/A

SAT 8AM

SUN 8AM

2ND WEEKEND

## MEDICAL MANAGEMENT IN ROPE RESCUE

**Instructor:** Red River Rescue

**Tuition:** \$350.00

**Prerequisite:** EMR, EMT, Nurse or Physician

Every Technical Rescue call is an EMS call with complicated circumstances. All too often, we train to proficiency in our technical skills without sharpening our medical management. Training scenarios end when the patient simulator has been removed from the "hazard". The patient is at the center of every rescue. Managing their condition is something every rope rescue team should be proficient in. This workshop will cover a wide array of patient management techniques while placing you in an environment to apply them. Your instructors for this course are paramedics with real world rope rescue experience who have managed complex patient conditions while in a vertical environment.

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

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## NAVIGATING THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

**Instructor:** Mark Holmes

**Tuition:** \$90.00

**Prerequisite:** None

### Course 255

**16 HOURS**

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

The intent of this course is to introduce the participant to the world of grant writing. We are continuously faced with a need to search and find additional funding sources throughout emergency services. Whether it is for large purchases or smaller purchases there is probably a grant source available. From the basic search through the application process and then our successful award and post-award management phases, this course will provide you the necessary information and ability to navigate the grant processes. We will discuss the development of the application from data collection to problem statement development and the establishment of goals and objectives of the organization that supports the application. Time permitting, the course will discuss individual participants needs and how to start the process with the specific needs of the participants. In addition, students will also write a grant during the class and compete for an award that is sponsored by Backwoods Bar & Grill.

### Course 256

Jr.  
Approved

## RAPID INTERVENTION TEAMS (RIT)

**Instructors:** Paul Niedbalski

**Tuition:** \$90.00

**Prerequisite:** Firefighter I or Equivalent

**16 HOURS**

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

Two-day high intensity hands on firefighter rescue program. Students will spend the first day learning the individual techniques and skills involved in rescuing trapped firefighters. Skills include: Emergency air supply, searching for a firefighter, assessing and packaging a firefighter, drags and carries, ladder rescues, rescues from entanglements, breaches, below grade and restricted areas. Day two details the positions, assignments, and foreground operations (proactive tasks, tool use, staging, and more) of a rapid intervention team. Skills include: performing as RIT officer, navigation/air supply, search and packaging firefighter assigned to a RIT. Day two scenarios combine all skills learned, under realistic fireground conditions, while operating as a RIT in response to a fireground Mayday.

### Course 257

Jr.  
Approved

## ROPE RESCUE TECHNICIAN

**Instructors:** Mat Neil

**Tuition:** \$125.00

**Textbook (Optional):** \$80.00

**Prerequisite:** Rope Ops

**20 HOURS**

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

This program is designed to educate students on how to perform emergency rope rescue at the technician level. The curriculum is designed reference the NFPA 1006 and 1670 standards. During this class students will learn and be required to demonstrate proficiency in technician level skills including: rope use and knots, anchors, rope systems, and performing rescue operations using low angle, steep angle, high angle, and highline operations.

### Course 258

Jr.  
Approved

## STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE FOR THE FIRST DUE COMPANY

**Instructors:** R.C. Fellows

**Tuition:** \$200.00

**Prerequisite:** None

**16 HOURS**

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

This course will emphasize operations in light weight building construction collapse emergencies by introducing the student to Building Construction, Size-up, Collapse Patterns, Lifting and Moving heavy objects with hand tools, Emergency Building shoring and stabilization, and Breaching and Breaking lightweight construction materials to gain access to the trapped and injured.

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

## Course 259

 Jr.  
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### VEHICLE AND MACHINERY EXTRICATION TECHNICIAN

**Instructors:** Corey Carr, Ritchie Gobble, Jonathan Mitchell    **Tuition:** \$125.00

**Prerequisite:** Vehicle & Machinery Level 1 or Ops

**16 HOURS**

**FRI**    **N/A**

**SAT**    **8AM**

**SUN**    **8AM**

**2ND WEEKEND**

This course designed to train rescuers in commercial or heavy vehicle and machinery rescue. This course will meet or exceed NFPA 1006 Chapters 5 & 10.2 requirements. Students will be taught the basic and advanced concepts of Vehicle and Machinery Rescue: scene size up, identifying hazards, stabilization of commercial vehicles and machinery, entry and egress techniques, disentanglement techniques, tool usage, patient packaging and removal. Emphasis will be placed on rescuer and victim safety, proper tool selection and usage and utilizing a multi-step approach to extrication planning.

## Course 260

 Jr.  
Approved

### WILDERNESS SEARCH AND RESCUE TECHNICIAN

**Instructors:** Roger Brafford    **Tuition:** \$90.00    **Prerequisite:** Wilderness SAR Ops

**16 HOURS**

**FRI**    **N/A**

**SAT**    **10AM**

**SUN**    **N/A**

**2ND WEEKEND**

At the completion of this training, the student should be capable of safely performing, supporting, coordinating, and managing a search and rescue in any wilderness environment in which the rescuer might be required to operate. Class will participate in practical evolutions in the wilderness setting. Students will build a 24-hour shelter, start a fire, and complete a night time search and rescue. This class will be staying throughout the night in the woods on Saturday night and students will need to be prepared for the weather and elements. Class start time on Saturday morning is estimated and will be relayed to pre-registered students ahead of time.

## Course 261

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### EMT REFRESHER

**Instructor:** Jonathan Evans    **Tuition:** \$125.00    **Prerequisite:** Previous or Current EMT Cert

**24 HOURS**

**FRI**    **6PM**

**SAT**    **8AM**

**SUN**    **8AM**

**2ND WEEKEND**

This 24-hour course meets the established standard requirements to be met by all applicants seeking to become recertified and authorized to practice Emergency Medical Services at the Emergency Medical Technician Level in West Virginia. All West Virginia certified EMTs are required to meet recertification course standards. Providers must successfully complete all skills assessments outlined for the EMT level in the WVDEMS Education Approval Policy.





# Instructors



**Baltic, Jason** - Jason is the Chief Investigator for the West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office where he has been employed for 19 years. He is also the Chief of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department serving for 29 years making the rank of Chief in 2008. Jason is an IAAI Certified Fire Investigator and a NAFI Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator.



**Barlow, Perry** - Perry is a 37-year veteran of the fire service. He currently serves as the Fire Chief of the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department in Preston County, West Virginia. He is also the Chief of the county Hazardous Materials response team. Perry has been a fire service instructor for more than 20 years.



**Bero, Jamie** - Jamie is the Emergency Vehicle Driver Training-Instructor for the state of West Virginia for VFIS. She began her career as a firefighter with Clarion Fire & Hose Company #1 in Clarion, Pennsylvania and served as a Lieutenant on the Clarion County Emergency Response Team. She is currently a Firefighter and Red Light Express Public Information Officer for Tyler Mountain Volunteer Fire Department in Kanawha County. She is a staff member for the West Virginia Junior Fire Camp and a presenter at the Pennsylvania State HazMat Training & Education Conference. She holds certification as an Instructor Level 2.



**Brafford, Roger** - Roger has a love for rescues, technical rescues, and helping others. He has been in the fire service for nearly 30 years and enjoys teaching a variety of courses in the fire service. He thinks outside the box and loves a good challenge. He will challenge you to better yourself through various techniques in both Wilderness Rescue classes during this fire school. Roger serves at the Deputy Chief of his local fire department and teaches for various agencies.



**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.



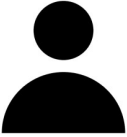
**Carney, Lance** - Lance began his fire service career in 1999 and currently serves as Chief of the Saint Albans Fire Department. He has worked many years with both the Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department and the Tyler Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, and has been a West Virginia Public Service 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 the Tornado Volunteer Fire Department and currently is a volunteer at Pinch Volunteer Fire Department, where he holds the rank of Assistant Chief. 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

**Clendenin, Kevin -**



**Dzierzak, Jamie -** Jamie volunteered in Cabell County. During that time he worked for the City of Dunbar Fire Department for 1.5 years and the City of South Charleston Fire Department for 6 years. He then moved to North Carolina and currently works at Concord Fire Department riding Rescue 3.



**Elswick, Jeff -** Jeff is a 30+ year Veteran of the fire service. He started his career with Glasgow Volunteer Fire Department and is now currently the Deputy Fire Chief for the McLaughlin ANGB FD and a Firefighter for the Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department.



**Energy Security Agency . -** Energy Security Agency provides a well rounded but focused set of services to private and public sector industries who have various levels of interactions with lithium-ion batteries and stored energy technologies. ESA provides real-time guidance for responders operating at emergency incidents, battery burn testing & gas analysis, multi industry training, consulting for manufacturers, Risk Analysis for hybrid and electric vehicles post incident and emergency response planning for industry.



**Evans, Jonathan -** Jonathan became an EMT in 1998 while earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology at Marshall University where he worked on an ambulance operated by the university. He later earned his degree in Paramedic Sciences from West Virginia State University. He has been employed by the Kanawha County Ambulance Authority since 2003. He is certified as both a Critical Care Paramedic and a Community Paramedic. His current position is Squad Training Officer where he works as part of a team to provide classes to both EMS providers and the general public.



**Fellow, R.C. -** R.C. is the Fire Chief of the O.R. and W. Fire District in Ohio. He previously served as Lieutenant and Training Coordinator for the Pleasant Valley Joint Fire District in Plain City, Ohio. He is a member of the Jefferson County Technical Rescue Team and Ohio Task Force 1. R.C. is also a Fire instructor for the Ohio Fire Academy and for Belmont College.



**Gobble, Ritchie -** Ritchie is currently a Lieutenant for the South Charleston Fire Department in South Charleston, West Virginia. He started his career as a junior fireman in Ripley, West Virginia. He is currently a certified instructor for the state of West Virginia and Spec Rescue International. Ritchie has numerous years of teaching and conducting aggressive truck company operations along the East Coast. He continues to remain a student of the craft.

# Instructors



**Goldsmith, Dave** - Dave has 35 years of fire service experience in volunteer and combination departments. He served the Highview Fire Protection District, spending 15 of those years as a volunteer and 20 years as a career member. He rose through the ranks from Firefighter to Chief, serving as Chief for the last 14 years of his career until his retirement in March of 2022. He was appointed to the Kentucky Fire Commission by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear, serving as chairman of the education committee for 10 years.



**Grimm, Luke** - Luke is a Lieutenant and EMT for the Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department. He is also a Firefighter / EMT for the City of Charleston Fire Department. Luke is an instructor for West Virginia Public Service Training.



**Holmes, Mark** - Mark is the President of Mark Holmes & Associates LLC which does research and consulting in government relations, highway safety, emergency management, and legislative sectors specializing in grant writing and project management. Mark is retired from the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles where he was a former Executive Assistant and also managed the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program. He has also served on the Board of Directors at the Malden Volunteer Fire Department with seven of those years as Board President.



**Holmes, Scott** - Scott is a 25+ 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 Lieutenant / EMT. He works as a career Captain / EMT at the City of Charleston Fire Department. Scott is an instructor for West Virginia Public Service Training and West Virginia University Fire Service Extension.



**Johnson, Rod** - Rod is a retired Paramedic from the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority where served more than 30 years and was the Chief of Operations. He also served as Chief of the Pratt Volunteer Fire Department in Kanawha County with 40 year's of service. Rod currently works for the Kanawha County Office of Emergency Management as the Emergency Services Coordinator. Rod is an instructor with West Virginia Public Service Training.



**Kershner, Sky** - Sky is the former director of KPCC Counseling in Charleston. He is an assistant professor of Psychiatry at the WVU School of Medicine. He has a Doctor of Ministry degree and a Masters of Clinical Social Work. Sky is a certified ICISF instructor and has debriefed at a number of Critical Incidents in West Virginia including Upper Big Branch in 2010 and the Arlington Avenue fire in 2012. Sky has received many awards including the WV Civil Rights Award and WV Counselor of the Year award. Sky is also a member of MINT—the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers.



**Legg II, Jason** - Jason is a second generation firefighter currently in his 11th year in the fire service. He is a career firefighter at the City of Charleston Fire Department currently serving as Lieutenant / Paramedic and also serves as a Lieutenant at the Sissonville Volunteer Fire Department.

# Instructors



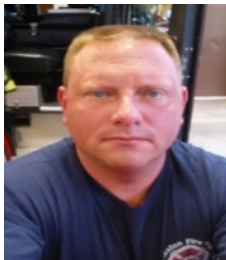
**Lyons, Matt** - Matt has been involved with fire and emergency services for 30 years. He's held chief officer positions at the McLaughlin Air National Guard Fire Department and Clendenin Volunteer Fire Department. He's currently the senior enlisted leader at the 167th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron as a National and State Paramedic. He holds IFSAC accreditation as a Fire Officer 4, Fire Instructor 3 and Fire Inspector 3 along with WMD HazMat Technician. He has several years experience in an Industrial Chemical Plant as an Emergency Manager, Fire Chief and Facility Security Officer. He's a supervisor instructor with WVPST while holding a Fire and EMS State BOE adult teaching permit.



**Mitchell, Jonathan** - Jonathan is a Lieutenant with the Charleston Fire Department in Charleston, West Virginia, and a active member of the Ripley Fire Department, where he began his journey as a junior firefighter, and currently serves as Chief. Jonathan has over 13 years of experience in the fire and EMS service. Additionally, he serves as an instructor with West Virginia Public Service Training. He is passionate for sharing knowledge and experience, contributing to the development of firefighters across the state in various disciplines within the fire service.



**Neil, Mat** - Mat began his career in 2006 as a Junior Firefighter with the Gauley River Volunteer Fire Department in Fayette County. In 2018, he was hired by the City of South Charleston Fire Department. He serves as a Lieutenant at both departments. Mat is also a National Registry Advanced EMT. He specializes in Wilderness and High Angle Rope Rescue with the Fayette County Vertical Rescue Team for the last eight years. He is a certified instructor with West Virginia Public Service Training.



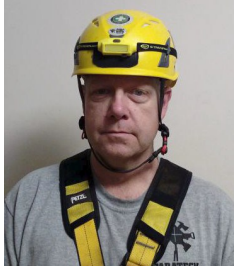
**Niedbalski, Paul** - Paul has been the recipient of many prestigious awards during his 30 years in the fire service including a 1997 Firehouse Magazine Heroism Award, 1996 Governor's Medal of Valor, and a 1997 West Virginia State Firefighters Association Award for Bravery. He has delivered programs 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 Captain with the Charleston Fire Department and is assigned to Rescue 2.



**Red River Rescue** - Red River Rescue is a technical rescue training and education initiative in Eastern Kentucky's Red River Gorge. They provide Technical Rescue training and instruction. Workshops and courses are designed for rescuers, by rescuers. Their specialties include Rope Rescue, Rope Access, Swift Water Rescue, Technical Rescue, Tower Rescue, Search and Rescue, Urban Search and Rescue, Wilderness Medicine, Backcountry Rescue, and Rigging.



**Redden, Jason** - Jason is a 17-year member of the fire service currently holding the rank of Fire Chief at the Beaver Volunteer Fire Department in Raleigh County, West Virginia. Jason is also a Lieutenant with the Raleigh County Sheriff's Office serving since 2002. He is an instructor for West Virginia Public Service Training and West Virginia University Fire Service Extension.



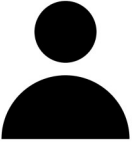
**Ross, David** - Dave is a Career Firefighter / Paramedic for the City of Marietta, Ohio Fire Department. He has served in the emergency services profession since 1987 and O'Briens Safety-CS Rescue Team since 2008. He is a certified Ohio Fire Instructor and holds Technician level certifications in Confined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

# Instructors



**Russell, Ron** - Ron is the Fire Chief at the Frame Volunteer Fire Department in Kanawha County, West Virginia. He began his career in 1980 as a Junior Firefighter. After catastrophic flooding devastated the Frame area in 1998, Ron set out to start a well trained and equipped swift water rescue team for the fire district. Ron is also a member of the West Virginia Swift Water Rescue Team as well as a Swift Water Rescue Instructor for Spec Rescue International.

**Sandford, Travis** -



**Scaff, CJ** - CJ is currently the Deputy Chief at Institute Fire & Rescue in Kanawha County, West Virginia where he has been a member since September 2003. He is a Fire Instructor with West Virginia Public Service Training.



**Sigman, C.W.** - C.W. is the Director of the Kanawha County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Manager. He also holds the title of the Kanawha County Fire Coordinator. C.W. is the former Fire Chief of the City of South Charleston Fire Department. He also holds a Master of Safety Management from Marshall University.



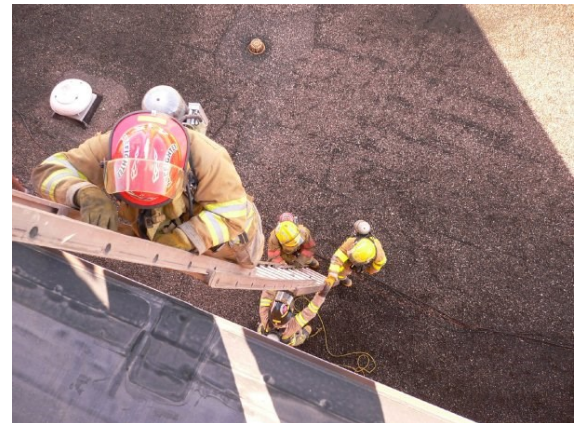
**Virag, Darin** - Darin is a retired Captain from the Charleston Fire Department and has over 25 years of emergency service experience. He is a Supervising Instructor at West Virginia Public Service Training, and has spent the past 18 years teaching and mentoring students. Throughout his career, he has worked on developing training programs at both the state and national levels, and has also been a content and technical consultant for several national publications.



**White, Jeff** - With 27 years of emergency services experience, Jeff currently serves as the Director of Safety for HealthNet Aeromedical. Jeff is also an associate member of the Pinch Volunteer Fire Department. His career has involved, career and volunteer fire service in urban and rural environments, as well as a FEMA USAR team member. Aside from his duties at HealthNet, Jeff is an instructor for WVPST, an NAEMT author, a National Fire Academy Instructor, and a technical rescue instructor for Spec Rescue International.



**Williams, Jerrod** - Jerrod is currently in his 13th year in the fire service. He currently serves as a Lieutenant for the City of South Charleston Fire Department previously serving for the City of Nitro Fire Department. Jerrod also teaches through REAL Fire Training having the opportunity to teach and learn with some of the best firefighters around.



## 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>Embassy Suites</b>	<b>I-64 Exit 58-C (Charleston)</b>	<b>(304) 341-8700</b>	<b>12 MINUTES FROM CAMPUS</b>
<b>Charleston Marriott</b>	<b>I-64 Exit 58-C (Charleston)</b>	<b>(304) 345-6500</b>	<b>12 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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