

The 6th Annual Sissonville Fire & Rescue School

2012 Firefighter I – Blended Learning FAQs

Question: “How is this class delivered on two (2) weekends when other places have Firefighter I at up to 120 hours?”

Answer: *The class is being offered in a combination of on-line modules that will need to be completed by students prior to coming to the Fire School. After a student registers, they will be sent the link(s) and instructions for taking the on-line modules. Students will then complete the practical skills evolutions at the Fire School, e.g. air packs, ladders, hose evolutions, etc.*

Question: “Will this class meet the State requirements for Firefighter I?”

Answer: *“YES !!!” – students will be certified to the Firefighter I level after completing the class - in fact, students who complete the class will be eligible to take the Pro-Board test (for an additional fee to cover the costs of Pro-Board Certification)*

Question: “Can Junior Firefighters take this class?”

Answer: *“YES!!!” – Juniors can take this class.*

Question: “What if my fire department doesn’t have internet access?”

Answer: *Students will be able to access the on-line modules from any internet access point – home, public libraries, schools, wi-fi spots, etc. Students can work at their own pace and will have over two (2) weeks to complete the modules – the earlier you register, the longer you will have to do the on-line course work.*

Question: “Can we come and do the practical evolutions at the school and then do the on-line part later?”

Answer: *Unfortunately, “NO” – students need to have the basic concepts in mind when they come and do the practicals evolutions. Having a sound understanding of the safety principles, terminology, and fire behavior(s) is essential to a better understanding of how it all comes together.*

Question: “Can I help my firefighters with the on-line modules?”

Answer: *Students are encouraged to ask for help and seek guidance from training officers and other leaders within their organizations. While independent work is strongly encouraged, students should ask for help when needed. If a local resource is not available, they can e-mail Mark Doty at WVU or Tom Miller at tmiller@station26.org for assistance.*

Question: “Will the Hazardous Materials Operations section of Firefighter I be covered?”

Answer: *“YES” – it is part of the curriculum*

Question: “What do students need to bring to class at the Fire School?”

Answer: *Students will need to bring full NFPA approved turnouts – coat, pants, boots, gloves, helmet, hood, and an SCBA with a spare bottle. Students will also need to complete a registration form and waiver. Juniors will also need to bring a signed copy of the parental consent form (available on the fire school website).*

Question: “Who should I contact if I am having technical problems with the website?”

Answer: *Any problems with the on-line system should be directed to the system support administrator listed on the website. If you don’t receive a response, you can then contact Mark Doty at WVU at mark.doty@mail.wvu.edu.*



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