

North Carolina Weekend at the National Fire Academy

November 20 – 22, 2009

The 2-Day On-Campus Program (formerly State Weekend Program) is targeted for fire service personnel with a minimum of 3 years experience. Most 2-day courses are designed for mid-level officers rather than chief officers or firefighters.

Application Deadline: August 21, 2009

Schedule:

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| November 20, 2009 | Travel Day |
| 4:00– 6:00 PM | Registration |
| 6:00 PM | Dinner (campus cafeteria) |
| 7:00 PM | Opening Session (ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY) |
| November 21, 2009 | |
| 8:00 AM | Classes begin |
| 5:00 PM | Classes end for the day |
| November 22, 2009 | |
| 8:00 AM | Classes resume |
| 3:00 PM | Classes end |

You must attend classes both Saturday and Sunday to receive your certificate of completion. Failure to do so, may result in your entire department being banned from State Weekend programs for a period of 3 years. If you have an emergency and must leave the campus, please contact Student Services in Building "C" and ask them to inform Tim Bradley or Steve Sloan.

Registration: \$70.00 – covers meals in the Campus Cafeteria
Friday dinner through Sunday lunch (at the campus cafeteria), a recreation pass, socials and favors.
Lodging and course costs are absorbed by the Academy. Transportation expenses and meals en route and return are the responsibility of the student.

Application: Applications will be accepted immediately, but must be postmarked by August 21st. Each application will be reviewed by our office to determine participation eligibility. Incomplete applications cannot be processed and will be returned to you. Be sure to include a check or money order for registration with your application. We cannot accept credit or debit cards. Please make your check payable to *NFA Weekend*, and mail to the address listed below. Do not send your application directly to the National Fire Academy.
Individual applicants will be notified, by email, of acceptance or denial on or before September 30th. Please provide a valid email address. If you haven't received email correspondence regarding acceptance/denial by October 2, please contact Ellen Sullivan at ellen.sullivan@ncdoi.gov or 1-800-634-7854 ext.312.

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NFA Weekend Program/Ellen Sullivan
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COURSE SELECTIONS

(Please list, on Line 12a, three (3) class choices as it is not always possible to assign everyone to their 1st class choice.)

- **Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations (STICO)** – The STICO curriculum is designed to meet the needs of Company Officers responsible for managing operations. The curriculum consists of three separate and independent courses: Preparation for Initial Company Operations (PICO) (formerly MCTO:P); MCTO:Decisionmaking; and Strategies and Tactics for Initial Company Operations (STICO). STICO is designed to develop the management skills needed by Company Officers to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires. Students completing this course will be able to explain the purpose.

Selection Criteria: Senior firefighters who may at times assume the responsibilities of the company officer (NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, Level II).

- **A Comprehensive Fire Protection Approach for Commercial Occupancies (CFPA)*** -- This course uses results from test burns of commonly-found items in simulated single-family occupancies to provide firefighters with pragmatic cognitive and analytical skills for understanding fire behavior. Through scientific and engineering studies, observation and analysis of videotaped test burns and burn data, students will learn the value, application, and limitations of fire-testing and test methods, instruments, and equipment. The course presents scenarios and case studies to enable firefighters to assess and devise strategies for fighting actual fires, based on their ability to apply data from test burns. Students will learn the burn characteristics of individual items commonly found in single-family occupancies, as well as individual rooms, based on specific variables, such as fire detection and firefighting equipment and room size and layout. Analysis and discussion of test results will enable students to evaluate and interpret these results, and develop safe, effective firefighting strategies.

*This is a 1-day course, offered in conjunction with *Fire Behavior in a Single Family Occupancy* (1-day course) as (1) course.

Selection Criteria: Firefighters and fire officers; fire marshals, inspectors, and building inspectors, career and volunteer firefighters who have prevention responsibilities.

- **Fire Behavior in a Single Family Occupancy (FBSFO)*** -- This course uses a comprehensive fire protection approach to frame areas of scientific and engineering studies around fire growth patterns, products and systems involved with the appropriate fire protection solution, fire and building codes, and the use of fire mitigating tools. Analysis of historical commercial building fires highlights the development of building codes, fire codes, and product test methods. Students learn how to assess the validity of a product's performance test for a specific product application or end-use using a certification label. In a final case study, students apply the comprehensive fire protection approach to the analysis of a documented commercial fire and determine the impact on firefighting strategies.

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- **Leadership I: Strategies for Company Success (LS I)** -- This 2-day course presents the company officer with the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course includes techniques and approaches to problem-solving, ways to identify and assess the needs of the company officer's subordinates, methods for running meetings effectively in the fire service environment, and decisionmaking skills for the company officer.

Selection Criteria: Line fire officers, unit commanders, or program supervisors. Fire or rescue personnel due for promotion/appointment to officer rank or supervisory position within 6 months. Training officers, staff, or administrative officers of fire and rescue organizations.

- Leadership II: Strategies for Personal Success (LS II)** -- This 2-day course provides the company officer with the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course addresses ethics, use and abuse of power at the company officer level, creativity in the fire service environment, and management of the multiple roles of the company officer.

Selection Criteria: Line fire officers, unit commanders, or program supervisors. Fire or rescue personnel due for promotion/appointment to officer rank or supervisory position within 6 months. Training officers, staff, or administrative officers of fire and rescue organizations.
- Leadership III: Strategies for Supervisory Success (LS III)** -- This 2-day course provides the company officer with the basic leadership skills and tools to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course covers when and how to delegate to subordinates, assess personal leadership styles through situational leadership, discipline subordinates, and apply coaching/ motivating techniques.

Selection Criteria: Line fire officers, unit commanders, or program supervisors. Fire or rescue personnel due for promotion/appointment to officer rank or supervisory position within 6 months. Training officers, staff, or administrative officers of fire and rescue organizations.
- Incident Safety Officer (ISO) (Revised)** -- This 2-day 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 a main theme. Response to all-hazards types of situations will be emphasized.

Selection Criteria: Individuals who have a Safety Officer responsibility at emergency operation situations. Persons attending this course should have a working knowledge of the ICS, as taught by NFA, building construction principles, hazardous materials management, applicable NFPA guidelines, and Federal regulations.
- Introduction to Wildland/Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer (IWUIFSCO)** -- This 2-day course identifies operational activities and safety concerns for structural company officers assigned to a Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface incident. Topics covered include Introduction to Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface firefighting, interface environment, wildland fire behavior, command and control issues of wildland/urban interface firefighting, and tactics.

Selection Criteria: Company officers or chief officers who may be in command of a single resource or Strike Team at the scene of a Wildland/Urban Interface incident.

If you have questions, contact Ellen Sullivan at 1-800-634-7854, ext 312 or ellen.sullivan@ncdoi.gov