



TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

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Firefighter I Bridge Course: (Course #1)-

Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations w/ Haz Mat First Responder Ops

This course is to bring firefighters that currently have Firefighter Essentials, Basic Firefighter, Scene Support Ops, or Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations (Jan. 2015-Aug. 2016 version) up to the current BEFO equivalency.

Please note that once firefighters complete this Course #1 Bridge course to BEFO, they will then have to take Course #2: SCBA/Interior Firefighting Operations to obtain their full Firefighter I equivalency.

February 26, March 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 26, 29, April 2, 5, 9 from 19:00 to 22:00 hrs.

April 12, 16, 19, 23 from 18:30 to 22:30 hours

Description: **Course #1: Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations with HMFRO:** This course prepares firefighters to operate in the exterior or non-IDLH areas of the fire scene. Students participate in learning events covering firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE), self-contained breathing apparatus inspection and cylinder changing, fire department communications, building construction and fire behavior, modern fire control research, portable fire extinguishers, rope and knot tying, ground ladders, forcible entry, tactical ventilation theory, water supply, hose and fire streams, loss control, orientation to fire origin and cause determination, fire prevention and life safety initiatives, confined space awareness, overview of first aid and buddy care, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations.

Course Homework: Participants must have current Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification; complete the FEMA NIMS 700a and ICS-100.b on-line courses (see links below), and complete 9 home fire department skills in order to receive a BEFO completion certificate. Students must also complete each take home quiz as assigned.

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.b> AND <http://www.training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.a>

Prior to attending class, students must have the **IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations 6th Edition** to assist in accomplishing the course objectives. (Electronic version of the book is available thru r1.ifsta.org)

Target audience: Firefighters who have previously taken Firefighter Essentials, Basic Firefighter, Scene Support Operations, or Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations (January 2015-August 2016 version) and would like to eventually obtain the current Firefighter I equivalency.

Prerequisites: Firefighter Essentials, Basic Firefighter, Scene Support Ops, or Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations (January 2015-August 2016 version).

Registration: Pre-registration is mandatory. **WALK-INS ARE NOT PERMITTED.** To register go to <http://training.westchestergov.com>. Class size is limited to twenty-five (25) students.

Venue: Westchester County DES Training Center, 4 Dana Rd. – Grasslands Campus, Valhalla, New York. All students are to park in the lot adjacent to the Support Services Building located at 35 Walker Road. (There is a stairway linking the parking lot directly to the training campus.) For questions or concerns regarding weather or course cancellation call (914) 231 – 1615.