



TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

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Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations (BEFO) with Hazardous Materials First Responder Ops (HMFRO) **Course#1 of the Firefighter 1 Curriculum**

Students who successfully complete this class are eligible to take Course #2: SCBA with Interior Firefighting Operations to gain their Firefighter I certificate. A Course #2 will be scheduled after the conclusion of this class for those students that would like to continue to FF1.

This 79 hour course is being held on the following dates:

February 15, 26, March 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 26, 29, April 2, 5, 9, 12 from 19:00 to 22:00 hours
March 3, 31, April 14 from 08:00 to 17:00 hours
April 16, 19, 23 from 18:30 to 22:30 hours

Description: **Course #1: Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations (BEFO) with HMFRO:** This course prepares new 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. Student 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>

Target audience: Entry-Level firefighter

Course Textbook: **IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations 6th Edition.** Student's success relies on the student's completion of the assigned readings. (Electronic version of the book is available thru r1.ifsta.org)

Registration: Pre-registration is mandatory. **Walk-ins are not permitted.** To register go to <https://training.westchestergov.com/training/login.do>. 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 – 1699.

Full PPE is required and SCBA is required for Units #2 & 3