

CONNECTICUT VIRGINIA DELAWARE
STATE WEEKEND at the NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY



March 29 – 30, 2025

U.S. National Fire Academy
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Emmitsburg, MD 21727-8998

The Virginia Department of Fire Programs is proud to continue our training opportunity at the National Fire Academy with Connecticut and Delaware. 10 courses will be available for registration beginning December 2, 2024.

Courses being offered this year (see details below):

- W0549 - Emergency Response to Terrorism: Strategic Considerations
- W0521 - Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change
- W0602 - Shaping the Future
- W0609 - Introduction to Unified Command for All-Hazard Incidents
- W0756 - Fire Investigation: Fire as a Weapon
- W0256 - Safety for Hazardous Materials Incidents
- W0296 - Command and Control for Company-Level Operations
- W0455 – Strategy and Tactics for the Initial Company Officer
- W0761 - New Fire Chief: Administrative Issues
- W0729 – Incident Safety Officer



Registration information:

VA students are required to register using a attached State Fire School Registration Form. Please select choices 1, 2, & 3 in preference. Please note, we are sharing seats for each of the 10 courses. **If all seats are full, you can ask to be registered on the waitlist.**

Deadline for registration is February 21, 2024.

This is a Delaware State Fire School sponsored weekend at the NFA. There is no cost to Delaware Affiliated students for course registration, lodging, or on-campus meal ticket. The only cost to the attending student is travel to and from the NFA campus.

Registration will be finalized with CT and VA to admit waitlisted students at the end of February. Once completed, all registered students will receive information on how to complete the **required NFA online application**, National Emergency Training Center Online Admissions Application (fema.gov).

For more information contact the NFA Weekend Coordinator, Vincent Miller, at the Delaware State Fire School a 302-739-4773 or by email a vincent.miller@delaware.gov.

Special Notice!

National Fire Academy online application requires FEMA SID.

National Fire Academy students applying for on-campus (10-/6-/2-day), off- campus (10-/6-/2-day), and NFA Online courses need to register for a FEMA Student Identification Number (SID) prior to taking any NFA delivery course. This number is used in place of a Social Security Number and is obtained through the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP). If you are planning to take a NFA course this unique number must be submitted on your application to receive a certificate. Use the following link to begin the registration process - How to apply for a National Fire Academy course (fema.gov)

Anyone entering the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) campus unescorted is required to show photo identification that meets **REAL ID Act** standards. The purpose of the **REAL ID Act** is to stop terrorists from evading detection by using false identification.

Visitors will need one of the following current forms of identification to access our campus:

A U.S. passport or passport card or “federal” Delaware Driver’s License. A federal employee personal identity verification (PIV) card or military (active, retired, reserve, dependent or civilian employee) ID card.

Note: Real ID will be required to enter the NFA campus beginning May 7, 2025.

Additional information for on-campus courses may be found at <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/on-campus-students/>. Please familiarize yourself with this information prior to attending NFA State Weekend courses.

Course details:

W0549 – Emergency Response to Terrorism: Strategic Considerations

This updated 2-day course is designed for responders who may be responsible for initial and expanded command of incidents involving terrorism. The course is intended to build upon the students' existing skills as Incident Commanders (ICs) and practitioners of the Incident Command System (ICS) with knowledge of the National Incident Management System, the National Response Framework and terrorism.

The class will assist the officers in preparing an effective response to the consequences of terrorism. ICs must be prepared to operate as part of a multiagency, multidiscipline and multijurisdictional response. The course uses lecture supported by case studies and practice scenarios to address the command and control challenges that will likely confront the IC. This will enable the students to apply their knowledge of pre-incident planning, managing emergency incidents, and operating as part of a Unified Command structure to ensure the safety of responders while bringing the incident to a successful conclusion.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus:

BYOD Instructions: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0549.pdf

Course Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0549.pdf

W0521 - Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change

This 2-day course is to provide skills that individuals in positions of authority can use to exercise leadership when confronted with adaptive challenges. The goal of this course is for participants to develop an understanding of skills associated with exercising leadership to resolve adaptive problems — those problems where the solution is either unknown or requires significant change, or both.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus:

BYOD Instructions: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0521.pdf

Course Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0521.pdf

W0602 - Shaping the Future

This 2-day course is designed to assist first- and second-level supervisors and Company Officers (COs) in developing knowledge and skills in contemporary approaches to organizational problem-solving.

Topics include:

- Use of creative approaches to identifying trends within their organizations.
- Applying problem-solving methodologies.
- The importance and application of continuous improvement within organizations.
- How to quantify problems and solutions.
- Factors in organizational and individual resistance to change.
- Strategies for implementing change.

The course incorporates facilitated, student-centered methodologies, including lecture, small and large group activities, and individual assessments.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus:

Instructions to Download Student Manual: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0602.pdf

Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0602.pdf

W0609 - Introduction to Unified Command for All-Hazard Incidents

This 2-day course is designed to provide Company Officers (COs) with a better understanding of multiagency needs and a Unified Command structure. The attendees will gain an understanding of the requirements of a Unified Command organization and provide learners with the knowledge and skills necessary to operate effectively in complex incidents.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus:

Course Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0609.pdf

W0756 - Fire Investigation: Fire as a Weapon

This course was developed to aid first responders in understanding and recognizing how fire can be used as a weapon against people and/or property. This course should also help first responders and investigators understand why a person would choose to use fire as a weapon, as well as creating awareness of the types of information fire investigators may need from fire and emergency services personnel.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus:

Instructions to download Student Manual: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/PCM/BYOD_0756.pdf

Course Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0756.pdf

W0256 - Safety for Hazardous Materials Incidents

Using scenarios and activities, you will oversee the safety officer role in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from hazardous materials/WMD incidents.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus:

Course Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0256.pdf

W0296 - Command and Control for Company-Level Operations

Command and Control for the Company Officer is a 2-day course intended to provide a practical application of knowledge and skills for company officers or those aspiring for that next level.

The course builds on the following topics discussed in the online self-study course Q0891, "Foundations of Leadership and Operations for the Company Officer":

- Defining the company officer.
- Preplanning.
- Managing incidents.
- Operational communications.
- Safety.

W0455 – Strategy and Tactics for the Initial Company Officer

This 2-day course is designed to meet the needs of Company Officers (COs) responsible for managing the operations of 1 or more companies during structural firefighting operations. This course is designed to develop the management skills needed by COs to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus:

BYOD Instructions: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0455.pdf

Course Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0455.pdf

W0761 - New Fire Chief: Administrative Issues

This 2-day course is to provide students with the managerial, administrative and leadership skills and awareness necessary for new or recently appointed or elected chiefs to effectively meet their obligations of the position.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus:

BYOD Instructions: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0761.pdf

Course Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0761.pdf

W0729 – Incident Safety Officer

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.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus:

BYOD Instructions: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0729.pdf

Course Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0729.pdf

Additional information for all courses may be found by searching the course code number at <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/courses/>.

Delaware State Fire School - Registration Form

COMPLETE FORM, PRINT TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES, AND RETURN TO DELAWARE STATE FIRE SCHOOL BEFORE DEADLINE.

Choice 1 2 3



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Attendee Information

First Middle Last

Name:

Date of Birth:

DSFS Person ID:
(If Known)

NFA ID #:
(REQUIRED)

Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

E-Mail:

Phone:

Phone
Type:

Sponsoring

Gender:

Ethnic Origin:
(Optional)

Organization:

Payment Information Out-of-State Meal Ticket: \$93.94

Course Tuition:

Accepted Credit Cards: Visa, Mastercard, Discover
We are unable to accept American Express or Apple Pay

Check enclosed made payable to
Delaware State Fire School

Credit card (DSFS will call you for information)

Invoice (approved account)

Cardholder Name:

Cardholder Phone:

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations for students registered for this course must be received by the Fire School no later than noon the Wednesday before scheduled class date. Cancellations received after the deadline may be assessed a fee or payment of class tuition.

ATTENDEE SIGNATURE: The Delaware State Fire School will provide instruction in emergency response training and related skills under carefully selected instructors. In accepting instruction, I agree to the condition that the Delaware State Fire School assumes no responsibility other than the opportunity to learn. I understand that the payment for the course tuition and any and all medical, first aid and related charges will be the responsibility of the sponsoring organization. In the event no sponsoring organization is given and no signature is obtained, I accept this responsibility. I certify that I do not have any physical or other condition that will prevent me from actively participating in this course. By enrolling in this course, I also agree that the Delaware State Fire School may authorize the taking of photographs or movies or similar reproductions and may use them in either a commercial or noncommercial manner. At the sole discretion of DSFS and I hereby waive any objection to this activity and authorize use of my picture. In accepting enrollment for this course, the Delaware State Fire School is hereby relieved of liability.

ATTENDEE SIGNATURE

Date

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:

In accordance with NFPA 1001, I am certifying that the individual taking training does not have any physical and/or other conditions that would prevent them from actively participating in all portions of this course and/or has received a professional medical exam declaring their physical fitness before participating in firefighting activities. In the case of no physical documentation or significant change in health, a physical may be required before participation in this course. I understand that payment for the course and any/all medical, first aid and related charges will be the responsibility of the sponsoring organization.!

Sponsoring Organization

Name

Title

Contact Phone Number

Authorized Signature of Sponsoring Organization

Date