

Connecticut

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## STATE WEEKEND at the NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY



March 28 to 29, 2026

U.S. National Fire Academy  
16825 South Seton Avenue  
Emmitsburg, MD 21727-8998

The Delaware State Fire School is proud to continue our training partnership with the National Fire Academy, alongside Connecticut and Virginia, during the upcoming State Weekend. This year, 9 courses will be available for registration, offering a range of valuable training opportunities for attendees.

W0296 Incident Management and Leadership Fundamentals for the Company Officer  
W0455 Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations  
W0457 Decision-Making for Initial Company Operations  
W0458 Preparation for Initial Company Operations  
W0522 Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Through Difficult Conversations  
W0549 Emergency Response to Terrorism: Strategic Considerations  
W0635 Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction  
W0729 Incident Safety Officer  
W0756 Fire Investigation: Fire as a Weapon



## **Registration information:**

Delaware students are required to register using the attached Delaware State Fire School Registration Form. Please select your course choices from the drop-down menus or manually enter the course number where indicated.

Please note that seats are being shared across all nine courses. If a course reaches capacity, you may be placed into your second or third choice.

**The registration deadline is Tuesday, February 17, 2026.**

**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.**

We encourage all interested Delaware students to register promptly. Once the registration deadline has passed, NFA Weekend Coordinator Kenneth Getty will compile a roster to submit to the National Fire Academy on behalf of the Delaware participants.

**For more information contact the NFA Weekend Coordinator, Kenneth Getty, at the Delaware State Fire School a 302-739-4773 or by email at [kenneth.getty@delaware.gov](mailto:kenneth.getty@delaware.gov).**

## **Special Notice!**

### **National Fire Academy on line 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](http://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.

## **W0296 Incident Management and Leadership Fundamentals for the Company Officer**

"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.

"Command and Control for the Company Officer" 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 Initial Company Operations**

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](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0455.pdf)

**Course Syllabus:** [https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus\\_w0455.pdf](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0455.pdf)

## **W0457 Decision-Making for Initial Company Operations**

This 2-day course is designed to develop the decision-making skills needed by Company Officers (COs) to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires. All activities and scenarios used in this course are based on structure fires. With the real possibility of being the first to arrive at an incident, the CO's initial decisions will have an impact throughout the entire incident. It is vital that COs be able to make good management decisions that have a favorable impact on the eventual outcome.

In addition to a possible role as the initial Incident Commander, the CO may well be assigned a subordinate position within the Incident Command System (ICS) organization. COs need to have a clear understanding of the system, the position that they are assigned to, and their role in the organization if they are to function effectively and help make the system work.

This course is an excellent review for experienced COs.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus

**BYOD Instructions:** [https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD\\_0457.pdf](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0457.pdf)

**Course Syllabus:** [https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus\\_w0457.pdf](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0457.pdf)

### **W0458 Preparation for Initial Company Operations**

This 2-day course is designed to develop a better understanding of the role and responsibilities of Company Officers (COs) in preparing their company for incident operations and to clarify the transition from firefighter to CO and the new roles relating to leadership and safety.

This course is designed for COs, acting COs or senior firefighters responsible for the management of a single fire company at an emergency incident, including those officers who are responsible for company readiness, personnel safety and leadership as it relates to company operation.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus

**BYOD Instructions:** [https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD\\_0458.pdf](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0458.pdf)

**Course Syllabus:** [https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus\\_w0458.pdf](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0458.pdf)

### **WO522 Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Through Difficult Conversations**

The purpose of this 2-day course is to provide knowledge and skills for having difficult conversations to exercise leadership in addressing adaptive challenges. The goal of this course is for the participant to identify and apply skills for having difficult conversations as they relate to exercising leadership when addressing adaptive challenges.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus

**BYOD Instructions:** [https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD\\_0522.pdf](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0522.pdf)

**Course Syllabus:** [https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus\\_w0522.pdf](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0522.pdf)

### **WO549 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

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## **WO635 Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction**

This 2-day course demonstrates to students nationally recognized principles that, when used appropriately, can lead to community risk-reduction programs that can measure success in local communities. This course will give students the opportunity to explore programs from communities across the United States that have been showcased at Vision 20/20 symposiums. These programs demonstrate what nationally recognized organizations identify as examples of "best practices" in community risk reduction.

At the end of the course, students will be evaluated through a 25-question, multiple-choice examination. A final grade will be provided to each student. The minimum score needed to pass is 70.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus

**BYOD Instructions:** [https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD\\_0635.pdf](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0635.pdf)

**Pre-Course Assignment:** [https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/pcm\\_w0635.pdf](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/pcm_w0635.pdf)

**Course Syllabus:** [https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus\\_w0635.pdf](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0635.pdf)

## **WO729 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](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0729.pdf)

**Course Syllabus:** [https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus\\_w0729.pdf](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0729.pdf)

## **WO756 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

**BYOD Instructions:** [https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/PCM/BYOD\\_0756.pdf](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/PCM/BYOD_0756.pdf)

**Course Syllabus:** [https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus\\_w0756.pdf](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0756.pdf)

# Delaware State Fire School - Registration Form

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



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**First Choice**

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## Attendee Information

First

Middle

Last

Name:

Date of Birth:

DSFS ID: (If Known)

**SID #**  
**Required**

Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

E-Mail:

Phone:

Phone  
Type:

Sponsoring  
Organization:

Gender:

Ethnic Origin:  
(Optional)

## Payment Information

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)

FREE for DE students

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