

New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy

The New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy was created as a part of the State Fire Marshal's Office by legislative action in 1987. A state-of-the-art facility was constructed in Socorro, and its doors were opened to our state's firefighters in January 1989. The Academy is currently a Bureau of the Public Regulation Commission's Insurance Division. The Academy's mission is to meet the needs of a complex and dynamic fire service by providing training programs of the highest quality. The primary objective is to develop the basic and advanced skills necessary for emergency responders to best serve the citizens and guests of New Mexico.

Between 2500 and 3000 responders are trained each year by the Academy's permanent staff, guest instructors, and a cadre of approximately 150 adjunct instructors from fire departments throughout the state. Although the majority of the students are members of the 367 fire departments in the state, many come from other states, Indian Nations, the private sector, and Mexico.

Currently, the Academy offers over 80 courses ranging from entry-level to advanced management for chief officers. In addition to fire suppression classes, there are courses in various technical rescue, hazardous materials, terrorist response, instructor qualifications, and business management. The Academy also provides courses in specialized training through partnerships with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Fire Academy. Classes are conducted throughout the state, as well as on the Socorro campus. Some larger fire departments with their own local academies also send their students to the state's facility to use the specialized burn props for the most realistic training experience possible.

Courses are designed to meet standards created by the National Fire Protection Association and to assist the local fire departments in complying with mandatory training requirements set by the State Fire Marshal's Office. Classes meeting those standards provide the fire service with certification programs to judge a firefighter's ability and performance level. The Academy's certification programs are accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

In addition to assisting fire departments provide qualified emergency responders, the Academy's efforts also benefit the state's citizens directly in regard to their insurance costs. The cost of fire insurance for a local area is often based on rating provided by the Insurance Services Organization. Much of that rating decision relies on the ability of the fire department to provide adequate response with fire suppression capabilities and training records are reviewed in the grading process. For additional information about the Academy and the training opportunities provided, please contact us at 1-800-734-6553.

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AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIREFIGHTING (ARFF) RECERTIFICATION: 4-hour Live-burn practical exercises required to maintain FAA certification for airport fire department personnel.

BASIC FIREFIGHTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE: This 16-hour course is part of the Firefighter I Series and is one of the prerequisite classes for the core Firefighter I course. This course is a basic first-aid class that includes CPR and is designed for the entry-level firefighter.

BASIC INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (IS-100/IS-200): This 24-hour block of training is required as a prerequisite for Firefighter I and Firefighter II.

FIRE INSPECTOR I

FIRE OFFICER I

FIRE OFFICER II

FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS

FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS CONTRACTOR SEMINAR

FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR I

FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTOR II

FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE: The New Mexico Firefighter Challenge is a week-long system of different challenges for teams of firefighters to conquer and be scored by instructors from all across the state. The last event, held on the last day, will be an obstacle course that will determine the physical condition of the firefighters.

FIREFIGHTER I

FIREWORKS TRAINING FOR THE FIRE SERVICE

FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID EMERGENCIES

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: AWARENESS and OPERATIONS

HOSE AND HYDRANT TESTING

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND

INTRODUCTION TO WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING

LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS EMERGENCIES

NFA: ARSON DETECTION FOR THE FIRST RESPONDER

NFA: COMMAND AND CONTROL OF WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE FIRE

OPERATIONS FOR THE STRUCTURAL CHIEF OFFICER (CCWUIFOSCO)

NFA: FIRE CAUSE DETERMINATION FOR COMPANY OFFICERS

NFA: INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER (ISO) (revised)

NFA: STRATEGY AND TACTICS FOR INITIAL COMPANY OPERATIONS (STICO)

NFA: TECHNICAL PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF FIRE PREVENTION

NIMS – INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM FOR THE FIRE SERVICE

PUMP OPERATIONS AND HYDRAULICS

ROPE RESCUE: AWARENESS and OPERATIONS

ROPE RESCUE: TECHNICIAN

SOUTHWEST WILDLAND ENGINE ACADEMY: This week-long course is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills required to become an Engine Operator.

VEHICLE EXTRICATION

Announcements

Introduction to National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)

May 2 & 3 –Luna Community College, Technology Building, Room 106, 366 Luna Drive, Las Vegas

May 6 & 7- New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy, Socorro

May 9 & 10 – Cloudcroft School, Highway 82, Cloudcroft

Fire and Life Safety Plan Review

June 15-20, 2009 – New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy, 600 Aspen, Socorro, New Mexico

May 16 & 17, 2009 – 8 AM - 5 PM

Hosted by the Roswell Fire Department at the Chamber of Commerce Building, 131 W 2nd - Roswell