



Frandford Mutual Aid Fire Training Assoc
Western Maine Fire Attack School (WMFAS)
The Bethel Inn & Conference Center May 16th – 18th, 2008



NFA Offering:

Introduction to Wildland/Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer (F610)

Instructor: TBD

This 2-day course identifies operational activities and safety concerns for structural company officers assigned to a Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface incident. Topics covered include Introduction to Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface firefighting, interface environment, wildland fire behavior, command and control issues of wildland/urban interface firefighting, and tactics. Highly recommended for structural company officers or chief officers who may be in command at the scene of a Wildland/Wildland Urban Interface incident.

Wildland

Wildland Powersaws – S212

Instructors: Chris Obrien & White Mtn National Forest

This course has been designed to train students in the use of power saws and techniques in order to ultimately prepare them as a power saw operator on an incident. The course will cover duties and responsibilities of a saw operator, parts and maintenance of the chain saw, applications, safety and evaluation. **Required gear: NOMEX jacket, leather workboots, goggles, hardhat and gloves.** Students should bring the own or FD chainsaws which meet current and complete safety requirements.

Day 1 & 2 (up to 12 hours) classroom and practical application with WMFAS

Prerequisites: S-130/190 - limited to 12 students

Command, Company Officers & Firefighters

Wide Area Search & Rescue

Instructor - Chief Jeff Leaming, Xenia Fire Department, Xenia Ohio

The wide area search and rescue operations course relates to warehouse, auditorium, and other open space type occupancies. The course is designed for both firefighter's and fire officers. It is an interactive experience utilizing classroom and practical scenario's to reinforce proper methods of conducting wide area search operations. The most valuable part of the class will teach students to identify unsafe entry conditions based on fire and or structural conditions. This course will provide the student with the effective skills and requisite knowledge to accomplish search and rescue operations in large warehouse type occupancies. After successful completion of this 16 hour course the student will have the ability to survey a structure and determine if search and rescue operations can be safely attempted. **Full PPE with SCBA with a spare bottle is required.**

Positive Pressure Vent and Positive Pressure Attack

Instructors: Lt Rob Dixon, CMI and FF Vicki Schmidt, SFI, Frandford MAFTA

This course is designed to establish progressive skills towards utilizing positive pressure vent and positive pressure attack. Designed by Frandford Mutual Aid Fire Training Association, this 16 hour course is intended for firefighters and command officers who have developed interior structural skills and knowledge. This course defines the roles and use of PPA /PPV on the fireground, as well as officer, firefighter and company responsibilities involving PPA /PPV operations. Practical exercises include establishing expert company operations utilizing PPA /PPV techniques.

Full PPE with SCBA with a spare bottle is required.

Compressed Air Foam System Operations

Instructor - JR Wallace, Yarmouth Fire Department, Yarmouth ME

The goal of this class gives firefighters practical understanding of CAFS and how these foam systems are being used today for fire fighting. Basics regarding foam usage for firefighting and proper proportioning method will be learned. CASF history, theory and safety will also be covered. Practical applications include Class A and car fire applications.

Full PPE with SCBA with a spare bottle is required.

Command:

Structural Fire Command & Control of Company Operations

Instructor: Chief Roger Audette, Augusta FD, Augusta ME

Officers in command of fires are expected to make life threatening decisions with little time to process information. Training becomes our most important tool. Fire Departments need to invest in their officers and give them the training they need to help them perform their duties. Thorough knowledge of building construction, risk analysis, policies, protocol, and procedures are a must for every department. This program uses a blend of case studies and investigative reports combined with videos, group exercises, and practical drills, to give your officers a clear understanding of being "First Due".

Specialty:

Small Plan Crash - Response & Rescue

Instructor: Lieutenant Gene J Cote, Air Rescue Division, Portland FD, Portland ME.

The goal of this course is to prepare Fire Department personnel with requisite response and rescue protocol and knowledge for use when responding to a rural small plan crash. Information will cover response variables for sizeup and rescue involving crashes in water, at airports, and in remote and populated areas. Lessons Learned from recent Maine crashes and attention to aviation fuels will also be reviewed. Practical applications include designs for preplanning and SOP's relating to small plane crashes and a field trip to a local airport to review plane design and structural issues.

This course sponsored by the Western Maine Fireman's Association

Mini-Mods

Mini Mod offerings are 4 hour sessions with a specific focus.
Students will select 1-8 in order of preference (four) for the weekend.
Every effort will be made to schedule everyone in their top 4 choices. Topics include:

Hybrid Vehicles - Instructor TBD

Comprehensive information on response, sizeup, and company operations for incidents involving hybrid vehicles.

Extrication – Instructor TBD

Practical application with a focus utilizing tools and methods easily established for small Departments.

Vehicle Stabilization - Instructor TBD

What your FD can accomplish before the Extrication crew arrives to enable the crews ability to get to work immediately upon arrival. Guidelines for establishing readiness and scene safety will be discussed and practiced.

Arson Awareness & Scene Preservation - Maine State Fire Marshal's Office

Establish skills and knowledge on recognizing potential arson fires as well as ways to help prevent loss of criminal information.

Charleston Lessons Learned - Walter Morris, Maine Fire Training & Education

Resulting investigations revealed many factors that contributed to this unfortunate loss of life; many of these factors could impact the next fire you respond to. Share the lessons learned from the Charleston 9 so that we maximize firefighter safety in our communities.

Pyrotechnics Awareness – Instructor TBD

There are a variety of hazards associated with fireworks and pyrotechnic display, the primary ones resulting from fires and unplanned detonations. Incidents can involve commercial as well as those involving illegal consumer storage, travel, and use. Protocol for safely responding to and controlling these hazards will be presented.

Instructor Development Workshop – Instructor TBD

Designed for Certified Municipal and State Fire Instructors as well as those with an interest in enhancing their abilities to instruct at the local emergency services level.

So You Want to Be Chief – Instructor TBD

Leadership development with review and discussion on legal and organizational requirements. Information, review, & utilization of the new and updated Maine Fire Chief's Association **FAST (Fire Accounting Safety & Training) Guide**.

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