



# Volunteer Firefighter Weekend 2023 – Course Offerings

## 12 HOUR COURSES

### Attack. The. Fire.

Fire scenes are complex and dynamic. The ever-evolving scene requires extensive oversight and management to provide as high a level of safety for firefighters as can be reasonable achieved while they aggressively perform their duties. Perhaps nothing can impact their safety or change a scene as quickly as an aggressive and well-planned fire attack. This class will provide opportunities to enhance skills related to getting water on a fire. Topics will include hoseline and nozzle selection and advancement and fire attack methods including direct, indirect and transitional. This course will include both classroom and hands-on components dealing specifically with fire attack from the on-scene apparatus to the fire and includes live fire scenarios.

**Instructors:** Gary Meadows (AFTA), Kendell Snider (AFTA), Ashton Heard (Marion FD), Steven Griffin (MARION FD)

**Prerequisite:** Chapters 1 – 21

**PPE Requirement:** Full PPE\*

### Basic Pump Operations

This course is intended to familiarize participants with the basic principles of fire pumps, fire pump operation and maintenance. Pump operations, water supplies including tank and drafting theories will be discussed as well as maintenance, fire flow calculations and fire stream requirements.

**Instructors:** John Falwell (Searcy FD), Bobby Beel (Searcy FD), Matthew Nutt (Ouachita County #1 FD)

**Prerequisite:** Intro and PPE

**PPE Requirement:** Full PPE\*\*

### Access and Assess: Getting to Your Patient

Firefighters face many unknown challenges while performing emergency medical services (EMS) and may be called upon to provide patient care in a variety of settings, from calm to chaotic. EMS providers frequently face difficulties in gaining access to patients to provide care and also in extracting patients to prepare for transport. A variety of techniques can be used to remove patients from their situation. Selecting and applying the appropriate technique for the situation along with providing appropriate assessment and care is the focus of this course. This course will include both classroom and hands-on elements dealing specifically with patient access, assessment and treatment with challenging scenarios.

**Instructors:** Mike Rowe (Blue Star Training and AFTA), Shey Rowe (Blue Star Training and AFTA), Tim Porter (AFTA), James Goodwin (AFTA)

**Prerequisite:** NA – EMS CEUs provided

**PPE Requirement:** Full PPE\*\* and goggles/glasses



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## Auto Extrication

This class will teach the knowledge and skills called for in NFPA 1006 in the subject area of Automobile Extrication Rescue. The class will consist of some classroom training and heavily involve practical skills application. Participants will perform portions of an automobile extrication, including vehicles not on their wheels, as part of the course requirements.

**Instructors:** Rob Ingram (AFTA), Dean Deterts (Precision Rescue)

**Prerequisite:** Intro and PPE

**PPE Requirement:** Full PPE\*\*

## 8 HOUR COURSES

## Alternative Fuel Vehicles

The goal of this new program is to provide comprehensive awareness and emergency response training to fire fighters and other emergency responders as the popularity of advanced electric drive vehicles, including battery electric, hybrid electric, and certain fuel-cell electric vehicles continues to grow exponentially. Class will consist primarily of lecture and classroom presentation.

**Instructor:** Shane Stanley (AFTA)

**Prerequisite:** NA

**PPE Requirement:** NA

## Search Tactics for Rural and Suburban Firefighters

The class is for members of all ranks and experience levels. The class will be interactive and include:

- Why, How, and Where we search
- Size-up for Search
- Data based decision making per the Firefighter Rescue Survey and UL Study results
- Search tactics, to include split search, oriented search, and Vent/Enter/Isolate/Search
- Individual search techniques
- Search benchmarks and communication

**Instructor:** John Vanetta (Siloam Springs FD)

**Prerequisite:** Intro and PPE

**PPE Requirement:** Full PPE\*



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## 4 HOUR COURSES

### Leadership for New Chief Officers

The class is for new and aspiring chief officers, both volunteer and career. The class will be interactive and discuss:

- Managing your reputation and career development
- Legal and political considerations for the new chief
- How to evaluate the state of your department and determine needs
- Leadership and building the culture you want

**Instructor:** John Vanetta (Siloam Springs FD)

**Prerequisite:** NA

**PPE Requirement:** NA

### Firefighter Rescue, FAST

This is the cornerstone presentation for the FAST Rescue Board. In this presentation, the student will learn the history of and reasons why the FAST Board was invented. Our “Five or Die” culture and our “Saving Your Own, FAST” mindset are discussed so that you know your investment is in your agency's best interest.

**Instructor:** Ryan McCormick (Alexander FD)

**Prerequisite:** Intro and PPE

**PPE Requirement:** Full PPE\*

### VEIS

Vent-Enter-Isolate-Search (VEIS) is a deliberate tactic for the immediate rescue of a fire victim. This tactic puts us in the immediate area of victims, or potential victim locations. This class will discuss and practice crew coordination, building construction and fire dynamics as well as demonstrating proper VEIS and quickly and safely removing victims from the IDLH environment

**Instructors:** Louis Dixon (Camp Robinson FD), Philip Madayag (AFTA), Kurt Elms (Appleton FD)

**Prerequisite:** Intro and PPE

**PPE Requirement:** Full PPE\*



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### Managing Difficult Personalities on the Scene and in the Firehouse

This class will teach you how to recognize your dominant personality traits and those of others you're working with. Understanding how different temperaments interact together can assist in both scene management and coworker relationships within the firehouse. The skills learned can also be applied outside of the fire department to build a more dynamic homelife.

In this class, you will learn:

- How to identify and interact with four different personality types.
- How to appreciate the differences in personalities and use the knowledge on scene and in your work environment
- How to identify if someone is an introvert or extrovert and utilize that information to build better communication in the workplace.
- How to improve showing mercy, grace, and appreciation in the workplace based on personality types.

**Instructor:** Tina Bell

**Prerequisite:** NA

**PPE Requirement:** NA

### Basic ICS

This class introduces the ICS to fire service officers who use, deploy, implement, and/or function within an incident command organization. If you have minimal or zero experience with the Incident Command System, you should be in this class.

**Instructors:** David Tester (AFTA) and Cameron Chapman (McGehee FD)

**Prerequisite:** NA

**PPE Requirement:** NA



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\*Full PPE - includes functional and properly tested SCBA with a facepiece. Extra bottles are encouraged but not required. SCBA user must be clean shaven to participate in events requiring SCBA.

\*\*Full PPE includes turnout coat, pants, helmet with faceshield, and gloves. If faceshield is unusable, goggles or glasses are required. Equipment must be within time use guidelines.

Some loaner equipment may be available. Rehab is provided. Breathing air is provided and bottles can be refilled. Dirty gear may be laundered at the fire academy prior to departure.

If you are unsure if you qualify for live burn training contact us. You can call 870-574-1521 or email us at [aftainfo@sautech.edu](mailto:aftainfo@sautech.edu)



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## Registration Instructions

Class	Day	Selection
Attack. The. Fire	Sat and Sun	
Basic Pump Ops	Sat and Sun	1
Access and Assess	Sat and Sun	
Extrication	Sat and Sun	
Alternative Fuel Vehicles	Sat	2
Search Tactics for Rural and Suburban Firefighters	Sat	
Leadership for New Chief Officers	Sun Only	3
Firefighter Rescue, FAST	Sat Only	3
Managing Difficult Personalities	Sat or Sun	
VEIS	Sat or Sun	3
Basic ICS	Sat or Sun	2

- You need to select courses that fill the 12-hour block
  - Select one 12-hour class, or
  - One 8-hour class and one 4-hour class, or
  - 3, 4-hour classes
  - Put 1, 2, and 3 in the boxes of your preferred selections
    - Example included
      - Preference 1 is the 12-hour basic pump ops class
      - Preference 2 is Hybrid/Electric cars on Saturday and Basic ICS on Sunday
      - Preference 3 is Leadership for New Chief Officers and Firefighter Rescue on Saturday and VEIS Sunday
- Make sure the course you want is available on the day you select
- Classes will be filled first come, first serve
- You will be added to your second and third selections if courses are full

**Follow the Link to Register!!!**

[Volunteer Weekend Registration](#)