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Firefighter Training Programs

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Workplace Safety Training

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Send representatives or trainers who will share this training with others in your department. We cannot train every firefighter in the Southeast in five years. With your cooperation, every department can have trained people who can pass on the training to other members.
What This Course Will Do for Your Department:

Incident Management Systems and Command Procedures (16 hour course)
All emergency incidents require a coordinated effort to ensure a safe, effective response. This course is two days of command based training using a realistic approach. IMS increases responder safety and provides a coordinated response to any type of emergency. Invite law enforcement and EMS to train with you for an effective unified response.

Course Topics Include:
- Command, Planning, Operations, Logistics and Finance sectors of Incident Management Systems (IMS)
- Implementing, executing and terminating a planned response
- Scene safety
- Post-incident critique
- Video decision-making exercises
- Unified command and implementing the hazmat sector
- Media relations
- Team building and communication exercises

This course complies with NFPA’s 1561, Incident Management Systems

Air Monitoring for Hazmat Response (8 hour course)
Course Topics Include:
- How chemicals get into the air
- Air monitoring strategies
- Function and application used to measure oxygen, combustible gasses and specific chemicals
- Survey instruments for toxic gasses
- Detector tubes
- Responding to unknowns, toxics and mixtures
- Tabletop scenarios and decision-making

What This Course Will Do for Your Department:
- Enable safe entry and rescue
- Increase competence and confidence
- Create a safer work environment
- Prevent entry into life-threatening areas

This course complies with NFPA’s 1561, Incident Management Systems

SCBA Fit Testing (8 hour course)
A leaking face piece can allow toxic, perhaps fatal, gases inside the mask. NFPA 1404 and 1500 Standards require annual fit testing. A department does not have to issue each member his/her own mask for calls. Firefighters should wear the make, model and size in which a fit is confirmed. Participants can share this information with members of their departments and can qualitatively fit test SCBA users using kits with instructions after this one-day class which includes hands-on practice.

Course Topics Include:
- Face piece fit factors
- Relevant NFPA and OSHA standards
- Where qualitative fit testing can be used
- Demonstration of controlled negative pressure fit tester

Problem Solving Exercise:
- Comparison of results between tests

This course complies with NFPA’s 1404 and 1500

Instructors:
- Alan Veasey: Firefighter/EMT; certified hazmat and confined space instructor; MPH Occupational Safety
- Lisa Craft McCormick: Chemist; certified hazmat and confined space instructor; MPH Environmental Health Science
- Sam Hansen: Battalion Chief with over 30 years rescue and over 15 years command experience; AAS in Fire Science and EMS; BS Public Safety Administration; CET, EMTP
- Ted Krayer: Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM); BS, Environmental Biology
- Kenny Oldfield: Certified Industrial Hygienist; certified hazmat instructor; MSPH Industrial Hygiene; expert in computer applications

Confined Space/Rope Rescue I (40 hour course)
Course Topics Include:
- Recognition of confined spaces
- Assessing and controlling confined space hazards
- Permits issued
- Personal protective equipment
- Decontamination
- Control of hazardous energy
- Emergency procedures
- Overview of rescue
- Overview of confined space rescue equipment and systems

What This Course Will Do for Your Department:
- Increase rescuers’ competence and confidence
- Improve ability to safely perform basic confined space rescue operations
- Prevent rescuer injury and fatality

This course complies with NFPA’s 1561, Incident Management Systems