South Carolina Fire Academy Partners with National Fire Academy To Provide Free Courses

New Fire Chief: Challenging Issues
January 11 & 12, 2021
Monday & Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
SCFA Campus, Columbia

This course is designed to develop the managerial, administrative and leadership skills necessary for the first time fire chief and chief officer who desire a leadership position in their department. This course addresses critical knowledge and skills pertaining to the responsibilities of a fire chief. Topics covered include: local politics and the role of the chief officer, liability and risk management, and resources and items of knowledge needed to become a first time leader in a new position.

Course Code/Section Number: 7241-21-002
Direct Registration Link: https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=70281
Registration Deadline: November 26, 2020

Fire Investigation: First Responder
February 18 & 19, 2021
Thursday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
SCFA Campus, Columbia

This course presents a basic overview of a fire investigation. Students will review the basics of fire chemistry and develop an understanding of the role of the first responder in relation to fire suppression and fire investigation. The course will stress the importance of fire scene awareness, evidence identification, preservation, and the basics of a fire investigation. Students will develop an appreciation of the convergence of suppression, investigation, science, and law.

Course Code/Section Number: 7209-21-001
Direct Registration Link: https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=70282
Registration Deadline: February 12, 2021

Service Area Risk Reduction
March 29 – April 3, 2021
Monday - Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
SCFA Campus, Columbia

Want to learn how to do strategic community risk reduction at the station level? This course is designed for company officers who want to learn how to conduct a risk assessment of their service area. This will lead you to develop an action plan with effective intervention strategies and activities targeting a specific risk. You will learn the steps to follow to do risk reduction in an organized and planned process to keep you on track at the station level. This course is open not only to company officers but firefighters, paramedics, fire and life educators, and administrative personnel, as well as fire officers who want to learn about community risk reduction and how they can support the company officer in station based risk reduction.

Prerequisite courses:
https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10802 Introduction to Strategic Community Risk Reduction
https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10807 Introduction to Community Risk Assessment

Course Code/Section Number: 7761-21-001
Direct Registration Link: https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=71175
Registration Deadline: January 4, 2021

Best Practices Community Risk Reduction
May 3 & 4, 2021
Monday & Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
SCFA Campus, Columbia

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.

Course Code/Section Number: 7760-21001
Direct Registration Link: https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=70284
Registration Deadline: March 19, 2021

Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change
August 23 & 24, 2021
Monday & Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
SCFA Campus, Columbia

The purpose of this course is to provide skills that individuals in positions of authority can use to exercise leadership when confronted with adaptive challenges. The goal of this course is for participants to develop an understanding of skills associated with exercising leadership to resolve adaptive problems, those problems where the solution is either unknown or requires significant change, or both.

Course Code/Section Number: 7603-22-001
Direct Registration Link: https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=70294
Registration Deadline: July 8, 2021

Please note that the NFA requires a minimum number of students by the registration deadline, or they will cancel the class.

Questions?
Please contact Mike Dunlap, NFA Coordinator for the SCFA.