

First Due HazMat



The South Carolina Fire Academy is partnering with Hilltop Fire District (Spartanburg County) to offer a free hazardous materials (HazMat) operations level responder four-hour virtual workshop.

Upon arriving at an incident, the first 10 minutes are critical. This workshop will help students think through the jobs and goals of first arriving units during those first 10 minutes. They will also learn how to recognize potential HazMat involvement, be aware of chemical and physical properties as well as any packages and containers, better understand available resources, and learn how to utilize those resources.

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021

TIME: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

REGISTER: 2761-22-001 <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=72640>

***Note:** Students who are pre-registered, and attend the workshop, receive SCFA transcript credit. If you are unable to attend the live event, it will be recorded and posted for viewing at your convenience. However, if viewing the recorded workshop, SCFA transcript credit is not available.*

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Josh Waddell is a South Carolina native who currently serves as the A-Shift battalion chief and training officer at Hilltop Fire District. He started his career in 2005 and has served from firefighter to assistant chief in three counties in Upstate South Carolina. He has worked in the HazMat industry for 10 years where he was an emergency response supervisor and responded to hundreds of hazardous materials incidents including spills, train derailments, and natural disaster responses.

In 2010, Josh responded to the Deep Water Horizon incident where he was stationed in Mobile, Alabama as the Base Logistics Officer. Additionally, he currently volunteers and works part-time at Poplar Spring Fire Department. In his years of working in the HazMat industry, he has attended several HazMat schools and received multiple specialist classes in the HazMat field.

Questions? Please contact [Amy Williamson](#)