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# South Carolina Fire Academy

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## South Carolina / Rhode Island NFA State Weekend

### National Fire Academy Emmitsburg, MD

**July 7-9, 2023**



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## NFA STATE WEEKEND REGISTRATION

Thank you for your willingness to participate in this one-of-a-kind three-day educational and networking opportunity. Early registration is advised because, unless otherwise stated, enrollment in each program is limited to 20 students. Applicants must choose **three** courses (first choice from the link in this booklet, second and third choices must be sent to [Mike Dunlap](#) at SCFA).

Please take a moment to review and complete the following five registration requirements:

### Step 1: Obtain or Confirm FEMA SID Number

A FEMA SID is required to register for and participate in any training provided by FEMA agencies. This serves as a personal identification number and merges any FEMA training records into one account to keep track of your FEMA training accomplishments. To obtain or retrieve a SID number, visit: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>.

### Step 2: NFA CAMPUS ENTRY

You must show valid photo identification [to enter the campus](#). Additionally, starting May 3, 2023, photo identification must meet REAL ID standards. A state-issued driver's license with the **yellow star** on the front or a valid US Passport is acceptable. MORE: [REAL ID | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#)

### Step 3: Complete the NFA online General Admissions Application (paper application not available)

Search for the specific NFA course number (see course description) and July 8 - 9, 2023

Register via <https://training.fema.gov/generaladmissionsapplication/staticforms/startapplication.aspx>

### Step 4: Complete the SCFA Fire Portal Registration – First Class Preference

Register for your **first** class preference via the [Fire Portal](#). Click on the direct registration link found with each course description starting on page 3 of this booklet.

### Step 5: To Complete the Process, Email this Information to SC State Fire

For registration to be complete, email the following information to [Mike.Dunlap@lfr.sc.gov](mailto:Mike.Dunlap@lfr.sc.gov).

- Complete Name
- Name of Fire Department or Agency
- Confirm **First class preference**
- Choice of **second** class preference
- Choice of **third** class preference
- Polo shirt size

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## PRIOR TO CAMPUS ARRIVAL

### Suggested Courses

SCFA students should complete Incident Command System (ICS) 100 and 200 prior to arrival.

Preferred self-study courses Q462 and Q463 are available free via [NFA Online](#). Chief's signature attests the applicant has completed required training.

### Bring Valid Photo Identification

You are required to show valid photo identification to access the campus.

### Review FEMA's Welcome Package

This [detailed booklet](#) provides information each student needs to know (i.e. dress code).

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## SCFA BILLING

The three-day State Weekend is \$150 per person and is non-refundable. For your convenience, billing is completed ***after*** the State Weekend training event.

Cost includes:

- Class polo shirt
- NETC Recreation Membership
- All NETC meals including:
  - Friday night dinner and after Orientation social
  - Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner
  - Sunday breakfast and lunch

### Transferring Registration

Registration can be transferred to another individual prior to, but no later than, June 30.

### Confirmations

Confirmations will be **emailed shortly after June 5, 2023**. If the first course for which a student has registered is canceled or full, the student is transferred to one of the other choices.

### NFA Class Policy

Any student who fails to attend class and did not cancel his/her enrollment is suspended from attending NFA courses for two years.

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## NFA SECURITY REMINDERS

Due to heightened security requirements, please understand security and law enforcement personnel may search you, your vehicle, or your luggage.

Other security regulations include:

- Firearms are strictly forbidden at the National Fire Academy. Other weapons include knives longer than three inches, machetes, bow and arrows, ammunition, rifles, shotguns, pistols are also prohibited and will likely result in denied access to the Academy.
- Alcohol is not allowed on campus and will be confiscated. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is limited to the Command Post Pub.

## COURSE OFFERINGS

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 26, 2023

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### Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking (LIS: PIT)

Course Code/Section Numbers:	SCFA Course #7618-24001	NFA Course #W0647
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**Course Description:** This two-day course provides the supervisor with the conceptual foundation and framework for success in leadership roles by exploring creative, analytical, political and critical thinking perspectives. The course addresses skills needed for assessing situations from multiple perspectives, making critical decisions, fostering creativity and innovation, and using persuasion.

This course is part of the Managing Officer's Program and the primary target audience are those at the first line of supervision. For more information, refer to the [syllabus](#).

**Direct Registration:** <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?csidnt=77290>

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### New Fire Chief: Contemporary Issues (NFC: CI)

Course Code/Section Numbers:	SCFA Course #7781-24001	NFA Course # W0762
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**Course Description:** This two-day course will develop the managerial skills, leadership skills, and contemporary issues and awareness necessary for newly appointed or elected fire chiefs to effectively meet their obligations. The course will help to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for them to perform effectively now and in the future.

For more information, refer to the [syllabus](#).

**Direct Registration:** <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?csidnt=77293>

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### Health and Safety Program Manager (HSPM)

Course Code/Section Numbers:	SCFA Course #7116-24001	NFA Course # W0722
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**Course Description:** This two-day course will provide fire, Emergency Medical Services department personnel and other related emergency responders with the aptitudes and abilities necessary to manage the duties and responsibilities of the Health and Safety Program Manager (HSPM) within their respective organizations.

Successful completion of this course will enable participants to:

- Adapt the HSPM roles and responsibilities while applying risk management health and safety concepts within their organization to determine system-wide needs and to develop support to institutionalize opportunities to meet the needs assessment.
- Evaluate and prioritize health and safety related strengths and weaknesses within their organizations.
- Evaluate the environmental barriers affecting the implementation and impact of the organization's safety and health programs.
- Evaluate and integrate the organization's and individual's responsibility to impact health and wellness positively.

For more information, refer to the [syllabus](#).

**Direct Registration:** <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=77292>

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## Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction (BPCRR)

<b>Course Code/Section Numbers:</b>	<b>SCFA Course #7760-24001</b>	<b>NFA Course # W0635</b>
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**Course Description:** This two-day course demonstrates to students nationally recognized principles that, when used appropriately, can lead to community risk-reduction programs that can measure success in local communities. 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. At the end of the course, students will be evaluated through a 25-question multiple-choice examination (minimum score to pass is 70).

There is a [pre-course assignment](#) (one hour). For more information, refer to the [syllabus](#).

**Direct Registration:** <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=77294>

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## Decision Making Initial Company Operations (DMICO)

<b>Course Code/Section Numbers:</b>	<b>SCFA Course #7736-24001</b>	<b>NFA Course # W0457</b>
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**Course Description:** This two-day course is designed to develop the decision-making skills needed by Company Officers (COs) to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires. Activities and scenarios used in this course are based on structure fires. With the real possibility of being the first to arrive at an incident, the CO's initial decisions will have an impact throughout the entire incident. It is vital that COs be able to make good management decisions that have a favorable impact on the eventual outcome.

In addition to a possible role as the initial Incident Commander, the CO may well be assigned a subordinate position within the Incident Command System organization. COs need to have a clear understanding of the system, the position that they are assigned to, and their role in the organization if they are to function effectively and help make the system work.

This course is an excellent review for new and experienced Company Officers. For more information, refer to the syllabus.

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**Direct Registration:** <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=77296>

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## Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Within Communities (ESS: ELWC)

<b>Course Code/Section Numbers:</b>	<b>SCFA Course #7240-24001</b>	<b>NFA Course # W0520</b>
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**Course Description:** The objective of this two-day course is to provide fire service authority figures with knowledge and skills, enabling them to exercise leadership when confronting adaptive challenges presented by increasingly diverse internal and external communities. The goal of the course is for participants to use the diversity of ideas, peoples and cultures as resources in exercising leadership to address adaptive challenges in their communities.

For more information, refer to the [syllabus](#).

**Direct Registration:** <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=77288>

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## Incident Command System Resource Management (ICSRMFS)

<b>Course Code/Section Numbers:</b>	<b>SCFA Course #7146-24001</b>	<b>NFA Course #W0376</b>
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**Course Description:** This two-day course will provide students with an understanding of the Incident Command System (ICS) and resource management for the fire service and their application in both emergency and nonemergency situations. It also addresses the need for an ICS, an overview of the structure and flexibility of ICS, an understanding of the command skills necessary to function effectively in an ICS structure, and the need to effectively manage your resources.

This course meets the requirements of ICS-100 and ICS-200. For more information, refer to the [syllabus](#).

**Direct Registration:** <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=77295>

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## LOCAL ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

### **Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service (30-40 minutes), Part of the State Weekend Program**

On Saturday, immediately following class, a Memorial Service will be held in the Chapel, followed by a procession to the Monument. Fallen firefighters from Rhode Island and South Carolina will be remembered.

### **Self-Guided Walking NFA Campus Tour**

The NETC/NFA campus, which was purchased from the Catholic Church by the US Federal Government in 1979, includes many historical buildings that comprise this Fire School. Previously, it was known as St. Joseph's College. Many interventions were implemented as a result of a 1973 national study of fire loss in the United States. This report known as "[America Burning](#)" included the establishment of a National Fire School.

### **Gettysburg National Military Park**

Less than 10 miles from the NFA is Gettysburg National Military Park, which is the site of the turning point of the Civil War. The battlefield and roads are open daily 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset, including the Gettysburg National Cemetery where President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg address.

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## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Students must make their own travel arrangements from SC. The drive is typically 8-10 hours.

Transportation costs are the responsibility of the student or his/her organization and will not be reimbursed by the National Fire Academy nor the S.C. Fire Academy. **Please arrive on Friday, July 7, 2023, no later than 6 p.m. to check into the dormitory and attend the 7 p.m. orientation session.**

**Air Travel** can be arranged to either Washington National Airport or Baltimore Washington International Airport. If flying, students are responsible for providing all ground transportation to and from the NFA.

### **Ground Travel from South Carolina**

#### **Via Interstate I-95**

I-95 N to I-395  
I-395 to I-495  
I-495 to I-270  
I-270 N becomes US 40 W  
US 40 W becomes US 15 N  
US 15 N through Thurmont to South Seton Avenue  
Left on South Seton Avenue to NFA Gate on Right

#### **Via Interstate I-77/I-81**

I-77 N to I-81 near Wytheville, VA  
I-81 N to Winchester, VA area exit #315 on VA 7  
VA 7 to US 340 (about 5 miles)  
US 340 towards Charles Town and Harper's Ferry  
US 340 at Charles Town take exit to right onto US 340  
towards Harper's Ferry  
US 340 to US 15 N at Frederick, Maryland  
US 15 N through Thurmont to South Seton Avenue  
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