

Industry Training News Brief

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SCFA Updates Several Industry Training Props

To provide more realistic hands-on training in a safely-controlled environment, South Carolina Fire Academy staff recently upgraded three industry-related training props.

These include the pump house, air conditioner, and diesel generator props.

"Our team was successful in downsizing the pump house prop by a few feet," Charles Miles, Industry Training Coordinator, said. "During fire brigade training, this allows for better control and access to the gas valves being used."



Staff also upgraded its air conditioner and diesel generator props in the LP Gas building to allow a fire brigade to train for potential electrical or diesel fires.

"We are looking forward to also adding a turbine prop in the field by the end of this summer," Miles said. "Students will have an opportunity to learn how to safely fight a turbine-related fire, which will become part of our fire brigade training."



For more information or to inquire about customized scenarios for your fire brigade, contact Industry Training Coordinator Charles Miles.



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Glen Raven Recommends SCFA for Industry Training





"When Glen Raven decided to establish its own industrial fire brigade for its Anderson, SC location in early 2019, we knew we needed to partner with a professional training entity that had a proven track record. Since I had a long-standing relationship with the SC Fire Academy through years of service with the brigade at my previous employer, the decision was easy.

After training in Columbia for more than 20 years, I knew SCFA would help establish a solid foundation for the success of our brigade from the onset. From the initial 40-hour required training, to the annual customized refreshers, Glen Raven is excited to work with Charles Miles and the rest of the SCFA team for all our training needs. The industrial props are realistic to what is found in industry, as is the scenarios that are devised by the staff trainers, which allows our team to encounter what may potentially happen at our plant in a controlled environment.

Not only is the training facility within an hour and a half's drive from our plant, SCFA offers the flexibility to send instructors to our site for localized and site-specific training, helping offset costs related to travel and reducing the negative impacts on our production as our associates stay close to home. It also benefits us as the SCFA instructors agree to help us better understand the hazards and risks at our site and agree to tailor fit their training plans for our team.

We look forward to enhancing our relationship with SCFA, with an aim to help each entity grow while learning new and innovative methods in responding to and mitigating industrial risks. I stand ready to speak with any company that is seeking to find how best to meet their training needs."

Kevin Nix, MSP, CSM Safety, Risk Mitigation & Compliance Manager, Custom Fabrics Division

We can customize or create programs to fit your needs!

Available Initial Fire Brigade Classes

The five-day 9124-Initial Fire Brigade class is a combination of the 9121-Interior Structural Firefighting and 9181-Flammable Liquids and Gas Firefighting courses. There is a written exam and practical skills evaluation on the final day. This course meets OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156/120.

2022 Initial Fire Brigade Classes	
Course Code	Date
9124-22904	January 17-21
9124-22905	March 21-25
9124-22902	April 4-8
9124-22903	May 2-6



Registration Checklist:

□ Complete a South Carolina Fire Academy registration form. If you do not know your FDID, leave it blank.

□ Insert the last five (5) digits of your U.S. Social Security Number (if you have one) in the space labeled "Student ID."

□ Provide the correct course code and dates at the top of the form. The course code is two series of numbers (i.e. 9124-22001).

□ Indicate if you need to rent bunker gear (additional \$65) for the training program or if you will be bringing your own.

□ Provide the full name, address, contact number, and name of the person or entity who is responsible for course payment. If this information is not provided, registration cannot be processed.

□ Sign the release section and date the form accordingly and have your Chief Officer sign where indicated.

Class Schedule: Class starts at 8:30 a.m. on the Monday of the training week. Class will be conducted through Friday of the same week up until 5 p.m.

Clothing: No shorts, flip-flops, tank tops, jeans, or other similar apparel can be worn in class. Be sure you have appropriate clothing such as a station uniform, and casual clothing (pants/collared shirt). No facial hair that interferes with the seal of the SCBA is allowed.

Payment: An invoice and confirmation letter will be sent to the student/student's agency. Invoice payment instructions are noted in the confirmation letter. Please make payment by calling Candace Bass at 803-896-9812.

Contact: Charles Miles, Industry Training Coordinator (800) 896-1070 SCFA-Industry@llr.sc.gov

Columbia Campus

From Interstate 20, take Exit 68 and turn north on Monticello Road (S.C. 215).

Travel about 4.3 miles north to Monticello Trail and turn left. (The road will narrow from four to two lanes about ¹/₄ mile before the turnoff.)

The Fire Academy complex is about 1/4 mile down Monticello Trail on the left.





Academy Accommodations

SCFA Dormitory

We recently completed a multi-million dollar renovation on our dormitory. The top-to-bottom renovation includes new paved parking areas, a hotel-like reception area, new furnishings, and an expanded weight room/gym area.

Please note: Dorm rooms are first come, first served. Single occupancy is \$30/night, double occupancy is \$15/night. Please make your dorm room selection during the registration process.

DoubleTree by Hilton Columbia 2100 Bush River Road

Columbia, South Carolina 29210

In the event the State Fire Academy's dormitory is full or unavailable, the DoubleTree by Hilton is less than 10 miles away (15 minutes) from the Academy site.

Their 2022 rate for students attending classes and events at the Academy is \$99 per night, including breakfast, and falls below the GSA reimbursable allowed rate. For stays of five nights or more, the rate is \$89 per night, and includes breakfast for two each morning.

Two ways to make your reservation: Call: 1-803-731-0300 and mention group: South Carolina State Fire #0002765133; or Book online using the link below and enter corporate account #0002765133 http://www.columbiasouthcarolina.doubletree.com/