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# SC Fire Academy

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**South Carolina/ Rhode Island/ Kentucky**

**State Weekend Program  
July 12-14, 2024**



**National Fire Academy**  
Emmitsburg, MD

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**Registration Deadline: Friday, May 31, 2024**

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# NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY 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 since, unless otherwise stated, enrollment in each program is limited to 20 students. Applicants must choose **three** courses but only **apply to NFA for the “First Choice”** from the links in this booklet. **Second and third choices** must be emailed to [Mike Dunlap](mailto:Mike.Dunlap@llr.sc.gov) at the SC Fire Academy.

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](#). A South Carolina driver’s license (REAL ID or not) is acceptable identification for the July 12-14, 2024 State Weekend program. Additional information can be found for future requirements: [REAL ID | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#)

## Step 3: Complete the NFA online General Admissions Application

Search for the specific NFA course number (see course description) and July 12 - 14, 2024. **Only apply for your first course selection.** Register via <https://training.fema.gov/generaladmissionsapplication/staticforms/startapplication.aspx> or scan this QR Code. *(Paper application not available)*



## 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.

## Step 5: Complete the Process and email this information to SC State Fire

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

- Complete Legal 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

**Complete 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, Friday, June 28.

### Confirmations

Confirmations are emailed shortly after Monday, **June 3, 2024**. 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 NFA.
- 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 31, 2024**

## Leadership in Supervision: Frameworks to Success

<b>Course Code/ Section Numbers</b>	<b>SCFA Course: 7619-25001</b>	<b>NFA Course: (LIS: FTS) W0648</b>
<b>Syllabus</b>	<a href="https://nfa.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0648.pdf">https://nfa.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0648.pdf</a>	
<b>Direct Registration</b>	<a href="https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80555">https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80555</a>	

**Course Description:** This two-day course provides the supervisor with the knowledge and skills to perform successfully in the fire and Emergency Medical Services environments. The course addresses professionalism, resilience, emotional intelligence, and situational awareness, as well as managing conflict, delegating mentoring, coaching, empowering, and building collaboration and synergy for professional growth.

## New Fire Chief: Administrative Issues

<b>Course Code/ Section Numbers</b>	<b>SCFA Course: 7751-25001</b>	<b>NFA Course: (NFC: AI) W0761</b>
<b>Syllabus</b>	<a href="https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0761.pdf">https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0761.pdf</a>	
<b>Direct Registration</b>	<a href="https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80562">https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80562</a>	

**Course Description:** This two-day course provides students with the managerial, administrative, and leadership skills and awareness necessary for new or recently appointed or elected chiefs to effectively meet their obligations of the position.

## Incident Safety Officer

<b>Course Code/ Section Numbers</b>	<b>SCFA Course: 7114-25001</b>	<b>NFA Course: (ISO) W0729</b>
<b>Syllabus</b>	<a href="https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0729.pdf">https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0729.pdf</a>	
<b>Direct Registration</b>	<a href="https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80566">https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80566</a>	

**Course Description:** This two-day course examines the Safety Officer's role at emergency responses. A specific focus on operations within an Incident Command System (ICS) as a Safety Officer is a main theme. Response to all-hazards types of situations will be emphasized.

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## Fire Investigation: First Responders

<b>Course Code/ Section Numbers</b>	<b>SCFA Course: 7209-25001</b>	<b>NFA Course: (FI: FR) W0770</b>
<b>Syllabus</b>	<a href="https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0770.pdf">https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0770.pdf</a>	
<b>Direct Registration</b>	<a href="https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80567">https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80567</a>	

**Course Description:** This two-day 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.

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## Preparation Initial Company Operations

<b>Course Code/ Section Numbers</b>	<b>SCFA Course: 7124-25001</b>	<b>NFA Course: (PICO) W0458</b>
<b>Syllabus</b>	<a href="https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0458.pdf">https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0458.pdf</a>	
<b>Direct Registration</b>	<a href="https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80568">https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80568</a>	

**Course Description:** This two-day course is designed to develop a better understanding of the role and responsibilities of Company Officers (COs) in preparing their company for incident operations and to clarify the transition from firefighter to CO and the new roles relating to leadership and safety.

This course is designed for COs, acting COs, or senior firefighters responsible for the management of a single fire company at an emergency incident, including those officers who are responsible for company readiness, personnel safety, and leadership as it relates to company operation.

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## Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership within Communities

<b>Course Code/ Section Numbers</b>	<b>SCFA Course: 7240-25001</b>	<b>NFA Course: (ESS: ELWC) W0520</b>
<b>Syllabus</b>	<a href="https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0520.pdf">https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0520.pdf</a>	
<b>Direct Registration</b>	<a href="https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80569">https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80569</a>	

**Course Description:** This two-day course provides 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.

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## Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change

<b>Course Code/ Section Numbers</b>	<b>SCFA Course: 7603-25001</b>	<b>NFA Course: (ESS: ELWC) W0521</b>
<b>Syllabus</b>	<a href="https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0521.pdf">https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0521.pdf</a>	
<b>Direct Registration</b>	<a href="https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80570">https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80570</a>	

**Course Description:** This two-day course provides 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.

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## Incident Command System Structure Collapse Incidents

<b>Course Code/ Section Numbers</b>	<b>SCFA Course: 7174-25001</b>	<b>NFA Course: (ICSSCI) W0322</b>
<b>Syllabus</b>	<a href="https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0322.pdf">https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0322.pdf</a>	
<b>Direct Registration</b>	<a href="https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80571">https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80571</a>	

**Course Description:** This two-day course is designed to provide fire officers with an understanding of command operations at structural collapse incidents. Students completing this course will be able to:

- Describe the aspects of a structural collapse.
  - Explain basic command procedures and Incident Command System (ICS) organizational structure.
  - Identify various resource levels, types and capabilities used for structural collapse incidents.
  - Identify critical factors and issues that affect scene management.
  - Describe all unique operational considerations used at a structural collapse incident.
  - Describe all response operations phases associated with a structural collapse incident.
  - Describe the technical rescue expertise and equipment required for safe operations and effective incident management. Students attending should understand and be able to apply the ICS concept.
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## Wildland Urban Interface Firefighting Operations Structural Company Officers

<b>Course Code/ Section Numbers</b>	<b>SCFA Course: 7750-25001</b>	<b>NFA Course: (WUIFOSCO) W0610</b>
<b>Syllabus</b>	<a href="https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0610.pdf">https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0610.pdf</a>	
<b>Direct Registration</b>	<a href="https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80572">https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=80572</a>	

**Course Description:** This two-day course identifies operational activities and safety concerns for structural Company Officers (COs) assigned to a wildland urban interface (WUI) incident. Topics covered include:

- Introduction to WUI firefighting
- Interface environment
- Wildland fire behavior
- Command and control issues of WUI firefighting
- Tactics

# NFA Campus Information

## History

Many interventions were implemented because of the 1973 National Study of Fire Loss in the United States. The "[America Burning](#)" report included the establishment of a National Fire School. In 1979, the U.S. Government purchased the NETC/NFA campus from the Catholic Church. The property includes many historical buildings that comprise the Fire School. Previously, the site was known as St. Joseph's College.

## Recreation Activities

There is a variety of activities offered during your stay, including three outdoor trails.

Visit: <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/on-campus-students/recreation.html>

## Local Activities

Arriving a day early allows for a less stressful journey and time to visit and take advantage of the Gettysburg Historical area. Students enjoy a variety of activities while visiting the area.

**REMEMBER:** Dorm check-in at the National Fire Academy is not until Friday at 2 p.m. and no later than 6 p.m.

## Gettysburg National Military Park and Surrounding Areas

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 Nov. 19, 1863. Adjacent to the historic battlefield is the Eisenhower National Historic Site, which preserves the farm of General and 34<sup>th</sup> President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## TOURS

Looking for a way to have fun during your free time? Visit: <https://destinationgettysburg.com/tours-trails/> and their tour calendar <https://destinationgettysburg.com/tour-calendar/>

Tour Type	Description	Visit
Horseback	Unique way to enjoy a part of the Gettysburg Battlefield. Several stables offer this service.	<a href="https://www.hickoryhollowfarm.com/">https://www.hickoryhollowfarm.com/</a> or <a href="https://nationalridingstables.org/home-1">https://nationalridingstables.org/home-1</a>
Driving	Tour the Battlefield with a Licensed Battlefield Guide in your vehicle. Tour length and prices vary.	<a href="https://www.gettysburgmuseum.com/licensed-battlefield-guided-tours.html">https://www.gettysburgmuseum.com/licensed-battlefield-guided-tours.html</a>
Ghost and Candlelight	Another unique, fun, and cost effective way to explore the area.	<a href="https://www.viator.com/Gettysburg-tours/Ghost-and-Vampire-Tours/d28146-g4-c118">https://www.viator.com/Gettysburg-tours/Ghost-and-Vampire-Tours/d28146-g4-c118</a> or <a href="https://ghostsofgettysburg.com/">https://ghostsofgettysburg.com/</a> or <a href="https://hauntedtoursinggettysburg.com/candlelight-walking-tours.html">https://hauntedtoursinggettysburg.com/candlelight-walking-tours.html</a>
Pour	Visiting a downtown tasting room or touring the Adams County countryside, tourists collect "passport stamps" from as many as 20 partners as they enjoy local beverages.	<a href="https://www.visitpa.com/region/dutch-country-roads/adams-county-pour-tour">https://www.visitpa.com/region/dutch-country-roads/adams-county-pour-tour</a>
Walking	Several self-guided walking tours of Historic Downtown Gettysburg are offered.	<a href="https://destinationgettysburg.com/members/historic-gettysburg-walking-tour/">https://destinationgettysburg.com/members/historic-gettysburg-walking-tour/</a>

# Typical Schedule

(Subject to change)

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## FRIDAY

- 2 p.m. Arrival at NETC/NFA registration and dorm check-in
- 4 p.m. Student Recreation Center (PUB) open
- 5 p.m. Dinner, NETC Cafeteria, until Orientation
- 7 p.m. NFA State Weekend Orientation in J-Building Auditorium
- 7:30 p.m. Social (wings, veggies, and chips) Student Recreation Center

## SATURDAY

- 6:30-7:30 a.m. Breakfast, NETC Cafeteria
- 8 a.m. Classes begin
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch begins
- 4-4:30 p.m. Classes end (class specific)
- 4 p.m. Student Recreation Center open
- 5 p.m. Firefighter Memorial Service, NFA Chapel, procession to Memorial (30 mins)  
*Immediately following class, fallen firefighters from Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Kentucky will be remembered.*
- 5 p.m. Dinner, NETC Cafeteria, or off-site

## SUNDAY

- 6:30-7:30 a.m. Breakfast, NETC Cafeteria
- 8 a.m. Classes begin
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch begins
- 4 p.m. Classes end (class specific)



## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

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Students must make their travel arrangements from South Carolina. 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 Friday, July 12, 2024, 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 Thurgood Marshall Airport. If flying, students are responsible for costs and providing ground transportation to and from the Airport to NFA.

GPS: Enter "16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD"

### 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 thru Thurmont to South Seton Ave  
Left on South Seton Avenue.  
NFA gate (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 toward Charles Town and Harper's Ferry  
US 340 at Charles Town take exit to right onto US  
340 toward Harper's Ferry  
US 340 to US 15 N at Frederick, Maryland  
US 15 N thru Thurmont to South Seton Ave  
Left on South Seton Avenue to NFA gate (right)

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