
**South Carolina Fire Academy
presents**

**South Carolina / Rhode Island
NFA State Weekend**

**National Fire Academy
Emmitsburg, MD**

July 11-13, 2025



NFA Registration Deadline: Friday, May 30, 2025

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NFA STATE WEEKEND – REGISTER EARLY

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

Complete the following 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 the **REAL ID** valid photo identification (**SCDL with yellow star**). The REAL ID is required for the State Weekend Program. Additional information: [REAL ID | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#)

Step 3: Complete the SCFA Fire Portal Registration – “First Class” preference

Register for your **first class preference** via the Fire Portal (this includes the NFA Application). Click on the direct registration link found within each course description - include your 10-digit FEMA student ID number.

Step 4: Email this Information to SC State Fire

For registration to be complete, email the following information to Mike.Dunlap@llr.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

PRIOR TO NFA 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 the 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).

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
- NETC meals including:
 - Friday night dinner and after Orientation social
 - Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner
 - Sunday breakfast and lunch

Note: NFA no longer offers snacks in the breakrooms. Consider bringing them with you to class.

Confirmations

Confirmations will be **emailed shortly after June 2, 2025**. If the first course for which a student has registered is canceled or full, the student is transferred to one of the other choices.

Transferring Registration

Registration can be transferred to another individual prior to, but **no later than, June 27, 2025**.

NFA Class Policy

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

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

NFA Registration Deadline: Friday, May 30, 2025

Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth (LIS: CEPG)

Course Code/Section Numbers:	SCFA Course #7620-26001	NFA Course #W0646
Direct Registration:	https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=83979	
Syllabus:	https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0646.pdf	
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD):	https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0646.pdf	

Course Description: This two-day course gives the supervisor the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire and EMS environment. The course includes concepts related to a successful transition to supervisory and leadership roles, including concepts of adaptive leadership; change management; active followership; effective communication, including difficult conversations and advocacy-inquiry-based dialogue; ethics; authority; power; decision-making; and active engagement through the development of a personal plan.

Primary Audience: Individuals at the first-line level of supervision considered to be at the Company Officer or Unit (fire prevention, fire education, communications, EMS, etc.) supervisor level.

New Fire Chief: Contemporary Issues (NFC: CI)

Course Code/Section Numbers:	SCFA Course #7781-26001	NFA Course # W0762
Direct Registration:	https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=83988	
Syllabus:	https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0762.pdf	
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD):	https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0762.pdf	

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. It help to develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to perform effectively now and in the future.

Primary Audience: Newly appointed or elected fire chiefs in volunteer, combination or career departments. The secondary audience is departmental leaders who may become fire chiefs and local-level government administrators and elected officials, including fire district commissioners, board members, etc.

Command and Control Company Level Operations (CCLO)

Course Code/Section Numbers:	SCFA Course #7747-26001	NFA Course # W0296
Direct Registration: https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=83985		
Syllabus: <i>Not currently available</i>		
NOTE: Accepted students will be required to complete the following, prior to attending this course: Q0891 - Foundations of Leadership and Operations for the Company Officer, available through NFA Online.		

Course Description: This new two-day course provides a practical application of knowledge and skills for company officers or those aspiring for the next level. The course builds on the following topics discussed in the online self-study course Q0891, "Foundations of Leadership and Operations for the Company Officer:"

- Defining the company officer
- Preplanning
- Managing incidents
- Operational communications
- Safety

Primary Audience: Newly appointed company officers, firefighters who perform company officer responsibilities, firefighters pursuing company officer roles in the future, and current company officers who want to review their understanding of leadership and operations relevant to their roles.

Supervising EMS (SEMS)

Course Code/Section Numbers:	SCFA Course #7746-26001	NFA Course # W0146
Direct Registration: https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=83978		
Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0146.pdf		
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD): https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0146.pdf		

Course Description: This two-day course introduces the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to navigate current emergency medical services (EMS) management issues and the challenges in moving from EMS provider to EMS supervisor. Course topics include:

- Transition to leadership
- Time and task management
- Communication
- Information and technology
- Talent management
- Health and safety

Primary Audience: First-line supervisors who are responsible for field or station supervision of EMS response personnel. These supervisors are responsible for ensuring the daily operational schedules, assignments, personnel and resources. Personnel eligible for, acting in, or on a promotion list for this rank/capacity will be considered with a letter from the agency head (chief) stating such.

Strategies and Tactics Initial Company Operations (STICO)

Course Code/Section Numbers:	SCFA Course #7188-26001	NFA Course # W0455
Direct Registration:	https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=83986	
Syllabus:	https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0455.pdf	
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD):	https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0455.pdf	

Course Description: This two-day course is designed to meet the needs of Company Officers (COs) responsible for managing the operations of one or more companies during structural firefighting operations. This course is designed to develop the management skills needed by COs to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires.

Primary Audience: Senior firefighters who may at times assume the responsibilities of the CO.

Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Ethically (ESS: ELE)

Course Code/Section Numbers:	SCFA Course #7605-26001	NFA Course # W0523
Direct Registration:	https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=83977	
Syllabus:	https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0523.pdf	
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD):	https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0523.pdf	

Course Description: This two-day course provides students with the ability to recognize ethical dilemmas in the context of their environments, apply a decision model to resolve these dilemmas, render ethical decisions, and defend under scrutiny the resulting decisions that were made in an effort to resolve these dilemmas.

Primary Audience: Fire and emergency service personnel in positions of authority (executive-level officers) who have an opportunity to exercise leadership. Participants must be minimally assigned to a supervisory-level position (i.e. Company Officer).

Command and Control Wildland Urban Interface Fire Operations Structural Chief Officers (CCWUIFOSCO)

Course Code/Section Numbers:	SCFA Course #7341-26001	NFA Course #W0612
Direct Registration:	https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=83987	
Syllabus:	https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0612.pdf	
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD):	https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0612.pdf	

Course Description: This two-day course is designed to provide students with the essential tools and skills to operate safely in a wildland/urban interface (WUI) incident. Course content covers:

- Interface incidents
- Fire behavior
- Safety and operational considerations

Primary Audience: Chief or Company Officers who may have command responsibility for multiple resources at the scene of a WUI incident.

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 on Nov. 19, 1863. Adjacent to the historic battlefield is the Eisenhower National Historic Site, which preserves the farm of General and 34th 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.	https://www.hickoryhollowfarm.com/ or https://nationalridingstables.org/home-1
Driving	Tour the Battlefield with a Licensed Battlefield Guide in your vehicle. Tour length and prices vary.	https://www.gettysburgmuseum.com/licensed-battlefield-guided-tours.html
Ghost and Candlelight	Another unique, fun, and cost-effective way to explore the area.	https://www.viator.com/Gettysburg-tours/Ghost-and-Vampire-Tours/d28146-g4-c118 or https://ghostsofgettysburg.com/ or https://hauntedtouringgettysburg.com/candlelight-walking-tours.html
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.	https://www.visitpa.com/region/dutch-country-roads/adams-county-pour-tour
Walking	Several self-guided walking tours of Historic Downtown Gettysburg are offered.	https://destinationgettysburg.com/members/historic-gettysburg-walking-tour/



Typical Schedule

(Subject to change)

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 after class, fallen firefighters from RI and SC 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

Students must make their own 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 or the SC Fire Academy. **Please arrive Friday no later than 6 p.m. to check into the dormitory and attend the 7 p.m. orientation session.**

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)

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.

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