



Industry Training News Brief



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INDUSTRIAL-MUNICIPAL INCIDENT COMMAND: TWO WORLDS, ONE MISSION

When an industrial emergency occurs, success depends on how well industrial and municipal responders work together under a unified Incident Command System. Industrial teams know their facilities and hazards inside-out, while municipal responders bring broad experience in large-scale coordination and public safety. When these groups operate under a Unified Command, decisions are shared, resources are used efficiently, and communication remains clear, even in high-stress situations. The key is training and pre-planning before an incident occurs. Joint drills and relationship-building ensure everyone understands roles, resources, and procedures long before alarms sound.

By embracing a cooperative approach to Incident Command, both industrial and municipal partners strengthen safety, improve outcomes, and protect communities together.

The South Carolina Fire Academy can assist by participating in industrial emergency drills as an observer and evaluator, providing constructive feedback to help companies identify strengths, address gaps, and better prepare for real-world incidents.

To schedule this service, you can contact Industrial Training Coordinators [William Sloan](#) or [Elton Shuler](#).

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: WASHINGTON WORKS ERT

The Washington Works facility, located in Washington, West Virginia, maintains a highly capable ERT trained to respond to incidents ranging from hazardous materials and industrial fires to technical rescue situations. The SC Fire Academy's unique industrial training capabilities, including its large-scale flammable liquids and foam application training grounds, continue to provide the level of realism their responders need.

Taylor Sams, Safety and Emergency Response Specialist with Washington ERT, shared:

"The Washington Works Emergency Response Team has attended the SC Fire Academy for more than ten years. The realistic, multidimensional props and foam training we receive ensure that our team is fully prepared to perform when called upon. In addition, the knowledgeable instructors are consistently accommodating of our customized course requests."



The SC Fire Academy values this strong and ongoing partnership. We take pride in supporting industry response teams like Washington Works ERT as they strengthen worker safety, emergency capabilities, and community protection across the region.

We look forward to continuing to serve Washington Works ERT with quality, mission-focused industrial training for many years to come.

INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHTS



Dalton Hoover

Originally from Orangeburg County, Dalton has been teaching at the SC Fire Academy for over a year, bringing with him a passion for training and a commitment to continuous learning.

Dalton believes that teaching not only sharpens his own skills but also allows him to share valuable knowledge with others.

"I always tell my students to be a student of the craft, you can never know too much," Dalton says. "The day you think you know everything is the day you should probably hang it up."

Dalton's dedication to lifelong learning and his drive to help others succeed make him an outstanding member of the SC Fire Academy's Industry Training instructor cadre.

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Peyton Stelle

Peyton brings enthusiasm, professionalism, and a strong commitment to excellence to every class he teaches.

Driven by a desire to make a positive impact on everyone who visits the SC Fire Academy, Peyton approaches each day as an opportunity to grow and help others do the same.

"I strive to make a difference in each student's experience and to keep learning and improving every day," Peyton says.

Outside of work, Peyton enjoys spending time with his wife, Arlette, and their three children. His dedication to both family and the fire service reflects the values that define the SC Fire Academy's Industry Training instructor cadre.

UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

To register: contact SCFA-Industry@llr.sc.gov

9124 — INITIAL FIRE BRIGADE (40 HRS)

- ▶ March 2-6
- ▶ May 18-22
- ▶ Oct. 5-9

9701 — INDUSTRIAL HAZMAT OPERATIONS (16 HRS)

- ▶ May 25-26

9245 — INDUSTRIAL HAZMAT TECHNICIAN (24 HRS)

- ▶ May 27-29

OFF-SITE STUDENT HOUSING

In the event the SC Fire Academy's dormitory is full or unavailable, the DoubleTree by Hilton is less than 10 miles away (15 minutes) from the SC Academy site. Their 2026 rate for students attending classes and events at the Academy is \$105 per night, including breakfast. [Click here for reservation information.](#)

DoubleTree by Hilton Columbia
2100 Bush River Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Two ways to make your reservation:

- ▶ Call 1-803-731-0300 and mention group: South Carolina State Fire #0002765133, or
- ▶ Utilize convenient [online booking](#)