



Industry Training News Brief



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NAVIGATING THE IMPACT OF POTENTIAL NEW OSHA REGULATIONS ON FIRE BRIGADE TRAINING

As the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration considers updates to its emergency response and preparedness standards, fire brigades across the country may soon face new regulatory requirements that impact training expectations.

What could change? The potential revisions may include more rigorous and clearly defined requirements for:

- ▶ Initial and annual training for fire brigade members
- ▶ Specialized training for industrial hazards, including HazMat and technical rescue

The South Carolina Fire Academy stands ready to support industrial facilities and fire brigades through this transition. With decades of experience delivering compliant, high-quality emergency response training, the South Carolina Fire Academy offers:

- ▶ **Fire Brigade Training:** Our Industrial Fire Brigade programs are designed to meet NFPA and OSHA standards, including both incipient and advanced interior firefighting tactics.
- ▶ **HazMat & Technical Rescue Courses:** Tailored to meet the unique hazards of your facility.
- ▶ **Mobile Training Capabilities:** We bring training to your site, minimizing disruption to your operations.
- ▶ **Credentialing & Documentation Support:** We help you stay audit-ready with proper certification records and refresher schedules.
- ▶ **Customized Curriculum:** We can design and deliver company-specific training programs based on the proposed standards, your risk assessment, and site-specific hazards.

While the final rulemaking is still in progress, now is the time for industrial organizations to assess their fire brigade training programs. Partnering with the South Carolina Fire Academy ensures that your team is well-prepared and well-trained.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: NUCLEAR FUEL — TWO WEEKS OF FOCUSED, HIGH-IMPACT TRAINING



The South Carolina Fire Academy recently hosted the Nuclear Fuel Service Fire Brigade for two weeks of industrial fire training. The team participated in a variety of hands-on fireground tactics, all delivered in a safe, controlled environment.

Jack shared his feedback with us:

"Thank you for two great weeks of training. SCFA provided the opportunity to train on multiple fireground tactics in a safe, controlled setting. The instructors were top notch and available for any questions. I also want to personally thank you for helping keep our training dates intact and for improving the training experience. All of our needs were met, and the support we received made a real impact. It was great training, and we appreciated the attention and help throughout."

We're grateful for the opportunity to support Nuclear Fuel's readiness and team development.

INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHTS



Captain Elton Shuler, Industrial Program Coordinator, who came to the Fire Academy in November 2021, began his public service career in 1992 as a Detention Officer in Orangeburg County. In 1993, he joined Orangeburg Public Safety, earning both police and firefighter certifications. He later served with Denmark Public Safety while pursuing a Master's in Mental Health Counseling, followed by studies in Criminology. He has worked with the SC Department of Mental Health's Mental Health Court and taught as an adjunct instructor at several Orangeburg-area colleges since 2009. Captain Shuler lives in Orangeburg. His diverse background and passion for public service make him a valued leader and educator at SCFA.

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Captain David Meier,

brings over three decades of fire service experience to the classroom. He began his career in 1991 as a volunteer firefighter outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and became a career firefighter in 2010 with the City of Columbia Fire Department, where he currently serves as a captain on Rescue 2. Since 2015, Captain Meier has supported the South Carolina Fire Academy as an instructor, with a strong focus on municipal and industrial fire brigade training. His hands-on experience and dedication to firefighter development make him a trusted resource for industrial emergency response teams across the state.

UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

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

9124 — INITIAL FIRE BRIGADE (40 HRS)

- ▶ 10/6 – 10/10/25
- ▶ 11/10 – 11/14/25

9701 — INDUSTRIAL HAZMAT OPERATIONS (16 HRS)

- ▶ 10/13 – 10/14/25

9245 — INDUSTRIAL HAZMAT TECHNICIAN (24 HRS)

- ▶ 10/15 – 10/17/25

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 Academy site. Their 2025 rate for students attending classes and events at the Academy is \$103 per night, including breakfast. For stays of five nights or more, the rate is \$89 per night, and includes breakfast each morning.

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](#)