



SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FIRE

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South Carolina Fire Academy

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South Carolina/Rhode Island State Weekend at the National Fire Academy

The SC Fire Academy announces National Fire Academy (NFA) State Weekend, July 10-12, 2026, at the NFA in Emmitsburg, MD. Early registration is advised, as classes fill fast. Registration deadline is Friday, May 29, 2026.

Students will take one two-day class during this event. Online registration consists of selecting your first choice. If your first choice is full, you will be registered for your second- or third-choice class.

REGISTRATION

Non-refundable Registration Fee: \$150, billed upon conclusion of the event. This fee includes a polo shirt, NETC Recreation Membership, and all meals at the event.

An existing registration can be transferred to another student with the same agency for the same class no later than June 26, 2026.

Class confirmations will be emailed on June 1, 2026.

Note: Any student who fails to attend and does not cancel enrollment will be suspended from attending NFA courses for two years.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

All students should complete ICS 100 and 200 before arrival.

Questions?

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THREE-STEP REGISTRATION PROCESS

Step 1: FEMA SID Number

- A FEMA SID is required to register for and participate in any training provided by FEMA agencies. To obtain or retrieve a SID number, visit: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>.

Step 2: Register for your First Choice Class Selection via the Fire Portal.

- Click on the direct registration link found with each course starting on page 2.
- Make sure you have your 10-digit FEMA SID# for the Fire Portal.

Step 3: To Complete the Registration Process, Email the Following Information to Mike.Dunlap@llr.sc.gov

- Name of Agency
- Confirm first class preference
- Choice of second-class preference
- Choice of third-class preference
- Polo shirt size



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COURSE OFFERINGS

Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking

[Click here to register.](#)

Course Description: This course provides the supervisor with the conceptual foundation and framework for success in leadership roles by exploring creative, analytical, political, and critical thinking perspectives. The course addresses the skills needed to assess situations from multiple perspectives, make critical decisions, foster creativity and innovation, and use persuasion.

New Fire Chief: Contemporary Issues

[Click here to register.](#)

Course Description: This course will develop the managerial skills, leadership skills, and awareness necessary for newly appointed or elected fire chiefs to meet their obligations effectively. This course will help develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for them to perform effectively now and in the future.

Command and Control Company Level Operations

[Click here to register.](#)

Course Description: This course is intended to provide practical application of knowledge and skills for company officers or those aspiring to the next level.

Safety Hazardous-Materials Incidents

[Click here to register.](#)

Course Description: This course will provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to assess risks and minimize the impact of harm from hazardous materials/weapons of mass destruction and/or active shooter/hostile event incidents.

Decision Making: Initial Company Operations

[Click here to register.](#)

Course Description: This course is designed to develop the decision-making skills needed by Company Officers to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires.

Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Within Communities

[Click here to register.](#)

Course Description: The objective of this course is to provide fire service authority figures with knowledge and skills that enable 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, people, and cultures as resources to exercise leadership and address adaptive challenges in their communities.



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Introduction to Unified Command All-Hazard Incidents

[Click here to register.](#)

Course Description: This course is designed to provide Company Officers with a better understanding of multiagency needs and a Unified Command structure. The attendees will gain an understanding of the requirements of a Unified Command organization and the knowledge and skills necessary to operate effectively in complex incidents.

Fire Investigation: Fire as a Weapon

[Click here to register.](#)

Suggested Prerequisite: It is highly recommended that individuals have completed Fire Investigation: First Responders before attending this course.

Course Description: This course was developed to help first responders understand and recognize how fire can be used as a weapon against people and/or property. This course should also help first responders and investigators understand why a person would choose to use fire as a weapon, as well as create awareness of the types of information fire investigators may need from fire and emergency services personnel.

NFA CAMPUS ENTRY/BEFORE ARRIVAL

You must show a REAL ID valid photo identification. Additional information can be found here: [REAL ID | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#)

Due to heightened security requirements, 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, including knives longer than three inches, machetes, bows and arrows, ammunition, rifles, shotguns, and pistols, are also prohibited and will 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.

Review FEMA's Welcome Package: This [detailed booklet](#) provides information that each student needs to know.



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