

Fire and Rescue Training Options

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N.C. Department of Insurance – Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) – OSFM offers in-person training. You can locate the training schedule or request training courses to be provided at the following website:

<https://www.ncosfm.gov/fire-rescue/training-certification/training-programs>

In-Person

N.C. Community College System – The N.C. Community College System provides in-person training at all 58 campuses across the State, and many colleges offer online training as well. To find an in-person or online class through the [NC Community College System website](#), go to the [Fire and Rescue Training resource page](#). This page includes access to the Public Safety Training Calendar. Or, simply go to www.nccommunitycolleges.edu and type “fire” in the search box at the top right of the page. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Kenny Weatherington at weatheringtonk@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

<https://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/workforce-continuing-education/public-safety/fire-and-rescue>

In-Person

Online

Alliant Energy (Firefighter, Haz-Mat) – Emergency responders are typically first on the scene when utilities are damaged, whether in response to a downed power line due to a vehicle accident or an excavator digging into a natural gas pipeline. Alliant Energy helps emergency responders recognize potential hazards involving electricity and natural gas and the necessary guidelines to assure their safety and that of the general public.

<https://alliant-energy.rtueonline.com/>

Online

CFI Trainer (Fire Investigations) – CFITrainer.Net is the online resource for training fire investigators at all levels. The broad-based training modules assist fire investigators in meeting the topical areas contained in NFPA 1033, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigators.

<https://www.cfitrainer.net/>

Online

CSX (Haz-Mat) – CSX Corporation is a leading supplier of rail-based freight transportation in North America. As part of its commitment to safe and efficient transportation, CSX partners with first responders to train on such topics as railroad operations, safety rules, hazmat and emergency response procedures.

<https://hazmat.click4course.com/lwlcoursecatalog/>

In-Person

Online

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Emergency Management Institute (Emergency Management) – The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) offers self-paced courses designed for people who have emergency management responsibilities and the general public. All are offered free-of-charge to those who qualify for enrollment.

<https://training.fema.gov/is/>

In-Person

Online

Emergency Responder Safety Institute (ERSI) (Firefighter, Driver) – The Emergency Responder Safety Institute (ERSI) serves as an informal advisory panel of public safety leaders committed to reducing deaths and injuries to America's Emergency Responders.

<https://www.respondersafety.com/Resources/Training.aspx>

In-Person

Online

Fire Engineering (Firefighter, Driver, Officer) – Fire Engineering magazine provides training, education, and management information for fire and emergency services personnel. Their website provides various training documents, videos and online training.

<https://www.fireengineering.com/firefighter-training/>

Online

Video

International Association of Fire Chief's (Firefighter, Officer, Haz-Mat) – The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) represents the leadership of firefighters and emergency responders worldwide and provides in-person and online training.

<https://www.iafc.org/learn-and-develop/online-learning>

In-Person

Online

National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) (Haz-Mat) – The National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) provides an online training portal to assist first responders to learn the techniques and skills to address a hazardous liquid or natural gas pipeline incident. This online training is provided free-of-charge to all first responders.

<https://nasfm-training.org/pipeline/index.html>

In-Person

Online

National Emergency Training Center Library – The National Emergency Training Center (NETC) Library provides training videos that can be checked out and mailed directly to you. Only NETC personnel and students may borrow materials directly from the library. Anyone, though, can borrow our circulating books, reports or other materials through Interlibrary Loan (ILL). You can find out more information about this resource here:

<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/data/library/about/index.html>

You can also download a brochure about the loan process here:

https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/library/library_flyer.pdf

Online

Video

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National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (Firefighter, Officer) – The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation was created by the U.S. Congress to lead a nationwide effort to remember America’s fallen firefighters. The Foundation has developed and expanded programs to honor our fallen fire heroes and assist their families and co-workers, including providing in-person and online training.

<https://www.firehero.org/resources/department-resources/programs/>

In-Person

Online

Video

National Grid, First Responder Utility Safety (Haz-Mat) – Firefighters, police and EMTs are typically first on the scene in an emergency and face the greatest risk from natural gas and electrical hazards. National Grid provides online training to help first responders understand the potential dangers and learn how to deal with them correctly in order to make everyone safer.

<https://firstresponder.ngridsafety.com/>

Online

Video

National Volunteer Fire Council (Firefighter, Officer) (free for members) –The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is a nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. The NVFC provides training on a wide range of topics for the Fire Service and EMS/Rescue, in a live and on-demand format.

<https://virtualclassroom.nvfc.org/catalog>

In-Person

Online

NFA Online (Firefighter, Officer) – National Fire Academy (NFA) offers online self-study and mediated courses that are free to fire and emergency services personnel. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available for most courses. Successful completion is added to your NFA transcript, and you earn an NFA certificate.

<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/courses/online.html>

In-Person

Online

Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC) (Haz-Mat) – The Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC) is a state-of-the-art training facility focused on response to surface transportation hazardous materials incidents.

<https://sertc.org/courses/>

In-Person

Online

UL FSRI Fire Safety Academy (Firefighter) – UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute (FSRI) advances fire research knowledge and develops cutting edge, practical fire service education aimed at helping firefighters stay safe while more effectively protecting people and property. You can watch videos and attend online training at their website.

<https://test.ulfirefightersafety.org/resources.html#>

Online

Video

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VFIS (Management) – VFIS provides insurance, education and consulting services to emergency service organizations such as fire departments, ambulance and rescue squads and 911 centers. VFIS provides various training opportunities, including educational materials (videos, manuals, CD's) and training classes.

<https://www.vfis.com/vfis-university-online-fire-classes>

Online

Video