

Continuing Education:
Classes qualifying for EMS credit

Hands On Class:
Classes with hands on training

Friday Evening Dinner & Networking 6:00 p.m. & Class 6:30–9:30p.m.

First on Scene.....Now What?

Instructors: Mark Neff, FSTB

Your department has been dispatched to a residential house fire or commercial structure fire. You get to the station assuming an adequate turnout of personnel. Wrong! As you enter the station you see four other firemen have also arrived. You can only turn out one engine. What do you do now? This class will take a practical approach to arriving on-scene of a residential house fire utilizing the scenario-based evolutions. The four-person crew will make assignments based on the scenario presented. Each crew will give a detailed action plan to the other class participants. Students should be prepared to put in thought, ideas & conversation.

Friday Evening | Classroom 6:30–9:30p.m. Saturday All Day | Skills 9:30am-4:30pm

Tactical Considerations on the Fireground

Instructors: : Will Munley- Knoxville FD; Cole Owens, Jerry Lemeuse, Matt Mahaffey- Ottumwa Fire; Kale Critchlow- DesMoines Fire

This will be a down and dirty tactical class that will focus on the first priorities of any structure fire for first due units. From adding to the traditional 360 size-up, to flowing quick water and conducting aggressive searches in little to zero visibility using modern science and practices from current industry leaders. This class aims to meet the needs of both rural and urban fire departments for members with all levels of experience. Friday evening will be classroom content, and the hands-on portion will be all day Saturday. Skills practice will be heavily involved; students should be prepared to go to work.

Equipment Required: Full NFPA compliant PPE including SCBA and spare cylinder if available.

Maximizing Fire Control and Rescue Operations with Minimal Staffing

Instructors: Sean Canto, Chief Ottumwa Fire Department

For an agency to maximize its resources at a fire and perform even a fraction of the tasks with minimum personnel, training and preplanning are critical. The training must be realistic and relative. Departments often lose focus on the bread-and-butter operations. It does not matter if you see one fire a year or a fire every day. The public expects that the team can perform in a competent manner every time. We must have objectives that are measurable, manageable, and achievable to be successful in any operation. When we arrive at a fire with a limited force, we must focus on what we can accomplish safely, effectively, and efficiently. This course will discuss initial operations with minimal staffing as well as include hands on all day Saturday, performing these operations under live fire conditions.

Prerequisites: Firefighter I certification

Equipment Required: Full NFPA compliant PPE including SCBA & spare cylinder

Saturday Keynote Speaker - Mike Richardson | 8:15-9:15am



Major Mike Richardson is an Instructor for the Fire Department Safety Officers Association (FDSOA) and is a 38-year veteran of the military and the fire and rescue service. He has been involved with the fire service at a national level instructing at fire service conferences like FDIC and Fire-Rescue International (FRI), authoring articles in publications like Fire Engineering and FIREHOUSE, and serving on the Board of Directors for the FDSOA and the International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI). Major Richardson has served with fire departments in New York, Florida, and

Kentucky, and retired as the Division Chief of Training and Safety for the St. Matthews Fire Department in Louisville, Kentucky.

Adapting to the Heat: Current and Emerging Trends in Fire Service Operations

This keynote discussion will be moderated to discuss current and emerging trends in the American Fire Service. Topics will include Line of Duty Deaths, Close Call, and Training among other topics. There will also be an opportunity to answer any questions the audience may have.

Saturday All Day | Skills 9:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Fire Fighter 101

Instructors: Mike Holcomb, Agency FD, John Freshwater, Albia FD, John Francis, Wapello Co RFD, Mike Bishop, Kirksville FD, Tyler Davis Kirksville FD

This session introduces basic skills needed to assure fire fighters' safety. It is intended for department members who have not attended FF I training yet. Students will gain skills needed in understanding fire behavior, safety, basic SCBA, ropes, ladders, forcible entry, and fire hose rolls and carries.

PPE Required: Full NFPA compliant Personal Protective Equipment and SCBA, spare cylinder if available.

Interior Fire Attack

Instructors: Service Training Bureau Field Staff (FSTB)

Participants in this class will gain information and practice the skills required to enter structures at ground level. The basic principles of firefighter safety, fire behavior, thermal layering, ventilation, stages of fire and fire streams will be reviewed in the classroom. Students will put their knowledge to use in the FSTB newest two-story Mobile Fire Training Trailer. This training unit will simulate conditions encountered in actual interior structure fires. During the evolutions, the student will be able to practice SCBA usage, hose handling skills, communications, and fire attacks simulating ground level and basement fires. Accountability and incident command principles will be used during the training evolutions.

Prerequisites: Basic knowledge and experience in the areas of safety, fire behavior, ventilation, fire hose appliances, and fire streams.

Equipment Required: Full NFPA compliant PPE including SCBA and spare cylinder if available.

Rural Pumper Ops

Instructor: Mark Neff, FSTB Central Staff, Oskaloosa Fire Chief (retired)

Students will participate in classroom lecture learning what it takes to work as a team to establish and maintain an adequate water supply at a structure fire in rural settings. During the hands-on afternoon session students will apply what they have learned in the classroom including drafting operations and multiple porta tank operations.

Prerequisites: Basic knowledge of fire ground operations. FF I preferred

Requirements: Full NFPA compliant Personal Protective Equipment (no SCBA)

Advanced Vehicle Extrication

4 CEH'S-T

Instructors: Professional Rescue Innovations (PRI)

Students will learn how to identify and isolate potential hazards to both you and the patient. Focus will be on Supplemental Restraint Systems (SRS) and the hazards that these systems pose to today's firefighters. Students will demonstrate advanced stabilization, extrication and patient handling techniques. Students will work in a team environment and led through evolutions including vehicles on their side and roof using heavy hydraulic and non-hydraulic extrication tools. Upon completion of these evolutions, you and your now "ready to respond" crew will engage in real time staged multi vehicle extrication scenarios. (EMS Ops, 6 CEHs)

Equipment Required: Full turnout clothing, fire helmet, safety glasses, boots, & leather gloves

Situational Awareness & Decision Making

Instructor: Mike Richardson

Both current research, and findings from LODD investigations, have identified that two of the most common contributing factors leading to failure are situational awareness and decision-making. Throughout the presentation the attendees will be shown real world examples of both successes and failures in emergency response based on this content. They will also be given the opportunity to actively apply this content through exercises and scenarios so they can make a real-time connection. The ultimate goal of this presentation is to ensure that the attendees have an effective system in place, that works well within the guidelines and resources of the agency they are responding with, and will address the unique circumstances that exist in each emergency response, so that they can both complete the necessary mission and do so in the safest manner possible.

Reading Buildings Before Reading Smoke

Instructors: Scott McFarland, Deputy Chief of Training West Des Moines & PRI

This class is designed to provide detailed training and exercises to improve the effectiveness of first arriving officers and firefighters with a simple four-step method at residential and commercial buildings to assist in fire location and verifying building integrity. This class will also provide incident commanders an excellent opportunity to enhance your decision-making skills in determining the primary factors of strength, weakness, collapse hazards, new construction features, and evaluating the fire behavior effects on building structures. Would it be great when you arrive on the scene of a structure fire to be able to know how much fire you have, the layout of the building, and where to draw your line in the sand to contain the fire?

Location

Fire School will be held at the IHCC North Campus in the North Advanced Technologies Building (Former Aviation Building) 14383 College Ave.

T-Shirts

Due to the gracious support of sponsors, T-shirts will be provided for all participants. Please indicate your shirts size when you register. Additional T-shirts may be ordered when registering, or a few may be available at fire school for \$15 each.

Health Liability Waiver & Release

All participants acknowledge that they are aware of the risks associated with participation in such courses and voluntarily agree to assume such risks. IHCC, except as provided under Chapter 669 of the Code of Iowa relating to tort claims, shall not be held liable for damages or injuries to students or persons participating in the fire school. There may be some programs presented that require significant physical exertion. Persons with heart, respiratory, or other physical conditions that may be aggravated by this type of exertion, or that may hinder their participation should not participate in certain programs. Individuals may be removed from the hands-on portion of a session should there be health-related concerns.

Personal Protective Equipment Requirements

Several of the courses at fire school have the requirement of "Full NFPA protective clothing and SCBA." For those classes, students must provide the following to participate:

- Helmet (NFPA compliant)
- Gloves (Cal OSHA or NFPA compliant)
- Protective hood
- Coat and pants with liner (NFPA)
- SCBA with spare cylinder
- Fire fighting boots

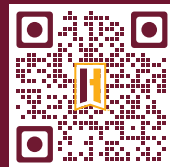
Individuals with facial hair or hairstyles that interfere with the proper seal of the SCBA will not be allowed to participate in the hands-on portion of classes requiring SCBA use. Protective hoods over beards are not approved.

For more information & registration:

<https://ihcc.edu/fireschool>

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Schedule + Session Costs

Two prices are listed for each course, the lower price indicates the "Early Bird" price for registering before March 1st. The second higher price is for registrations after March 1st. Refunds will not be allowed after March 12th, however substitutions may be made up to the conference start. Walk-in registrations are accepted for classes on a space-available basis only.

Friday, March 13, 2026

6:00-6:30pm	Dinner (provided) + Networking
6:30-9:30pm	PM Classes in Session

Saturday, March 14, 2026

7:30-8:15am	Breakfast, Check In, Vendor Hall Open
8:15-9:15am	Keynote
9:30am-4:30pm (Lunch Break: 12:30-1:30pm)	Classes in Session

Friday Evening Only	Before 3/1	After 3/1
First On Scene....Now What?	\$25	\$30

Friday Evening + Saturday	Before 3/1	After 3/1
Tactical Considerations	\$70	\$75
Maximizing Fire Control	\$70	\$75

Saturday Only	Before 3/1	After 3/1
Fire Figher 101	\$50	\$55
Interior Fire Attack	\$50*	\$55
Rural Pumper Ops	\$50	\$55
Advanced Vehicle Extrication	\$50*	\$55
Situational Awareness	\$60	\$65
Reading Buildings Before Smoke	\$50*	\$55

*Tuition in some classes has been reduced due to support from the Volunteer Fire Fighters Fund with cooperative assistance from the Fire Service Training Bureau.

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