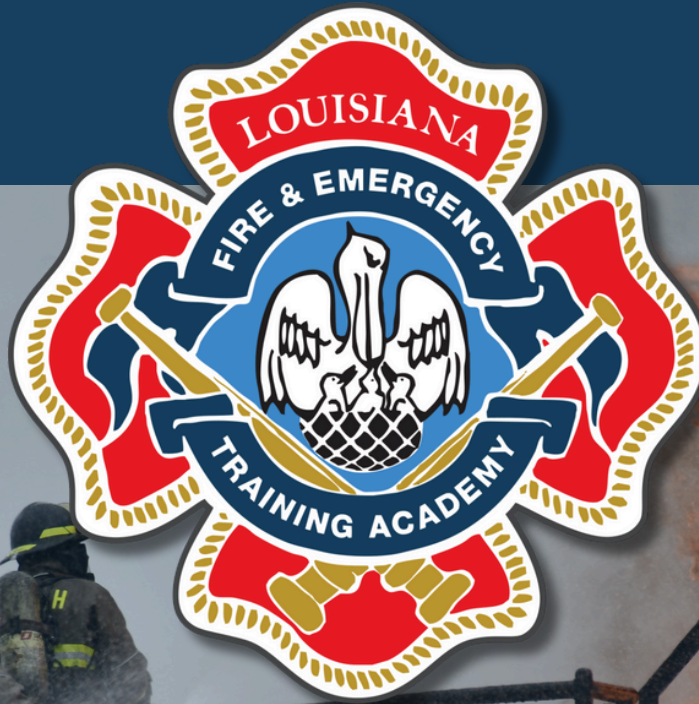


Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy

**FETA**  
**FLASHPOINT**

The Academy Brief



**FEBRUARY 2026**





# Superintendent Says...

We blinked, and just like that, 2025 is behind us, and January 2026 is already gone. February brings colder weather, carnival season, and the reminder that spring is just around the corner. Unfortunately, Mother Nature tends to deliver the bulk of winter right now, so it's important we remain vigilant.

First, protect yourself from hypothermia. Parades and outdoor activities increase the risk of cold-related injuries. Dress appropriately for the temperature and be mindful of how long you are exposed to the cold.

Second, home heating safety, especially portable heaters. By this point in the season, it's easy to become comfortable and let our guard down. Maintain a safe distance, at least three feet from curtains, bedding, and

furniture. Never use extension cords, and never leave heaters on when you leave your home.

Third, cooking safety remains a major concern. Unattended cooking can quickly fill a home with smoke or cause serious fire damage. Outdoor cooking devices such as BBQ pits should never be placed near structures, under coverings, or out of the wind close to the home, as this creates a serious fire hazard.

Fourth, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms. These devices can truly mean the difference between life and death. Every home should have working alarms. The Office of State Fire Marshal's Operation Save-A-Life program provides free smoke alarms, and as the Fire Service, we must champion this effort. Educate all personnel to become proficient in installing these devices. Homes with electricity need smoke alarms; homes with gas appliances or heating systems must have carbon monoxide alarms. Carbon monoxide is a silent killer, colorless, odorless, and it binds to hemoglobin far faster than oxygen.

Most importantly, our goal is keeping everyone safe. Simple preventative measures save lives. Let's make 2026 the year we reach more people than ever through the Operation Save-A-Life program and reduce these entirely preventable losses.

Stay safe.

*Chief Tracey Normand*

**FETA Superintendent**

## *Vision*

*We will meet the needs of our customers and create a destination fire academy. To do this, we will create sought after and memorable student experiences with knowledgeable and professional instructors that deliver curriculum that is current and relevant – supplemented with props on and off campus that are modern, clean, functional and safe. Committed to excellence, we will embrace new technology and techniques to adapt to the changing needs of our customers. We will be known as a premier training agency across the country.*



## Chiefs' Corner...



### Creating Legacy in the Louisiana Fire Service

In Louisiana, the fire service is more than an occupation—it is a calling deeply rooted in tradition, family, and community service. To become a legacy in the Louisiana fire service means carrying forward values of courage, professionalism, sacrifice, and mentorship that have been established by generations of firefighters before. Whether serving in a volunteer company in a rural parish or a career firefighter in a large metropolitan department, firefighters across the state play a vital role in protecting lives, property, and culture unique to Louisiana. Throughout a career in the fire service those influential people and leadership mentors make the fire service in Louisiana both respected and enduring.

A legacy in the fire service is often associated with family tradition—fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, and relatives following previous generations into the firehouse. However, legacy also extends beyond bloodlines. It includes individuals who dedicate themselves to improving the profession, mentoring younger firefighters, and leaving departments stronger than they found them. In Louisiana, where communities are tightly knit and fire departments often serve as cornerstones of public safety, a firefighter's reputation and service record can resonate for decades.

Louisiana's fire service is shaped by dedicated individuals who have committed their lives to service, training, and leadership. Fire chiefs, instructors, and veteran firefighters across the state serve as mentors and role models, passing down lessons learned from decades of experience. Organizations such as the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association, Louisiana State Firemen's Association, and regional firefighter associations play a crucial role in uniting departments and advocating for the profession. Equally important are the everyday firefighters who may never seek recognition but consistently show up for their communities. Their commitment during hurricanes, floods, industrial incidents, and medical emergencies has cemented the fire service as one of the most trusted professions in the state.

To become a legacy in the Louisiana fire service requires more than years of service—it demands integrity, dedication to training, and a willingness to mentor others. Firefighters who invest in education, embrace leadership opportunities, and serve their communities with humility help ensure that the fire service remains strong for future generations. By honoring tradition while adapting to modern challenges, Louisiana firefighters continue to build legacies that extend far beyond the firehouse doors.

The Louisiana fire service offers diverse career paths, robust educational opportunities, and a culture grounded in service and respect. Whether through volunteerism, full-time employment, or leadership roles, firefighters across the state can leave a meaningful legacy. By committing to professionalism, continuous learning, and community service, individuals can not only build successful careers but also contribute to a proud and enduring tradition within Louisiana's fire service.

*Chief Matt Arol  
Slaughter Volunteer Fire Department*

# In the Can...

## Baton Rouge Campus



### Military Rope/Confined Space Rescue - Jan. 12-15

- The Civil Support Team Rope and Confined Space Rescue course is a hands-on program focused on developing technical rescue skills in rope and confined space environments. Training emphasizes knot tying, rappelling, pickoffs, line transfers, patient packaging, and team-based scenarios, with instruction tailored to each unit's abilities to enhance readiness and teamwork.
- 19 Members of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Army in South Dakota



### Rope Rescue Operations - January 20-23

- The Rope Rescue Operations course prepares responders to conduct high- and low-angle rescues using rope systems for patient access, packaging, and extraction. Training includes anchors, lowering and belay systems, dual tension and mechanical advantage systems, as well as hazard identification and support of technician-level operations.
- 9 students representing 8 Agencies



### Fire Officer I - January 26-30

- The Fire Officer I course covers leadership and supervision, personnel management, incident command basics, safety and risk management, public relations, and fire prevention awareness.
- 24 students representing 10 Departments

## Pine Country Campus



### Instructor I - January 12-16

- Instructor I introduces fire service instructors to instructional methods, including training objectives, lesson planning, adult learning principles, and evaluation. Participants will develop lesson plans and deliver class presentations. The course meets NFPA 1041 Level I objectives and prepares students to take the Fire Service Instructor I certification examination.
- 5 Students representing 4 Departments

# On Deck...

## MARCH

### **Instructor III**

March 2-6 | FETA Pine Country

### **Common Passenger Vehicle Operations**

March 4-6 | FETA Baton Rouge

### **Fire Officer III**

March 16-20 | FETA Baton Rouge

### **Fire Investigator**

March 23-27 | FETA Baton Rouge

### **Common Passenger Vehicle Technician**

March 30-April 1 | FETA Baton Rouge

## APRIL

### **Heavy Vehicle Rescue Awareness**

April 2 | FETA Baton Rouge

### **Heavy Vehicle Rescue Operations**

April 22-24 | FETA Baton Rouge

### **Fire Officer IV**

April 27 - May 1 | FETA Baton Rouge



# Instructor Insight

- **Name:** TK Devall
- **Time with FETA:** Since 2007
- **Department:** Southern Regional Manager



*TK Devall has dedicated 18 years to FETA, serving in multiple roles since joining the organization in 2007 as an industrial instructor. He now serves as Southern Regional Manager, where he oversees fire training programs throughout the southern half of the state.*

*Devall's fire service career began in 1977 with the Baton Rouge Fire Department. Over three decades of service, he rose through the ranks to Assistant Chief before retiring after 30 years. Firefighting is a family tradition for Devall, with several relatives, including three uncles, also serving in the profession.*

*"I enjoy teaching the next generation, helping them refine their skills and become high-quality firefighters," said Devall. "When former students tell me they're using what they learned in class, it's incredibly rewarding. It reminds you that you're helping prepare tomorrow's firefighters and lifesavers."*



## FEATURED COURSE

- **Course Title:** Fire Investigator
- **Course Details:** This course prepares entry-level investigators to conduct fire and explosion investigations using NFPA 921 and the scientific method, in alignment with NFPA 1033 standards. Topics include fire science, fire patterns, building and fuel gas systems, legal considerations, and investigation administration. Successful participants will be recommended to take the Fire Investigator certification exam through the Louisiana Firefighter and Emergency Responder Certification Program.
- **Course Date:** March 23-27, 2026/FETA Baton Rouge

# 2026 Training Opportunities

## **Recruit Academy**

January 12 & August 3 | FETA Baton Rouge

## **Instructor I**

July 13 | FETA Baton Rouge

## **Instructor II**

August 3 | FETA Baton Rouge

## **Instructor III**

March 2 | FETA Pine Country

September 14 | FETA Baton Rouge

## **Live Fire Instructor**

December 7 | FETA Pine Country

## **Live Fire Instructor-in-Charge**

December 9 | FETA Pine Country

## **Fire Officer I**

July 27 | FETA Pine Country

## **Fire Officer II**

August 17 | FETA Pine Country

## **Fire Officer III**

March 16 | FETA Baton Rouge

September 21 | FETA Pine Country

## **Fire Officer IV**

April 27 | FETA Baton Rouge

October 19 | FETA Pine Country

## **Incident Safety Officer**

June 22 | FETA Baton Rouge

## **Fire Investigator**

March 23 | FETA Baton Rouge

July 13 | FETA Pine Country

## **Driver/Operator – Pumper**

June 15 | FETA Pine Country

## **Driver/Operator – Mobile Water Supply**

June 24 | FETA Pine Country

## **Rope Rescue Awareness**

August 12 | FETA Pine Country

## **Rope Rescue Operations**

August 24 | FETA Pine Country

## **Rope Rescue Technician**

September 8 | FETA Pine Country

## **Heavy Vehicle Rescue Awareness**

April 2 | FETA Baton Rouge

October 28 | FETA Pine Country

## **Heavy Vehicle Rescue Operations**

April 22 | FETA Baton Rouge

November 17 | FETA Pine Country

## **Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician**

June 2 | FETA Baton Rouge

December 1 | FETA Pine Country

## **Common Passenger Vehicle Awareness**

September 16 | FETA Pine Country

## **Common Passenger Vehicle Operations**

March 4 | FETA Baton Rouge

September 28 | FETA Pine Country

## **Common Passenger Vehicle Technician**

March 30 | FETA Baton Rouge

October 13 | FETA Pine Country

# Register Now in ACADIS

# Learn Fire Service Best Practices with the National Fire Academy (NFA)

Take advantage of NFA's training opportunities to enhance your knowledge and skills in the fire service. These courses bring nationally recognized instruction right here to Louisiana.

To secure these valuable training sessions, **we must have at least 20 students registered no later than 45 days before the course start date.** This is a requirement set by NFA to avoid course cancellations. It allows NFA time to book travel for its instructors.

**Register early to ensure the course can proceed as planned.**

**Good news:** Registration will remain open until the first day of class—but don't wait! Early registration helps us keep these opportunities available to everyone in the Louisiana fire service community.



**National  
Fire  
Academy**  
Courses



## NFA TRAINING

### ***F0647 - Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking***

*April 22-23, 2026*

*West Monroe, LA @ Ouachita Parish FD*

### ***F0455 Strategy & Tactics for Initial Company Operations***

*May 19-20, 2026*

*Broussard, LA @ Broussard FD*

### ***F0610 - Wildland Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer***

*July 9-10, 2026*

*Breaux Bridge, LA @ St. Martin Parish Fire Training Center*

### ***F0770 Fire Investigation : First Responders***

*Sept. 16-17, 2026*

*West Monroe, LA, @ Ouachita Parish FD*

# Register Now in ACADIS

# Recruit Round Up

## FETA Recruit Academy 190

FETA Recruit Academy 190 is underway with a class of 32 recruits. The 18-week academy began on January 12, 2026, and will conclude with graduation on May 1, 2026.

The recruits come from 12 Louisiana fire departments: Baker, Bogalusa, Central, Crowley, DeSoto Parish, Hahnville, Morgan City, New Iberia, Opelousas, St. John, St. Tammany, and West Baton Rouge. During the academy, they will take part in challenging physical and classroom training that prepares them for the realities of the fire service.

The program emphasizes hands-on skills, teamwork, and responsibility, ensuring recruits are ready to respond safely and effectively in emergency situations. Upon graduation, these recruits will return to their home departments prepared to serve their communities and help save lives.



## Next Academy...

- Class 191
- Aug. - Nov. 2026
- Register in ACADIS

# Tools of the Training

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## FireVent Mobile Ventilation Prop

The FireVent mobile ventilation prop provides a realistic, versatile training platform for practicing critical fireground skills in a controlled environment that simulates residential and commercial operations. Firefighters can train on flat and pitched roof operations, including ladder placement, ladder-to-roof transitions, body positioning, footing, and coordinated movement.

The prop supports comprehensive vertical ventilation training, allowing crews to practice saw operations, proper cutting techniques, tool control, and coordinated team work. Firefighters can safely gain repeated experience with chainsaws, rotary saws, and hand tools such as hooks and axes, building confidence, reinforcing safety, and improving efficiency.

Overall, the FireVent prop enhances firefighter readiness by offering repeatable, hands-on training in roof safety, ventilation, tool proficiency, and coordinated fireground operations in a mobile, realistic setting.

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# On-Site Training Offerings

## Firefighter Training Classes

- First 5 Minutes
- Scene Size-Up, Strategies and Tactics
- Smoke Reading
- Fire Ground Simulations
- Basic Fire Ground Search and Rescue
- Thermal Imaging
- Rapid Intervention Team Concepts
- Firefighter Survival Training
- Mayday
- Flashover
- Car Fire
- Modern Fire Attack: Incumbent Firefighters
- Live Fire Training Evolutions
- Multi-Story Attack
- Forcible Entry Practical
- When Hydraulics Go Down (Vehicle Extrication)
- Introduction to Elevator Technology
- New Vehicle Design Awareness
- Max Fire Box
- Flammable Liquids and Gases (FLAG)
- Firefighter Safety and Photovoltaic Systems
- Grain Bin Awareness
- Traffic Incident Management: Responder Safety on the Roadway
- SCBA Refresher

## Driver/Operator Classes

- Water and Water Supply
- The Fire Pump
- Mathematics of the Driver/Operator
- Performing Check-Out and Maintenance
- Driving
- Emergency Vehicle Driving
- Fire Ground Operations
- Drafting and Water Shuttle Operations
- Relay Pump Operations
- Foam
- Aerial Device Operations
- Fire Service Communications

# FETA on the Geaux



## Fundamentals of Firefighter Skills, 5th Edition

- The Fire Service
- Evolution of the Fire Service
- Firefighter Health and Safety
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Firefighter Rehabilitation
- Fire Service Communication
- Firefighter Tools and Equipment
- Ropes and Knots
- Fire Behavior
- Building Construction
- Portable Fire Extinguisher
- Ladders
- Forcible Entry
- Search and Rescue
- Ventilation
- Water Supply Systems
- Fire Hose, Appliances, and Nozzles
- Supply Line and Attack Line Evolutions
- Fire Suppression
- Advanced Fire Suppression
- Firefighter Survival
- Salvage and Overhaul
- Wildland and Ground Fires
- Vehicle Rescue Extrication
- Assisting Special Rescue Teams
- Fire Detection, Suppression, and Smoke Control Systems
- Fire and Life Safety Initiatives
- Fire Origin and Cause
- Establishing and Transferring Command

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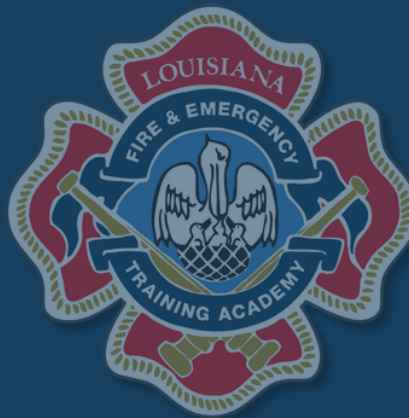
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## Mission

*The mission of the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy is to train, certify and support emergency responders to safely perform basic and advanced skills through the delivery of high-quality, relevant and accredited training curriculum developed to meet the needs of the ever-changing Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical industries.*

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