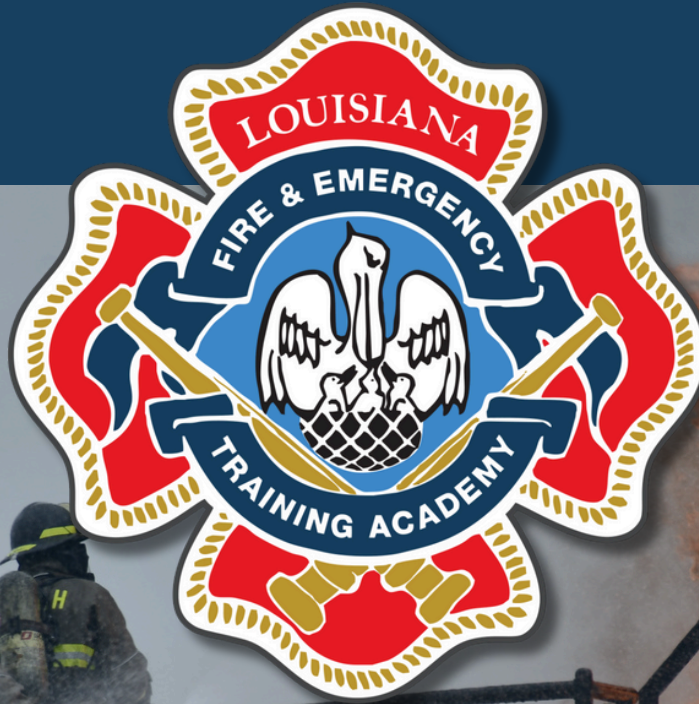


Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy

FETA FLASHPOINT

The Academy Brief



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Superintendent Says...

As we step into a new year, let us remember to be grateful for our blessings and also take a moment to honor the loved ones we lost in 2025.

The year 2026, like every new beginning, holds tremendous potential. We welcome it with celebrations, fresh ideas, and new aspirations. Fitness goals and fad diets always make their appearance, though many fade quickly.

This year, let's try something different. Let's set small, attainable goals that fit within our already stressful and demanding lives. At work, aim to listen more and speak less; strive for patience and understanding with others. This doesn't mean letting our guard down or ignoring warning signs—Safety will always be our foundation.

Pay attention to the coworkers who may need help but hesitate to ask. A simple gesture can make a profound difference for someone struggling mentally or physically. Let's also remember to help the less fortunate. Giving to a neighbor, or even a stranger, reflects far more about our character than any job title or material possession. As my 6-year-old wisely reminds me when she wants a spoonful of my ice cream: "Sharing is caring."

Our service is rooted in a long tradition of helping others, whether it's supporting a fellow firefighter or volunteering at a local shelter. There are countless opportunities to make a positive impact. Donate to a food bank. Clean out your closet and pass along those winter coats that haven't fit in years. Children's clothing is always needed. What we may no longer value could mean the world to someone else.

We have all responded to house fires where families lose not only their homes but their entire lives in a matter of minutes. A toy, a bag of clothes, or a small act of kindness can bring hope when it's needed most. Encourage local leaders and businesses to get involved as well. Be the help someone is hoping for.

Let's also commit to strengthening our Fire Service for future generations. Mentor when you can. Recruit with passion and retain with purpose. Together, we can make 2026 a strong, successful, and compassionate year.

Happy New Year—and 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...



Dear Members of the Louisiana Fire Service,

"Losing a Chief"

The loss of a Fire Chief is felt far beyond the walls of a fire station. It reaches into the hearts of firefighters, families, and the entire community that depended on their leadership, courage, and steady presence. A Fire Chief is more than a manager of emergency services, they are a symbol of safety, a mentor, and often a central figure who holds together the values and traditions of the department. When such a leader passes away, the impact is deep, far-reaching, and profoundly emotional.

For the community, losing a Fire Chief means losing a familiar guardian who stood at the forefront of protecting lives and property. Residents often see the Fire Chief not only at scenes of emergencies but also at public events, school visits, safety demonstrations, and community gatherings. They become a trusted face people rely on during moments of fear and uncertainty. Their death can create a sense of vulnerability, reminding the community of the human cost of service. The Chief's absence leaves a void in public leadership, and the community must adjust to life without a figure who dedicated countless hours to ensuring their well-being. In many towns, the Fire Chief is woven into the community's identity, and their passing touches all who benefited from their commitment.

For the family, the loss is both personal and public. Fire Chiefs carry heavy responsibilities, often sacrificing time with loved ones to serve others. Families understand this sacrifice deeply, living with the constant awareness of risk and the demands of the role. They experience the grief of losing a spouse, parent, sibling, or child, while also witnessing the outpouring of respect and recognition from the broader community. This can be both comforting and overwhelming. The family must navigate their own sorrow while sharing their loved one with a department and community that also feels the loss. Their grief is honored, yet their pain remains uniquely intimate.

Within the fire department, the loss of a Fire Chief strikes at the very core of its structure and morale. The Chief is often a mentor who shapes careers, builds confidence, and guides firefighters through both triumphs and tragedies. They set the tone for discipline, unity, and service. When a Chief dies, the department loses not only a leader but the keeper of institutional knowledge, historical memory, and cultural values. Firefighters may feel unanchored, grieving not only a colleague but a person who influenced their lives and careers in profound ways. It can also create operational challenges as the department works to maintain stability, reorganize leadership, and continue serving the public during a period of mourning.

In every direction, the loss of a Fire Chief ripples through layers of connection and responsibility. Their impact rarely ends with their passing; instead, their legacy endures in the people they trained, the lives they touched, and the community they protected. Though their absence is deeply felt, the values they instilled continue to guide those who carry on the mission of service.

In remembrance of:
Chief Chris Womack
Ruston Fire Department
&
Chief Charles "Chuckie" Albert
St. George Fire Department

*Chief Guy M. Bonin
Iberia Parish Fire District
Past President, Louisiana Fire Chief Association*

In the Can...

Baton Rouge Campus



Fire Inspector I - December 8-12

- *This course prepares individuals to perform comprehensive fire safety inspections of new and existing structures, ensuring compliance with regulations related to construction, occupancy, fire protection, means of egress, and hazardous materials storage.*
- *11 Students representing 9 Departments*



Fire Officer IV - December 15-19

- *This 40-hour NFPA 1021-compliant course prepares fire officers for executive leadership, covering multi-agency response, personnel and resource management, budgeting, and risk/hazard analysis. Students complete graded group projects and, upon completion, may take the IFSAC Fire Officer IV certification exam.*
- *13 Students representing 11 Departments*



Industrial/Int-Ext. Fire Brigade - December 8-11

- *Interior Fire Brigade and Advanced Exterior Fire Brigade for five DuPont employees. The Interior course covered fundamental tactics for safely combating fires inside industrial facilities. The Advanced Exterior course focused on decision-making, leadership, and coordinating fire brigade operations during large-scale industrial incidents.*
- *5 DuPont Employees*

Pine Country Campus



Fire Inspector II - December 15-19

- *This NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector II course provides advanced skills for fire prevention and code enforcement, including detailed inspections, code application, and fire/life safety analysis. Students use their local codes, prepare reports, research code issues, develop inspection checklists, and practice giving legal depositions..*
- *7 Students representing 3 Departments*

On Deck...

FEBRUARY

Instructor II

February 2-6 | FETA Pine Country

CO₂ Pipeline Emergencies

February 7 | FETA Baton Rouge

Fire Officer II

February 23-27 | FETA Baton Rouge

Common Passenger Vehicle Awareness

February 24 | FETA Baton Rouge

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



Instructor Insight

- **Name:** Jimbo Noland
- **Time with FETA:** Since Feb. 2022
- **Department:** Industrial Instructor



Jimbo Noland has served as an industrial fire training instructor at FETA since February 2022. He previously held the same role from 2000 to 2010, when the organization was known as the Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Institute. In addition to his work at FETA, Noland is a deputy fire chief with the Zachary Fire Department, where he began his fire service career in 1998. He holds an Associate's Degree in Fire Science and brings decades of experience to the training field.

"It's the greatest job in the whole world," Noland said. "We don't get into this career for the money, we're in it because we're passionate about helping others. It's always service before self. I get joy out of training people in the petrochemical industry so that at the end of the day, they can go home to their families the same way they came to work. We want them to be safe when they're fighting fires at their plants and refineries. You can replace a refinery, you can't replace those individuals."



FEATURED COURSE

- **Course Title:** Common Passenger Vehicle Awareness
- **Course Details:** The Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Awareness course equips students to assess vehicle-incident scenes, identify needed resources, and recognize associated hazards to establish proper isolation and safety measures. Participants learn essential PPE use, common rescue equipment, and key ground-support functions for operations- and technician-level activities. The course also covers basic patient-triage considerations and how to effectively assist technical rescue teams during vehicle stabilization and extrication.
- **Course Date:** February 24, 2026/FETA Baton Rouge

2026 Training Opportunities

Recruit Academy

January 12 & August 3 | FETA Baton Rouge

Instructor I

January 12 | FETA Pine Country

July 13 | FETA Baton Rouge

Instructor II

February 2 | FETA Pine Country

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

January 26 | FETA Baton Rouge

July 27 | FETA Pine Country

Fire Officer II

February 23 | FETA Baton Rouge

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

January 8 | FETA Baton Rouge

August 12 | FETA Pine Country

Rope Rescue Operations

January 20 | FETA Baton Rouge

August 24 | FETA Pine Country

Rope Rescue Technician

February 2 | FETA Baton Rouge

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

February 24 | FETA Baton Rouge

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 fall and winter 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

F0610 Wildland Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer

Jan. 27-28, 2026

Monroe, LA @ Monroe FD

F0633 Youth Firesetting Intervention Specialist

Feb. 5-6, 2026

Pineville, LA @ Roby-Kolin FD

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



Academy 189's 28 graduates are professional firefighters at 13 departments across Louisiana. On December 5, 2025, they received their diplomas, had their badge pinned by loved ones, and rang the bell to mark the beginning of their service.

We are incredibly proud of each of you and know you will serve your communities with courage, commitment, and heart. Congratulations, graduates!

Firefighter Awards

Most Improved: Anthony Jordan
PT Award: Roy Martin
Leadership Award: Otha Peters Jr.
Valedictorian: Connor DeRouen

Next Academy...

- Class 190
- January - May 2026
- Register in ACADIS

Academy 189 Graduates

Beaux Guidry – St. James FD
Joseph Savoy – Denham Springs FD
Taylor Quave – Tangipahoa FD
Riley McClendon – Tangipahoa FD
Rashaun Bickham – Bogalusa FD
Otha Peters Jr. – Bogalusa FD
Trace Duhon – W. Baton Rouge FD
Shelby Ganaway – W. Baton Rouge FD
Brogan Carline – W. Baton Rouge FD
Brian Bass – W. Baton Rouge FD
Daniel Alleman – W. Baton Rouge FD
Roy Martin – New Iberia FD
Connor DeRouen – New Iberia FD
Dustin Bourque – New Iberia FD
Trevor Tharpe – Minden FD
Phillip Myers – Zachary FD
Devin Guy – Zachary FD
Torin Horton – Zachary FD
Bailey Simoneaux – Zachary FD
Cora O'Keefe – Zachary FD
David Johnson – Zachary FD
William Cooper – Zachary FD
Joshua Atkins – Donaldsonville FD
Jaxson Trosclair – St. Landry FD3
Christian Taylor – Third District FD
Anthony Jordan Jr. – St. John FD
Devin Paddie – Houma FD
John Segretto III – Independent

Tools of the Training



Mobile Training Tower Prop

Our state-of-the-art Mobile Training Tower delivers a versatile, realistic environment for a full spectrum of firefighting operations. Crews can sharpen essential skills such as aerial apparatus positioning and ladder placement, high-rise firefighting tactics, standpipe and sprinkler system operations, stairwell hose advancement, and ground ladder evolutions.

Fully transportable and available upon request, this prop can be delivered directly to your department, bringing high-quality, live-fire-ready training capabilities straight to your doorstep.



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

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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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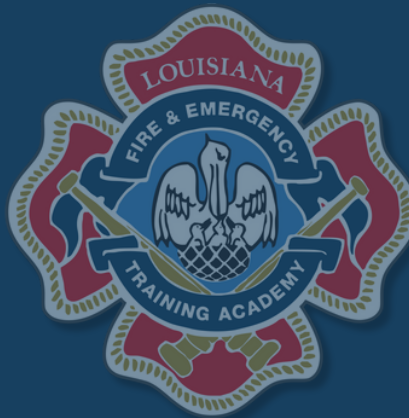
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Mission

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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