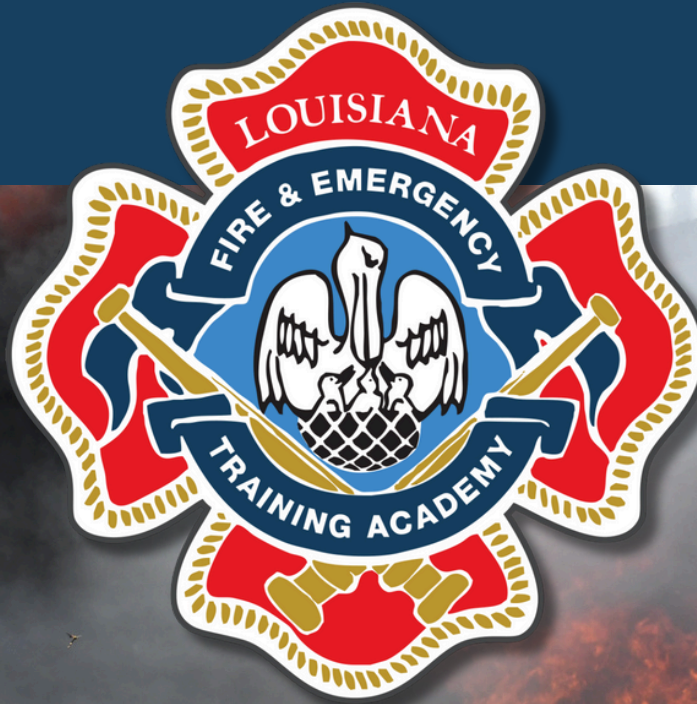


Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy

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The Academy Brief



NOVEMBER 2025





Superintendent Says...

November is a time for giving thanks, for our families, our friends, and for the many blessings we enjoy. Thanksgiving in Louisiana is especially meaningful, filled with the unique flavors and traditions that make our state so special, from fried turkeys and baked hams to cornbread dressing and countless other Louisiana favorites.

As we gather around our tables, it's also a time to remember that this season brings an increase in certain types of emergencies. Calls for smoke or burning odors often rise as heating units are turned on for the first time after months of warmer weather. Overloaded extension cords used with portable heaters can

quickly lead to dangerous situations. And the first fire of the year in a wood-burning fireplace may reveal hidden hazards such as soot buildup, animal nests, or a closed flue that prevents proper ventilation.

These are all common seasonal issues that we, as emergency responders, must be prepared for, and, just as importantly, help our communities prevent. Please continue to remind residents in your areas about the State Fire Marshal's Operation Save-A-Life program, which offers free smoke alarms and professional installation to households across Louisiana. This initiative saves lives every year, thanks in large part to your continued participation and outreach.

Also, take this time to encourage families to check their smoke alarms, especially if they haven't done so since the last time change, and to review and practice their home fire escape plans. These simple steps can make all the difference when seconds count.

From our FETA family to yours, we thank you for your dedication, your professionalism, and your commitment to keeping our communities safe. Stay vigilant, stay safe, and have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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.



The fire service has always stood as one of the most respected professions in the world, built on courage, sacrifice, and pride. But somewhere along the way, complacency crept in. Standards lowered. Expectations softened. The calling that once demanded the best of us began to tolerate mediocrity. It's time to reclaim what was handed to us by those who came before. It's time to raise the standard.

We stand on the backs of giants, men and women who trained hard, served selflessly, and treated this profession as sacred. They built the reputation we benefit from today. But reputations are not permanent, they must be earned every day, on every call, by every firefighter wearing the badge. The future of our service depends on our willingness to rise above average and embrace the mindset that excellence is the minimum acceptable standard.

Raising the standard doesn't mean perfection; it means accountability. It means taking pride in the small things, the pressed uniform, the clean apparatus, the detailed report, the extra hour of training. It means remembering that the public doesn't just see what we do; they feel who we are. When we walk through those bay doors, we represent not just ourselves, but the generations who built this house brick by brick.

We must return to the mindset of the warrior, disciplined, driven, and devoted to the craft. Much like the Spartans of old, we must eat, sleep, and breathe our calling. Firefighting is not for the weak, timid, or uncommitted. It demands strength of body, mind, and spirit.

When the challenges come, and they will, we raise the bar. We do not make excuses. We do not lower expectations to meet comfort. We adapt, overcome, and lead from the front. Our communities depend on us. Our families depend on us. Our brothers and sisters beside us depend on us.

The fire service is not just a job, it is a promise. A promise to uphold tradition, to honor sacrifice, and to leave this profession better than we found it. We inherited an elite fraternity built on pride, honor, and discipline. Now it's our turn to protect it.

Raise the standard, because the future of the fire service will be judged by what we do today.

Jonathan L. Duff
1st Vice President, Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association

In the Can...

Baton Rouge Campus



Fire Officer III - October 6-10

- *This course prepares chief officers to handle the administrative and operational challenges of today's fire service. Key topics include ethics, building community partnerships, budgeting and fiscal planning, and multi-agency emergency response coordination.*
- *11 Students representing 9 Departments*



Louisiana Pipeline Emergency - Oct. 17-18

- *This two-part training blends classroom simulations and hands-on exercises focused on CO₂ pipeline incident response, covering operations, release management, vapor dispersion, equipment, and CO₂-specific hazards to strengthen responder readiness.*
- *6 Students representing 4 Departments*

Pine Country Campus



Live Fire Instructor - October 13-14

- *Live Fire Instructor is designed to equip certified fire service instructors with the critical knowledge needed to manage and execute live fire training evolutions safely and effectively. This intensive course is aligned with NFPA 1041 and NFPA 1403 standards.*
- *5 Students representing 4 Departments*



Live Fire Instructor In-Charge - Oct. 15-17

- *The Live Fire Instructor in Charge course meets NFPA 1041/1403 standards, training fire service instructors to safely lead evolutions through the mastery of burn plans, fire flow calculations, and safety management, ultimately preparing them for the IFSAC certification exam.*
- *3 Students representing 2 Departments*

On Deck...

Fire Investigator

November 17–21, 2025 | FETA Pine Country

Fire Inspector II

December 8–12, 2025 | FETA Pine Country

Fire Officer IV

December 15–19, 2025 | FETA Baton Rouge



Instructor Insight

- **Name:** Tim Crockett
- **Time with FETA:** Since Nov. 2022
- **Department:** Fire/Industrial/HazMat



Tim is a FETA instructor who specializes in fire service, hazmat and industrial. He worked 31 years at ExxonMobil as security and a firefighter. Following retirement, Tim became the West Baton Rouge Parish Fire Chief. Afterward, he came to FETA.

“This is my passion! I teach to make a difference. I love teaching firefighting because I can give my students a viable and safe future, one where they’re equipped with the skills, confidence, and knowledge to protect lives, serve their communities, and build meaningful careers.”



FEATURED COURSE

- **Course Title:** Fire Inspector II
- **Course Details:** This advanced course is designed for experienced fire prevention and code enforcement officials, focusing on in-depth fire safety inspections, code analysis, and fire prevention systems. Students will apply local codes and gain skills in identifying safety issues, conducting code research, creating inspection checklists, and providing legal testimony. The course aligns with NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector Level II objectives.
- **Course Dates:** December 8-12, 2025/FETA Pine Country

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

March 31 | FETA Baton Rouge

October 28 | FETA Pine Country

Heavy Vehicle Rescue Operations

April 13 | FETA Baton Rouge

November 17 | FETA Pine Country

Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician

April 22 | 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 9 | FETA Baton Rouge

September 28 | FETA Pine Country

Common Passenger Vehicle Technician

March 24 | 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

F0770 Fire Investigation : First Responders

Nov 13-14, 2025

Chauvin, LA

F0610 Wildland Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer

Jan 27-28, 2026

Monroe, LA

F0633 Youth Firesetting Intervention Specialist

Feb 5-6, 2026

Pineville, LA

Register Now in ACADIS

Recruit Round Up

Academy 189 Nears the Finish Line

The finish line is in sight for Academy 189. After months of rigorous training, these recruits are just weeks away from taking the oath that will launch their careers as professional firefighters. At 10 a.m. on December 5, 2025, the academy doors will open one last time for their graduation ceremony, before they report to firehouses across Louisiana, ready to serve.

October marked one of the most challenging phases of their training. Recruits were pushed to their limits through some of the most intense and realistic scenarios designed to prepare them for the unpredictable world of emergency response.

They trained in firefighter survival, search and rescue, hose deployment, vehicle extrication, flashover recognition, fire investigation, and ventilation, each skill critical to saving lives and protecting their future crews.

With grit, determination, and teamwork, they've gained more than just technical knowledge, they've earned their place in the fire service.

At FETA, we're not just training firefighters, we're preparing tomorrow's leaders and lifesavers.

Next Academy...

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



Tools of the Training



FETA Flashover/Fire Behavior Prop

The Flashover/Fire Behavior Prop is a live fire-training simulator that provides a safe, controlled environment for firefighters to observe fire development and recognize signs leading to flashover. It demonstrates key fire behavior phenomena such as heat layering, rollover, and flame over, through hands-on training and instructor guidance.

Built from high-heat steel and designed for repeated use, the prop features ventilation and safety systems to simulate realistic conditions while ensuring control and safety. Ideal for fire academies and training programs, it improves firefighter awareness, decision-making, and tactical response by bridging classroom theory with real-world experience.



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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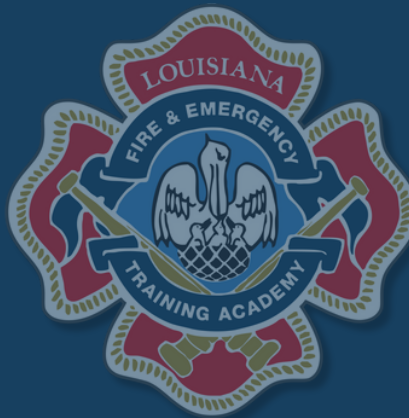
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Mission

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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Course Evaluation



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