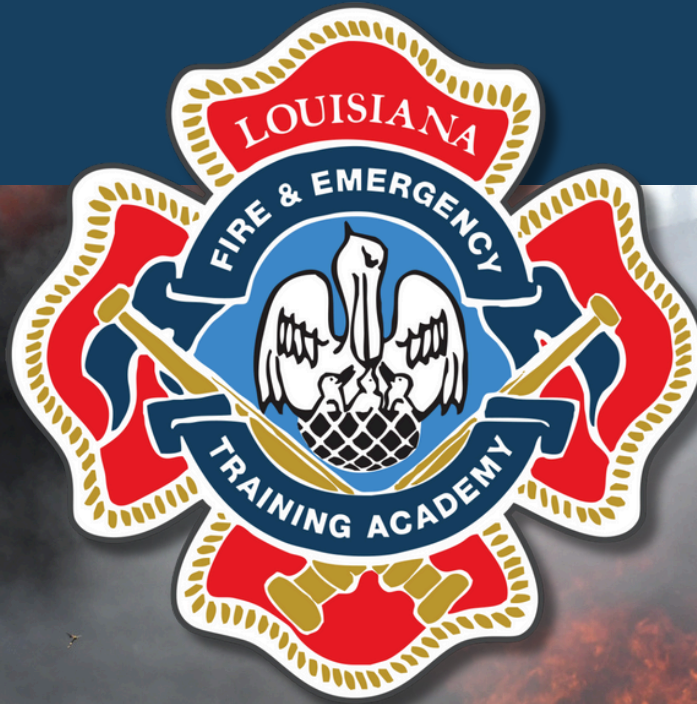


Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy

FETA
FLASHPOINT

The Academy Brief



DECEMBER 2025





Superintendent Says...

Here we are in the heart of the holiday season, and once again, our Fire Service stands ready to face the unique challenges that come with this time of year. From the first cold snap that tests home heating systems, to the forgotten chimney flue, to the classic, "It's my first time frying a turkey," we've seen it all. And yes, please remind your favorite uncle that the turkey must be fully thawed before it meets the fryer!

But despite the calls, the chaos, and the cold, we remain steadfast. Why? Because we get to serve the communities we love. Because every alarm we answer is an opportunity to protect, to help, and to make someone's worst moment just a little bit better. That's what makes this job a calling.

As we move through the holidays, let's lift up our brothers and sisters on duty. Keep them in your prayers, remind them that their sacrifices matter, and let them feel the gratitude they've earned. And remember, kindness doesn't have a season. As my six-year-old says, "sharing is caring," and she's right. A warm coat, a hot meal, or a simple act of compassion can change someone's day, or even their life.

This season is about giving, giving presents, yes, but also giving hope, giving time, and giving heart. So be kind. Be generous. Be the reason someone believes in the goodness of others. And most of all, be present with the loved ones who make this season bright.

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,

I hope this message finds you all safe and well. As we approach the end of another challenging year, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the exceptional partnership between the Office of State Fire Marshal and the dedicated members of the Louisiana Fire Service.

Our collaboration has been instrumental in ensuring the safety and well-being of communities across our great state. Your unwavering commitment, courage, and professionalism have been the cornerstone of our collective success. Whether responding to emergencies, conducting fire prevention initiatives, or engaging in community education, your efforts have made a significant impact on the lives of countless Louisianans.

Over the past year, we have faced numerous challenges, from natural disasters to evolving safety regulations. Together, we navigated these obstacles with resilience and determination. Your adaptability and willingness to go above and beyond have been truly inspiring. I am continually amazed by your ability to work seamlessly across departments and with other agencies, always prioritizing the safety of our citizens.

Our joint initiatives, such as the enhanced training programs and community outreach efforts, have been particularly successful. These programs have not only strengthened our preparedness but also fostered a sense of trust and cooperation between our teams and the communities we serve. Your proactive approach in implementing fire safety measures and educating the public has undoubtedly saved lives and property.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of your families. The sacrifices they make, allowing you to perform your duties with such dedication, do not go unnoticed. Their strength and understanding are vital components of our shared mission.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the future of our partnership. We remain committed to investing in advanced training, cutting-edge technology, and innovative strategies to enhance our capabilities. Together, we will continue to set new standards in fire safety and emergency response.

On behalf of the Office of State Fire Marshal, thank you for your tireless service and unwavering commitment. It is an honor to work alongside such dedicated professionals. Your bravery and dedication inspire us all, and I am confident that, together, we will continue to protect and serve the people of Louisiana with excellence.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a safe prosperous year ahead.

We are truly "One Team"

*Chief Bryan J. Adams
Department of Public Safety Principal Assistant*

In the Can...

Baton Rouge Campus



Industrial Foam School - Nov. 4-6

- *This 24-hour Foam School focuses on live-fire foam testing. Participants burn large liquid-fuel props, evaluate different foam types, and observe high-flow demonstrations using US Fire Pumps equipment, including big-gun monitors pushing 6,000 gallons per minute.*
- *Phillips 66 United States & Canadian refineries- 40 employees*



Industrial Fire Brigade Refresher - Nov. 17-19

- *This course provides fire brigade members with the necessary training and education to safely perform their duties, including specialized training for leaders and those involved in interior firefighting, along with instruction on handling special hazards and emergency procedures.*
- *CHS Refinery - Laurel, Montana Plant - 12 employees*

Pine Country Campus



Fire Inspector I - November 3-7

- *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.*
- *15 Students representing 11 Departments*



Fire Investigator I - November 17-21

- *This course trains entry-level fire investigators in scientific fire and explosion investigation methods following NFPA 921 and NFPA 1033 standards, preparing them for certification and real-world investigations.*
- *18 Students representing 9 Departments*

On Deck...

JANUARY

Rope Rescue Awareness

January 8 | FETA Baton Rouge

Instructor I

January 12-16 | FETA Pine Country

Rope Rescue Operations

January 20-23 | FETA Baton Rouge

Fire Officer I

January 26-30 | FETA Baton Rouge

FEBRUARY

Instructor II

February 2-6 | FETA Pine Country

Fire Officer II

February 23-27 | FETA Baton Rouge

Common Passenger Vehicle Awareness

February 24 | FETA Baton Rouge



Instructor Insight

- **Name:** Capt. Mike Dragon
- **Time with FETA:** Since January 2020
- **Department:** Recruit Academy Instructor



Mike Dragon is a recruit academy instructor who is passionate about the fire service and fitness. He was a St. Bernard Parish Fire Department firefighter for 36 years until his retirement in October 2025. For the final six years of his tenure, he served as the St. Bernard Fire Department's Deputy Chief. He has also spent the past six years with FETA as a Recruit Academy Instructor.

"This is the greatest occupation, a dream job. I wouldn't trade this for anything. I have to pinch myself each day. Our guys come here to give the recruits an opportunity to become a firefighter like we are. I always tell our recruits, never forget where you came from. If you remember that, you'll go a long way in life. I push our recruits during physical training. I'm a firm believer in wellness training. You have to lay the foundation, the fundamentals. The little things will keep these guys alive."



FEATURED COURSE

- **Course Title:** Rope Rescue Awareness
- **Course Details:** The Rope Rescue Awareness Course provides personnel with the knowledge to identify rope rescue hazards, establish scene isolation, and coordinate required support resources. Instruction covers high and low-angle search principles, ground support functions, triage considerations, and assisting technician-level teams with mechanical advantage systems.
- **Course Date:** January 8, 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

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

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



FETA Recruit Academy 189

Congratulations Academy 189!

On December 5, 2025, Academy 189 proudly graduated from the Fire and Emergency Training Academy (FETA). After 18 weeks of intensive instruction, these dedicated recruits have earned the title of professional firefighters, ready to protect, serve, and save lives.

Throughout more than three months of rigorous training, the recruits mastered the essential skills of the fire service: performing life-saving medical care, rescuing victims from structure fires and vehicle accidents, and safely extinguishing dangerous blazes. Their education covered every aspect of the

profession, including firefighter survival, search and rescue, hose deployment, vehicle extrication, flashover recognition, fire investigation, and ventilation techniques. Each lesson and drill built not only technical ability but also the teamwork, discipline, and resilience that define the fire service.

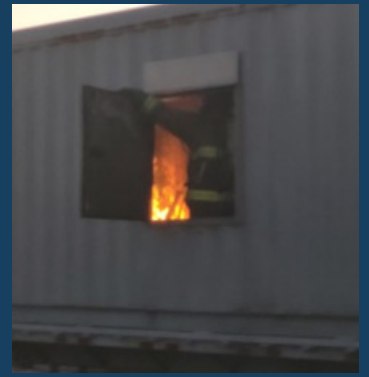
Now, as graduates, Class 189 has taken the oath and stepped into their new roles across the state, ready to serve their communities with courage, integrity, and compassion.

At FETA, we don't just train firefighters, we prepare tomorrow's leaders and lifesavers.

Next Academy...

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

Tools of the Training



Class A Prop

The Class A Prop is a highly versatile live-fire training structure that allows firefighters to practice essential skills in a realistic, controlled environment. It supports instruction in fire behavior, ventilation, VEIS, and coordinated fire attack, making it one of the most valuable props in our program.

Built for Class A fuel burns, the prop clearly demonstrates all stages of fire development, helping students understand heat, smoke, and fire dynamics. It also allows hands-on practice with multiple ventilation methods and shows how proper, or improper, ventilation affects interior conditions.

With functional window access, the prop enables realistic VEIS operations, including ladder placement, controlled entry, door isolation, and targeted search techniques. It also provides a safe environment for practicing hose advancement, nozzle control, and coordinated fire attack.

Overall, the Class A Prop delivers high-value, realistic experience that strengthens critical fireground skills and builds confidence for real emergency operations.



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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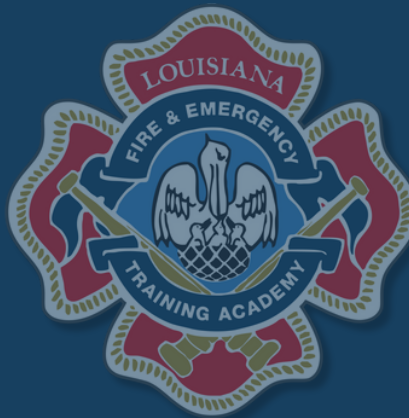
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Mission

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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