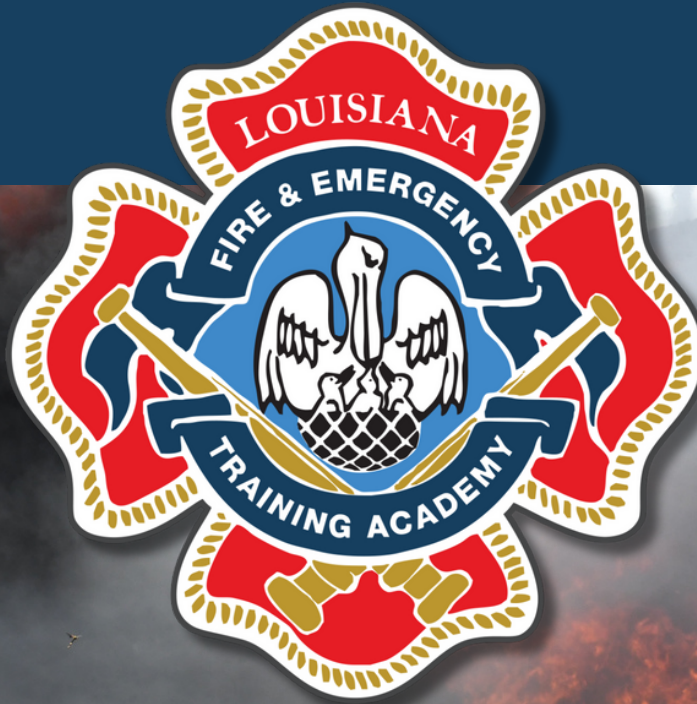


Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy

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FLASHPOINT

The Academy Brief



OCTOBER 2025





Superintendent Says...

The fall season is officially here! The arrival of cooler mornings and crisp refreshing nights usher in many of our favorite seasonal traditions—football, tailgating, high school homecoming festivities, and, of course, hunting season. It's also the perfect season for our delicious comfort foods like gumbo, sauce piquant, and other cool-weather favorites.

As we enjoy all that fall has to offer, let's not forget the importance of fire safety. With bonfires, campfires, outdoor and indoor cooking, and the increased use of propane, it's crucial that we remain vigilant. This is also the time when

many people light the fireplace, and fire up the furnaces and space heaters, especially our loved ones who may be sensitive to colder temperatures.

Please remember, smoke alarms are proven to save lives. Free smoke alarms and installation are available through the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal's Operation Save-A-Life program. It's a simple step that can make a life-saving difference.

Let's also not forget the silent killer, carbon monoxide. CO detectors are essential in preventing tragedy by alerting families to dangerous levels of this odorless gas. With Daylight Saving Time ending at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 2, 2025, it's the perfect time to test all smoke and CO alarms to ensure they're working properly.

It's all of our responsibility to educate and check on our family, friends, and neighbors to help make this a Fire-Safe Fall Season.

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 Recipe for a Perfect Firefighter

Is there a recipe for the perfect firefighter? Truthfully, no. Perfection isn't attainable, but if I had to compare it to something, it would be a gumbo-rich blend of diverse ingredients.

The fire service is filled with colorful characters from various backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs. We come together to live and work over 240 hours a month, transforming our differences into a family bond. This unique resilience is a hallmark of our profession. We aren't just part of the greatest job on earth, we are part of a global brotherhood.

Consider this: what other profession allows strangers to welcome you into their homes during their most vulnerable moments, trusting you implicitly? This trust is a privilege, earned by those who came before us. It's our duty to pass this legacy to future generations, safeguarding the heritage and traditions of the fire service.

When I started my career, my father advised me to work with a skilled captain and learn everything I could. Experience, he said, is the best teacher. At 22, it sounded cliché, but his next words stayed with me: "One day, you'll be captain, and it will be your responsibility to ensure your crew returns home safely."

As firefighters, we must strive to improve ourselves continually. We'll never be perfect, but together, we create something extraordinary - a powerful gumbo. As President John F. Kennedy once said, "A man does what he must, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures, and that is the basis of all human morality." That sounds like the essence of a perfectly imperfect firefighter.

Stay safe, and Godspeed.

Chad Major
President, Professional Fire Fighters Association of Louisiana

In the Can...

Baton Rouge Campus



Fire Inspector I - September 15-19

- *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.*
- *26 Students representing 14 Departments*



Fire Investigator I- September 15-19

- *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.*
- *21 Students representing 8 Departments*



Fire Instructor III - September 22-26

- *This course prepares students for Instructor III certification by teaching advanced skills in fire training administration, program development, and policy management, aligned with NFPA 1041 standards.*
- *3 Students 3 Departments*



Industrial Fire Brigade Refresher - Sept. 3-4

- *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.*
- *Shell Pipeline - 30 students*

On Deck...

Fire Inspector I

November 3–7, 2025 | FETA Pine Country

Fire Inspector II

December 8–12, 2025 | FETA Pine Country

Fire Investigator

November 17–21, 2025 | FETA Pine Country

Fire Officer IV

December 15–19, 2025 | FETA Baton Rouge

Live Fire Instructor

October 13–14, 2025 | FETA Pine Country

Live Fire Instructor In-Charge

October 15–17, 2025 | FETA Pine Country



Instructor Insight

- **Name:** Kat Kleinpeter
- **Time with FETA:** Since Sept. 2023
- **Department:** EMS/Fire Training



Kat is a 4TH grade teacher turned firefighter. She loves doing both, so she teaches medical at FETA - EMT, EMR, CPR & First Aid. She has been a fulltime firefighter with the Baton Rouge Fire Department since 2017. And she has been teaching at FETA for two years.

"I love teaching, because I enjoy seeing the moment when a student gets the concept. You can see it in their face, when they go from confused to understanding it. Medical is great. It's a puzzle trying to figure out what is wrong with the patient."



FEATURED COURSE

- **Course Title:** Fire Officer IV
- **Course Details:** This course prepares fire officers for executive-level leadership in accordance with NFPA 1021 standards. Topics include multi-agency emergency response, personnel and resource management, budgeting, and risk analysis. Students will complete graded group projects as part of the curriculum.
- **Course Dates:** December 15-19, 2025/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

F0458 Preparation for Initial Company Operations

Oct 21-22, 2025

Carlyss, LA

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



The recruits are more than halfway through their 18-week training academy. Class 189 has completed the medical component of the academy, and are now learning how to be firefighters. Pictured on the left are the recruits doing the 2-minute drill. They are required to fully suit up in bunker gear and be ready for action in less than 2 minutes. They have also tackled the maze dressed in their heavy bunker gear, and also completed Haz-mat awareness and operations. FETA is preparing tomorrow's firefighters today.

Next Academy...

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



Tools of the Training

FETA Mobile FLAG Prop

The FETA Mobile FLAG Prop is a state-of-the-art, mobile training unit designed to replicate emergencies involving flammable liquids and gases. This versatile system provides firefighters with realistic, hands-on experience in a safe, controlled environment. Firefighters gain confidence and competence in handling some of the most dangerous and unpredictable fire scenarios, ensuring readiness for both municipal and industrial responses.

This prop is available to municipal fire departments for regional training. Please contact your FETA regional training manager if interested.



On-Site Training Offerings

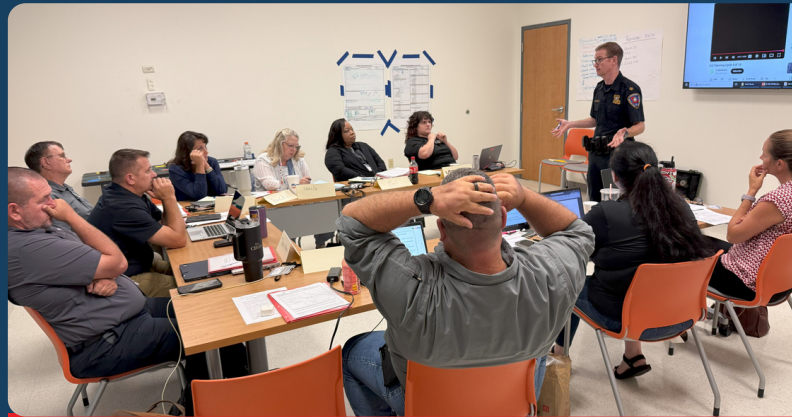
Firefighter Training Classes

- 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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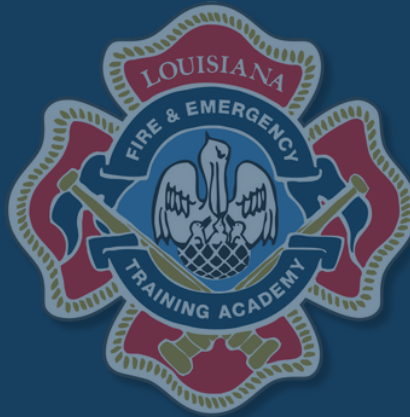
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Mission

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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