

Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy

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From the Firehouse...



Leading with Purpose: Positive Leadership in the Fire Service

Positive leadership in the fire service means more than giving orders or maintaining discipline under stress. It is the steady, deliberate practice of showing respect, communicating clearly, and building trust—especially when conditions are uncertain and stakes are highest. Firefighters face rapidly changing hazards, intense emotional pressure, and the reality that mistakes can have serious consequences. In this environment, leadership must create stability rather than add friction, and it must focus on people while still achieving mission success.

At its core, positive leadership is grounded in character. Leaders model professionalism in how they speak, how they respond to problems, and how they treat every member of the crew. When leaders demonstrate calm decision-making and accountability, others follow. A positive leader doesn't ignore mistakes or challenges; instead, they address them constructively, turning setbacks into lessons. This approach helps the team stay focused on continuous improvement rather than blame or fear.

Communication is another pillar of positive leadership. In the fire service, information can be incomplete, and radios can be chaotic. Leaders improve outcomes by sharing clear intent, confirming understanding, and using disciplined radio procedures. Positive leaders also listen. They invite feedback from members who are closest to the action and recognize that frontline perspective often reveals issues that planning can miss. When firefighters feel heard, they are more likely to speak up about concerns early, before small problems become dangerous ones.

Positive leadership also includes emotional intelligence. Emergencies are stressful, and members may react differently to trauma, fatigue, or loss. Leaders support the team by recognizing warning signs such as irritability, withdrawal, or declining performance. They establish norms that encourage camaraderie and resilience—like brief check-ins, after-action debriefings that honor both technical lessons and emotional impacts, and promoting access to counseling resources when needed. A leader who prioritizes well-being helps the organization sustain readiness over the long term.

Training and mentorship are practical expressions of positive leadership. Leaders invest time in developing skills, reinforcing safety principles, and teaching beyond the minimum standard. They create opportunities for growth by involving firefighters in planning, encouraging initiative, and recognizing effort. Whether training new recruits or refining experienced crews' capabilities, positive leaders foster a culture where learning is valued and mistakes in training are treated as safe opportunities to build competence.

Finally, positive leadership strengthens culture. It reinforces that safety, integrity, and respect are non-negotiable, even during high-tempo operations. Leaders set expectations for behavior and maintain them consistently, not only when things are going well but also during conflict or pressure. When firefighters believe their leaders act fairly and protect them, morale improves and teamwork deepens.

In the fire service, positive leadership is the engine behind effective operations. It builds trust, sharpens communication, supports people, and strengthens safety. Ultimately, strong leaders help their departments perform at their best while honoring the humanity of the individuals who serve.

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



Superintendent Says...

No Room for Complacency: Personnel Safety on the Training Grounds

Training is where firefighters build the skills, confidence, and experience they will rely on when the call is real. But there is one lesson that must never be lost during training: **the fire does not know it is an evolution.**

Even when an incident is controlled, instructors are present, and every firefighter knows the objectives, the hazards are still real. Heat, smoke, fire behavior, and structural instability are real. Mistakes can have real consequences. That is why **personnel safety must remain the number-one priority on every training ground.**

Firefighters cannot afford to become complacent simply because a fire is being conducted for training purposes. In fact, controlled fire evolutions require an even greater level of discipline and attention to detail. Everyone involved must understand the assignment, know the safety procedures, communicate effectively, and remain alert to changing conditions.

Controlled Does Not Mean Risk-Free

A training fire may be carefully planned, but conditions can change in seconds. Fire can grow or change direction, heat conditions can intensify, smoke can reduce visibility, equipment can fail, and a firefighter can become disoriented, injured, or separated from their crew.

The fact that instructors are standing by and safety personnel are monitoring the evolution does not eliminate the responsibility of every individual firefighter. That means wearing the required PPE correctly, maintaining situational awareness, communicating with your crew, following the instructor's direction, and speaking up immediately when something doesn't look or feel right.

Instructors and Officers Set the Tone

Safety on the training grounds begins with leadership. Instructors and company officers have a responsibility to establish clear expectations before an evolution begins and to stop an evolution whenever conditions become unsafe. Everyone is a Safety Officer when it comes to safety. There should never be hesitation to call a "STOP" when something isn't right. Stopping an evolution isn't a failure. It is leadership.

A successful training evolution isn't simply one where the objective is completed. A successful evolution is one where the objective is completed safely and every firefighter goes home. Whether the fire is in a training prop or a burning structure on the street, respect the fire. Because the ultimate goal of every training day is simple:

Train hard. Train smart. Go home.

Chief Charles Hudson
**FETA Superintendent
Municipal Program**



Superintendent Says...

Built on Experience: Preparing Industrial Teams for the Real World

For years, I have been involved in one way or another with industrial fire brigades and emergency response teams. Growing up around industrial workers of all kinds, and later working in industrial construction, I developed an appreciation for the unique challenges faced by those working in industrial environments. Eventually, that experience led me to the fire service.

In 1997, I started as a part-time instructor at what was then FETI. I later accepted a full-time position at the academy, where I became the Industrial Programs Manager.

Working at the academy gave me a glimpse into the world of industrial emergency response, but it was not until I went to work for the Gonzales

Fire Department and also began working part-time with an Industrial Emergency Response Company that I truly began to understand the many different ways industrial teams operate.

To understand even a small portion of the industrial fire brigade world, you first have to understand what drives industry to prepare its emergency response teams. OSHA requirements, insurance considerations, facility hazards, and the specific risks associated with each operation all play a role in determining the level of response capability needed.

A large refinery is far more complex than a small packaging facility, but both have the responsibility to prepare their personnel to respond effectively to emergencies.

Understanding what a particular industrial fire brigade needs comes from real-world experience. The FETA Industrial Team brings many years of hands-on industrial emergency response and training experience to the table. We are continually looking for new and better ways to meet the needs of our industrial partners while providing realistic training that prepares personnel for the challenges they may face in the real world.

Our industrial fire props are among the most capable training systems available, and we are continually working to improve them and make our training even more realistic. Our team is constantly upgrading existing props and developing plans for future expansions.

I am especially proud to see our industry partners stepping up and donating materials and equipment to help drive the program forward. Their support is helping us build a stronger program and an even brighter future for industrial emergency response training.

When it comes to providing realistic, hands-on training that prepares industrial emergency response teams for the real world, you can be confident that the FETA Industrial Team is committed to giving our partners the best training experience possible.

Chief Tracey Normand
**FETA Superintendent
Industrial Program**

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 who 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.

Never Stop Learning: The Power of Training, Networking, and Service

Chief Roy Robichaux, Jr.
Fire Chief
Belle Chasse Volunteer Fire Department



The fire service has been a part of my life for a long time. Being a firefighter has given me the opportunity to meet many great people around the world. I have been a volunteer, industrial and career firefighter. To me, networking with others is one of the greatest learning tools available. Attending training conferences, seminars, local, state and national educational classes offer great education. But by networking with other attendees after classes, you may learn a whole lot more.

I belong to the best department, there may be better, but everyone should believe theirs is the best. Our department is a combination department with very good career and volunteer members. Our department has taken advantage of volunteer recruitment from the local military base. The most important thing for member retention is making everyone feel they are part of the department and always have activities for them.

Our firefighters attend required training classes. Not all, but too many young officers choose not to attend training, conferences or away training, such as offered at FETA and the National Fire Academy. I believe they may be missing career experience learning opportunities by not networking. Unfortunately, because we have certifications and have seen some responses under our belts, too many think there is nothing to learn. So, I believe regional, State, Multiple State, National and International Associations are very important to explain our knowledge.

These associations and organizations do many things to improve firefighter safety and response by lobbying for better standards, regulations, laws, and funding. But they are one of the greatest learning opportunities available through networking. You may meet someone who has experienced what you are looking for, or they have contact with someone who has. If nothing else, you will make new friends.

Over the years, our daily responses have changed, but our purpose has not: we exist to serve the public. Today, we may respond to more public assistance and EMS calls than fires, but we still provide an essential service—often one no one else is willing or able to perform. In this changing world, remember that someone may be watching or recording your actions. Continue to respond with pride and represent the fire service well.

One last thing, please be safe. Always wear the needed and necessary protective equipment. Necessary PPE should be dictated by conditions, so know conditions and plan for what is about to come. One important piece of safety equipment is everyone's seat belt, buckle up, stay in the vehicle and do not get ejected. You have a better chance of surviving a crash and/or rollover to provide services in the future.

Take advantage of every training and networking opportunity available, get involved.

25 Years Later: Honoring the Legacy, Carrying the Commitment

Chief Roman Nelson
Superintendent of Fire
New Orleans Fire Department



With the recent 25th memorial of the 9/11 attacks, many firefighters who were on the job that day cannot help but think back to where they were, what they saw, and how those images of the planes striking the towers and the towers collapsing remain clear even now. September 11, 2001, changed how the public viewed firefighters in a profound way.

Before 9/11, firefighters were respected, though the profession was often part of broader discussions about evolving community needs and how departments were adapting to changing service demands. Questions were being raised about modernization, resource use, and whether traditional approaches still fit the risks faced by communities.

All of that shifted in a matter of hours.

People watched firefighters enter the World Trade Center while thousands of others evacuated. They saw commitment and courage expressed through action. The loss of the 343 FDNY firefighters showed the nation the true risks firefighters face every day and reminded people that real heroes walk among them.

After 9/11, appreciation for firefighters grew. The public saw more clearly that firefighters do much more than fight fires. They rescue, respond to crises, and step into dangerous situations for the sake of people they have never met. The long-term health effects experienced by many responders also raised awareness about the physical and mental challenges of the job.

Twenty-five years later, that respect largely remains. Memorial events, including the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation programs and 9/11 Stair Climbs, continue to honor the 343 and connect their legacy to today's fire service. These traditions help keep their memory alive.

Today, the fire service continues to navigate a range of evolving needs. Departments across the state and the nation are working through rising operational demands, updates to equipment and apparatus, changes in workforce trends, growing awareness of cancer and PFAS concerns, and increasing focus on mental health and wellness. These challenges reflect shifting environments and expectations, prompting departments to find balanced approaches that maintain readiness while adapting to new risks.

As we reflect on the twenty fifth anniversary, it is important to remember that the respect earned after 9/11 came from the steady dedication shown long before that day and continues in the work being done now. Communities depend on their fire departments, and honoring the legacy of those we lost also means supporting the firefighters who serve today.

Thank you for continuing to uphold that commitment and carrying the fire service forward.

The Fire Within: Teamwork, Integrity, and the Power of Attitude

Chief Robert P. Benoit
Retired, Lafayette Fire Department
Fire Liaison Supervisor
Acadian Ambulance



Fending Off Attack

On September 11, 2026, this nation paused to remember the tragic events of 9/11 that forever changed the mindset of America. More importantly, first responders consisting of firefighters, law enforcement, and emergency medical personnel made the ultimate sacrifice, placing themselves in harm's way to help others as airplanes struck the World Trade Center's Twin Towers in New York and The Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. Further, civilians stepped up to the plate and gave their lives to prevent further attacks from reaching their intended target in Washington, D.C., by bringing down the airplane in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The city of New York's Fire Commissioner Lillian Bonsignore noted: "The tragedy did not end when the rescue and recovery efforts were over. Decades later, our members continued to become ill from the toxic environment they willingly entered to save others. For their families, the passage of time doesn't lessen the loss of the empty chair at the table; the missed birthdays and anniversary milestones they never got to celebrate." A 56-foot monument stands at Engine Company 10 in Lower Manhattan, originally dedicated to the 343 members of the Fire Department who perished on 9/11. Since then, fire and EMS personnel continue to succumb to illnesses from exposure to the toxic dust around Ground Zero.

Dealing With Tragedy

The fire service's mission is to "save life and property" for the citizens they swore an allegiance to protect. It is a challenge these men and women humbly embraced with dedication and passion during every response. We hear about conflicts and attacks taking place all over the world; sometimes they often seem very distant. But the truth is we face wars each day, having to decide to choose good over evil. Like the incidents in 9/11, our enemy camouflages himself so he can attack us clandestinely, often without warning. He attacks our minds first, making us focus on what we do not have instead of the blessings right in front of us. And if we are not careful, we begin to fantasize about those things, creating a chain reaction toward self-gratitude.

On 9/11, people around the world came together to help one another, setting selfishness aside—a spirit firefighters demonstrate every day. Some people view firefighting as a calling, while others see it as a profession. The men and women of the fire service embody both a calling and a profession using unique gifts for serving people in need. They conduct this mission through teamwork, with integrity and a cheerful outlook.

Unique Gifts

Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision that directs individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results. Secondly, integrity is having the courage to dare to be yourself in the face of adversity, by choosing right over wrong, ethics over convenience, and truth over popularity. These are the choices that measure your life, and there is never the wrong time to do the right thing regardless of the circumstances one finds themselves in. Traveling the path of integrity keeps one from having to look back over their actions. Finally, attitude is not determined by what happens to us, rather it is determined by how we react to what happens. One of my college professors commented in a sociology class, “Your Attitude Determines Your Altitude.” It is not about what life brings to us, but about the attitude we bring to life. A cheerful outlook causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events, and outcomes. It is a catalyst, a spark that creates extraordinary results.

Conclusion

Greek Philosopher, Aristotle, noted, “The Meaning of Life is to Find Your Gift; The Purpose of Life is to Give It Away.” Firefighters put on the uniform because they bring unique gifts to this profession, to help others overcome tragic events. Utilizing teamwork and having integrity with a cheerful outlook is what propels the fire service forward.

Fit for Duty

With Capt. Mike Dragon/FETA Instructor



The Dangers of Sleep Deprivation for Firefighters: Part II

Part II: Sleep Hygiene for Firefighters — On Duty and Off Duty

Sleep hygiene is the collection of habits and environmental practices that help a person obtain consistent, restorative sleep. For firefighters, maintaining good sleep hygiene requires attention both while on duty and while off duty. Shift work, alarms, extended incidents, and changing schedules can make adequate sleep difficult. However, treating sleep as an essential part of firefighter readiness can help reduce the effects of fatigue and improve overall wellness.

On-Duty Sleep Hygiene

When circumstances permit, firefighters should take advantage of opportunities to rest or sleep during their shifts. Getting quality rest at the station can improve alertness and readiness for the next emergency. Sleep should be viewed as a component of operational preparedness rather than something that interferes with the job.

Firefighters should make the bunk area as conducive to sleep as possible. A dark, cool, and quiet environment can make it easier to fall asleep and stay asleep. Eye masks and earplugs may be useful when appropriate and permitted. Limiting unnecessary phone use, notifications, television, and other distractions before sleeping can also help.

Caffeine should be used strategically. It can help maintain alertness during a demanding shift, but excessive caffeine or caffeine consumed too close to planned sleep can interfere with the ability to fall asleep. Caffeine consumption should stop approximately six hours before planned sleep. Energy drinks should not become a substitute for adequate rest.

After returning from an emergency, firefighters should allow themselves an opportunity to transition back into a sleep state. When possible, minimizing bright lights, electronic devices, and stimulating activities can help the body and mind settle. Simple relaxation techniques, such as controlled breathing, may also help.

Off-Duty Sleep Hygiene

Off-duty sleep is equally important because it provides the recovery necessary for the next shift. Firefighters should strive for 7-9 hours of sleep per 24 hours whenever possible. Maintaining a consistent sleep schedule can help regulate the body's internal clock.

The home sleeping environment should be dark, cool, quiet, and comfortable. Family members should understand that uninterrupted sleep is part of the firefighter's recovery and readiness. Limiting phone use, television, and other stimulating activities before bed can also support better sleep.

Firefighters should avoid using alcohol as a way to fall asleep.

Alcohol can disrupt sleep quality later in the night. Excessive caffeine, nicotine, and heavy meals close to bedtime may also interfere with restorative sleep.

Exercise, proper nutrition, hydration, and stress management can support healthy sleep, but none should be considered a replacement for sufficient sleep. Firefighters should also recognize warning signs such as persistent fatigue, difficulty staying awake, frequent sleep problems, or drowsy driving. These symptoms should be taken seriously rather than accepted as simply being part of the fire service.

Ultimately, on-duty and off-duty sleep are connected. Rest obtained at the station can help manage fatigue during a shift, while adequate sleep at home allows the firefighter to recover and prepare for the next one. Making sleep a priority in both environments strengthens individual health, crew safety, decision-making, and operational readiness.

In the Can...

Pine Country Campus



EMR & Firefighting/Firefighter I- September 9-16

- Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (NLTCC) partners with FETA to offer an intensive six-month Firefighter I and EMR certification program. The EMR course is the first phase of the six-month training, combining emergency medical response and hands-on firefighting instruction to prepare students for immediate entry into the workforce as qualified first responders.
- 9 students



Trench Rescue Awareness - September 15

- This course provides students with the knowledge to recognize trench rescue incidents, identify hazards, and establish appropriate scene safety and resource needs. Topics include scene isolation, search considerations, patient triage, ground support, and assisting technical rescue teams with trench stabilization and shoring operations.
- 21 students representing 7 departments.



Trench Rescue Operations - September 21-22

- This course provides students with the knowledge and skills to safely perform trench rescue operations. Topics include trench hazards, scene safety, resource assessment, straight-wall shoring systems, and techniques for accessing, packaging, and removing trapped victims. Students will also learn to support technician-level trench rescue operations.
- 19 students representing 6 departments.



Common Vehicle Awareness - September 16

- This course provides foundational knowledge for safely recognizing, assessing, and supporting passenger vehicle rescue incidents. Topics include hazards, scene safety, PPE, resource coordination, patient triage, and assisting technical rescue teams with vehicle stabilization and extrication.
- 21 students representing 7 departments.

Instructor Insight

- **Name:** Captain Lee Dagro
- **Time with FETA:** Since 2018
- **Department:** Recruit Academy



Teaching the Next Generation: Lee Dagro's Passion for the Fire Service

In a way, Lee Dagro followed in his parents' footsteps. His mother and father were longtime teachers in the public school system. Dagro is an educator at the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy. And he loves it!

"I have always been a part of training," Dagro says. "It's something special to me, not only teaching younger guys, it keeps me on my toes as I have ascended through the ranks and into a supervisor role."

After graduating from high school, Dagro attended Southeastern Louisiana University. While he was there, some of the guys he hung out with were volunteering with the Natalbany Fire Department. That's how he was introduced to the fire service, fell in love with it, and left college to become a full-time firefighter. He would later earn degrees in Fire Science and Fire Administration.

"I was hanging out with them at the station. The camaraderie reminded me of being on a sports team."

He got his start at the Natalbany Fire Department and later worked for the Independence Fire Department before taking a job with the East Side Fire Department in Baton Rouge, where he is now District Chief.

In 2018, he was asked to join the Fire Training Academy staff, when it was known as the Fire and Emergency Training Institute (FETI). He is now a senior instructor on staff, helping guide dozens of recruits through the 16-week academy.

"I love teaching fire behavior, what fire is, how it grows, and showing the recruits. It's my favorite part."



FEATURED COURSE

- **Course Title:** Confined Space Rescue
- **Course Details:** This course prepares responders for confined space rescue through classroom instruction, hands-on skills, and scenario-based training. Topics include confined space hazards, regulations, atmospheric monitoring, rescue equipment, patient care, scene management, and retrieval systems, with an emphasis on rescuer safety.
- **Course Date:** December 7-11, 2026 | FETA Baton Rouge

Incident Management Training

We are proud to offer these Incident Management Team and Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Specialty Equivalent courses to help keep you current with the training that supports professional deployments and emergency response operations. Through hands-on and scenario-based instruction, participants build the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to perform effectively in complex, high-pressure incidents while strengthening decision-making, communication, coordination, and overall team readiness.

Plans Manager

November 2-4 | 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily
Monroe Fire Department

Task Force Leader

November 17-19 | 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily
Shreveport Fire Department Training Academy

Logistics Specialist

December 1-3 | 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily
Jefferson Parish Fire Training Center

For more information or to request courses, contact Assistant Chief Rusty Edwards at Rusty.Edwards@la.gov.

Register at stems.gohsep.la.gov

0-305: Introduction to All-Hazards Incident Management

October 19-23 | 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily
St. Tammany Fire District 1 Training Academy
Prerequisites: FEMA NIMS IS 100, IS-200, IS-300, IS-700, and IS-800

Open Certification Testing

The Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy (FETA) has launched after-hours Open Certification Testing to expand access for fire service personnel. Testing is available at both FETA campuses and four regional sites on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, with sessions offered from 5-7 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. The initiative increases testing capacity, reduces wait times, and helps address statewide certification backlogs. Register today in ACADIS.

FETA - Baton Rouge

6868 Nicholson Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70820

FETA - Pine Country

214 Dutch Harbor
Minden, LA 71055

Alexandria Fire Department

1000 Bolton Avenue
Alexandria, LA 71301

Jefferson Parish Fire Training Center

3221 River Road
Westwego, LA 70094

Ouachita Fire Department

1000 New Natchitoches Road
West Monroe, LA 71292

SMH Wellness Pavilion, 2nd Floor

501 Robert Boulevard
Slidell, LA 70458

2026 Training Opportunities @ FETA

Fire Officer IV

October 19-23 | FETA – Pine Country

Live Fire Instructor

December 7 | FETA – Pine Country

Live Fire Instructor-in-Charge

December 9 | FETA – Pine Country

Louisiana Pipeline Emergency Training

October 24 | FETA – Baton Rouge

Confined Space Rescue

December 7-11 | FETA – Baton Rouge

Trench Rescue Awareness

December 14 | FETA – Baton Rouge

Trench Rescue Operations

December 15-16 | FETA – Baton Rouge

Trench Rescue Tech

December 17-18 | FETA – Baton Rouge

Delmar Rope Refreshers

November 2-6 | FETA – Baton Rouge

Delmar Rope Refreshers

November 16-20 | FETA – Baton Rouge

Heavy Vehicle Rescue Awareness

October 28 | FETA – Pine Country

Heavy Vehicle Rescue Operations

November 17-20 | FETA – Pine Country

Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician

December 1-3 | FETA – Pine Country

Common Vehicle Rescue Technician

October 13-15 | FETA – Pine Country

Open Testing

November 18 | December 9 & 16

*See previous page for sites.

FETA On Deck...

November

Delmar Rope Refreshers

November 2-6 | FETA – Baton Rouge

Delmar Rope Refreshers

November 16-20 | FETA – Baton Rouge

Heavy Vehicle Rescue Operations

November 17 | FETA – Pine Country

December

Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician

December 1-3 | FETA – Pine Country

Confined Space

December 7-11 | FETA – Baton Rouge

Trench Awareness/Ops/Tech

December 14-18 | FETA – Baton Rouge

Live Fire Instructor

December 7 | FETA – Pine Country

Live Fire Instructor-in-Charge

December 9 | FETA – Pine Country

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2026 Training Opportunities Regional

Natchitoches Fire Department

Live Fire Instructor in Charge
November 1-4 | Natchitoches F.D.

Fire Instructor III
December 14-18 | Natchitoches F.D.

Westlake Fire Department

Trench Rescue Awareness
November 9 | Westlake F.D.

Trench Rescue Ops
November 10-11 | Westlake F.D.

Trench Rescue Tech
November 12-13 | Westlake F.D.

Lafayette Fire Department

Common Vehicle Awareness
November 9 | Lafayette F.D.

Common Vehicle Ops
November 10-11 | Lafayette F.D.

Common Vehicle Tech
November 12-13 | Lafayette F.D.

Jefferson Parish Fire Training Center

Common Vehicle Rescue Operations
October 6-7 | JPFTC

Common Vehicle Rescue Technician
October 8-9 | JPFTC

Rope Rescue Awareness
October 19 | JPFTC

Rope Rescue Operations
October 20-23 | JPFTC

First Responder Inspector
November 9-13 | JPFTC

Regional On Deck...

November

Live Fire Instructor in Charge
November 1-4 | Natchitoches F.D.

Trench Rescue Awareness
November 9 | Westlake F.D.

Trench Rescue Ops
November 10-11 | Westlake F.D.

Trench Rescue Tech
November 12-13 | Westlake F.D.

Common Vehicle Awareness
November 9 | Lafayette F.D.

Common Vehicle Ops
November 10-11 | Lafayette F.D.

Common Vehicle Tech
November 12-13 | Lafayette F.D.

First Responder Inspector
November 9-13 | JPFTC

December

Fire Instructor III
December 14-18 | Natchitoches F.D.

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 prior to 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.

Please note: 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

00770 - Fire Investigation: First Responders

October 14-15, 2026

Bridge City, LA @ Jefferson Parish Fire Training Center

F0633 - Youth Firesetting Intervention Specialist

October 21-22, 2026

Pineville, LA @ Ruby-Kolin Fire Department, Station #2

F0457 - Decision-Making for Initial Company Operations

January 12-13, 2027

Ruston, LA @ Ruston Fire Department, Central Station

F0458 - Preparation for Initial Company Operations

February 25-26, 2027

Chauvin, LA @ Little Caillou Fire Department, Station #2

F0457 - Decision-Making for Initial Company Operations

April 27-28, 2027

Broussard, LA @ Broussard Fire Department, Training Classroom

F0455 - Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations

May 18-19, 2027

Sulphur, LA @ Carlyss Fire Department, Station 1

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IAMI Marine Investigation Training

IAMI

2ND ANNUAL HANDS-ON MARINE FIRE INVESTIGATION TRAINING SEMINAR

LOUISIANA FIRE & EMERGENCY TRAINING ACADEMY

BATON ROUGE, LA - OCTOBER 12-16, 2026

OVERVIEW

The International Association of Marine Investigators & the Louisiana Office of the State Fire Marshal are proud to offer a Marine Fire Investigation Training Seminar. Attendees will conduct hands-on investigations of both recreational & commercial vessels, witness a live burn & attend 36 hours of tested training, ranging from basic fire science & scene safety to in-depth investigations.

REGISTRATION AND FACTS

- Registration is \$695 for IAMI members and \$850 for non-members and is capped at 70 attendees
- Focus will be on NFPA 921 & 1033
- Ideal for insurance, first responders, & marine experts
- CMI & CMFI Testing will be held on 10/16
- Insurance and Fire Investigators CE credits available
- For sponsorship opportunities, please email iami@iamimarine.org



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT
IAMIMARINE.ORG/EVENTS



Recruit Round Up

Academy 191: Building Skills, Confidence and the Courage to Serve

Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy's Recruit Academy 191 is halfway through its demanding 16-week journey. What began with recruits learning the fundamentals of the fire service has quickly developed into a class of future firefighters gaining the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to serve their communities.

September brought a wide range of hands-on training, including one of the academy's most exciting experiences: flashover training. Inside FETA's flashover prop, recruits were able to see firsthand how rapidly fire conditions can change and gain a better understanding of fire behavior and the importance of making sound decisions under pressure.

Recruits also trained in ventilation, fire suppression, hose handling, salvage and overhaul, and ladder operations. Each exercise reinforced the skills firefighters rely on to work safely and effectively on the fireground.

At the halfway point, the recruits are beginning to see how far they have come. Skills that once required careful instruction and repetition are becoming more familiar. Communication and teamwork are improving, and confidence is growing with every training evolution.

The training will continue to challenge Recruit Academy 191 in the weeks ahead, building on the foundation established during the first half of the academy.

For these future firefighters, every lesson, every drill and every challenge is another step toward becoming the men their communities will depend upon when the call for help comes.



APPROACHING ALZHEIMER'S

First Responder Training

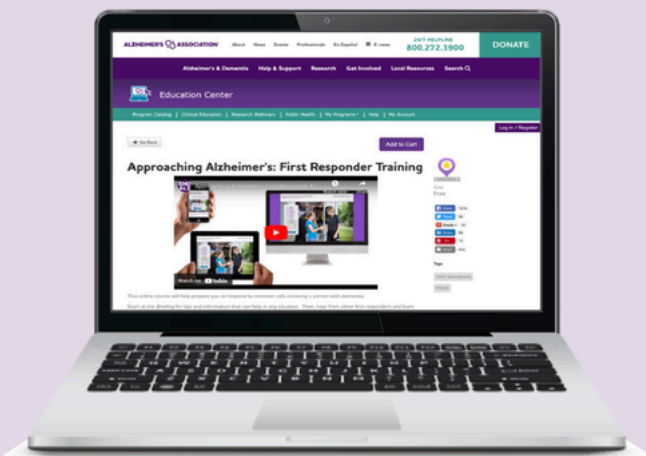
MAKE YOUR FIRST RESPONSE THE RIGHT RESPONSE.

As a first responder, it's critical to understand how to best approach situations involving someone living with dementia. The Alzheimer's Association® ***Approaching Alzheimer's: First Responder Training*** is a free online course to prepare you to respond to common calls involving a person with dementia. Developed with input from first responders, the training offers:



- » Access to the Association's 24/7 Helpline: 800.272.3900, making it convenient for all shifts and new hires.
- » Learning through a self-paced, online curriculum.
- » Videos and interactive activities.
- » Compatibility with any device, including laptop, tablet or mobile device.

Visit alz.org/firstresponders to take this free online training.



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- » Hear from other first responders and learn how to respond to typical calls.
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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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- The Fire Service
- Evolution of the Fire Service
- Firefighter Health and Safety
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- Firefighter Rehabilitation
- Fire Service Communication
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- Ropes and Knots
- Fire Behavior
- Building Construction
- Portable Fire Extinguishers
- Ladders
- Forcible Entry
- Search and Rescue
- Ventilation
- Water Supply Systems
- Fire Hoses, 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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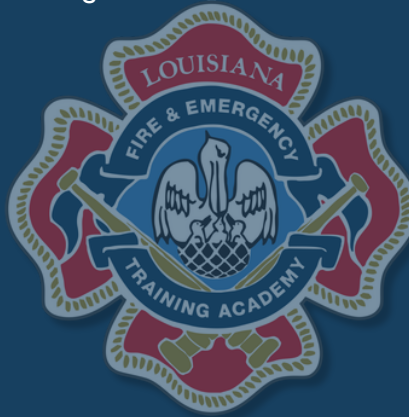
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