Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy

FETA FLASHPOINT

The Academy Brief



November 2026

From the Firehouse...



Thanksgiving: A Time to Give Thanks to the Fire Service

Thanksgiving is a time when families gather around the table, share a meal, reflect on their blessings, and give thanks for the people who make a difference in their lives. For those of us in the fire service, Thanksgiving also gives us an opportunity to reflect on what it means to serve others.

While many families are sitting down to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner, firefighters across Louisiana and throughout our nation will be standing ready to answer the call. Some will miss dinner with their families, and some will be called away from the station in the middle of a meal.

That is the commitment of the fire service.

We should be thankful for the men and women who willingly accept that responsibility. Firefighters don't choose when the alarm sounds. They simply answer it. Whether it is a structure fire, a medical emergency, a vehicle crash, or someone needing help on what may be the worst day of their life, firefighters respond.

We should also be thankful for the families behind our firefighters. They understand the missed birthdays, holidays, dinners, school events, and family gatherings. They understand that when the pager sounds or the phone rings, their firefighter may have to leave. Their sacrifice is every bit as important to our ability to serve as the sacrifice made by the firefighter.

We should be thankful for the brotherhood and sisterhood of the fire service. There are few professions where people place such complete trust in one another. Firefighters train together, work together, laugh together, struggle together, and when necessary, risk their lives together. The person standing beside you isn't simply a coworker; they are family.

We should also remember those who came before us. Generations of firefighters built the foundation upon which today's fire service stands. Their courage, traditions, lessons and sacrifices continue to guide us. We have a responsibility to honor their legacy by becoming better firefighters, better leaders and better servants to our communities.

And we must never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Their names may be engraved on memorials, but their legacy lives on every time a firefighter puts on a uniform and answers an alarm.

I am incredibly proud of the men and women who serve Louisiana's communities. Whether career or volunteer, firefighter or fire investigator, dispatcher or support personnel, each plays an important role in protecting lives and property.

This Thanksgiving, take a moment to look around the table and be grateful for your family, your friends, your brothers and sisters in the fire service, and the privilege we have to serve others.

May God bless you, your families and the fire service of Louisiana.

Chief Chad P. Sonnier
Louisiana State Fire Marshal



Superintendent Says...

FETA Is on the Move, in More Ways Than One!

Anyone who follows our social media page has seen a great deal of activity in October at FETA Baton Rouge. We've had multi-company drills in the new burn building, flashover trailer, and the old burn building. Recruit Class #191 has been marching along the path toward their firefighting careers by gaining certifications in Emergency Medical Responder, Hazmat Awareness/Operations, and Firefighter 1 & 2, while working on a number of fire techniques, including vehicle firefighting, auto extrication, fire behavior, search and rescue drills, FLIR drills, and maintaining physical fitness goals.

The Industrial field has also been full of activity, with quite a few different Industrial clients utilizing each of our LPG props. Last but not least, the International Association of Marine Investigators spent the week of October 12th through 16th on our campus, sharing knowledge, experiences, and field operations with more than 40 fire investigation students from across the country. Marine vessels were present for full-field investigations after conducting several scenario-based burns to test and evaluate each student's skills and techniques from the lessons learned during the week's educational sessions.

Your Fire & Emergency Training Academy is actively undergoing renovations and facility improvements, including a new dorm facility, heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) system replacement for all campus buildings, new audio/visual components, replacement of all interior lighting, interior/exterior painting, bathroom and shower upgrades, and new MSA & Scott air packs. All of this is taking place while we continue to meet the demand for fire education both on and off campus across this great state of Louisiana.

On deck, Chief Kleinpeter continues to work daily to bring home our new Fathom Swiftwater facility, which was awarded to us at $3.5 million through a grant. Additionally, planning is ongoing for new fire simulators to add to our field props and new burn building. The 2027 training calendar is rounding out with lots of opportunities to expand your experience and education, along with two fire recruit academies that will take place here at FETA Baton Rouge. The National Fire Academy has approved 11 NFA classes for the 2027 calendar year in Louisiana. Training won't be lacking opportunities across Louisiana in 2027.

It's a very exciting time on the FETA Baton Rouge campus. I know our students are excited to be here working with our instructors, but the FETA staff, including myself, are really enjoying the opportunities to share our knowledge and experience while getting to know the Louisiana firefighters from across the state.
Each class conducted is a give-and-take session. We're giving our all to teach our firefighters at the highest level we can offer, while we're taking your feedback and ideas to make the next class even better.

"It's not the same Ole FETA, come see for yourself."

Chief Charles Hudson
FETA Superintendent
Municipal Program



Superintendent Says...

The People Behind FETA Industrial: A Thanksgiving Thank You

November is for giving thanks, and I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to some of the people who make your FETA Industrial Division run day after day. We won't get into names, but you know who you are.

First, our instructional staff continuously put forth tremendous effort to get the demanding job done and provide our clients/students with the highest quality, safe, and realistic training scenarios. This, along with the relationships that have grown with the companies that use the FETA Industrial Division, is a big part of what makes our program successful. Our staff is made up of part-time firefighters, fire captains and retired industrial firefighters. These individuals show up many days after having been up running calls throughout the night. Now, I know most firefighters have a part-time job, but these individuals are pushed to their limits on the fire field and in the burn building, delivering high-quality instruction. It not only takes a strong back but also tenacious grit to do this in hot weather conditions like we have had the last couple of months, but they showed up and performed great! So, a thank you is never enough.

Second, our management team. They help keep not only our scheduling, billing and logistical needs met, but will also bunk out and get their hands dirty when it is needed. Here lately, this has occurred quite a bit. Our business is growing, and with a smaller instructor pool, some people getting promoted and others moving on to different fields, this has required our team to step up and cover needed spots. This is added work and hard work, and your efforts don't go unnoticed. Part of this team is business development, and although it sounds easy, it is a constant flow of emails, texts and phone calls, and I think sometimes smoke signals...especially when they are on the fire field lending a hand.

Third, our clerical staff in the front office. These individuals make sure that our enrollment numbers match, our T-shirt orders are filled, and the billing is processed and followed up on. The Industrial Division generates revenue from the classes that we give, and none of that happens without the oversight and follow-up that the clerical section performs every day. Billing is more than a printed sheet of paper in a mailbox. Customers now have complicated billing systems that require maintaining constant contact and follow-up.

In the end, all of this effort pays the bills and helps move the division and program forward. The future of FETA is bright, and it's because of the dedicated people who put forth the effort and get the jobs done. But sometimes, a "Thank you" is well deserved.

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.

The Only Constant Is Change



Chief Earl P. Borden Jr.
Fire Chief
Lafayette Fire Department

Change in the fire service is rarely comfortable. We are a profession built on tradition, and there is tremendous value in that tradition. But tradition and progress do not have to be opposing ideas. Departments that are going to remain effective must be willing to evolve as the communities they serve, the risks they face, and the expectations placed upon them continue to change.

I have experienced significant organizational change from several perspectives during my career. Most recently, I have twice stepped into the fire chief's position following long-tenured chiefs—once through an internal promotion and now as an external chief entering a new organization. Those experiences have reinforced something I believe applies at every rank: change is not automatically good, but the absence of change is not automatically good either.

One of the responsibilities of a fire chief is to look beyond today. A firefighter may understandably evaluate a decision based on how it affects their station, assignment, schedule, promotional opportunity, or career. A company officer may view it through the needs of a crew or shift. Those perspectives matter.

But the fire chief has the responsibility of looking at the entire organization and asking different questions: Where does this department need to be five or ten years from now? Is our community growing? Are our risks changing? Are we developing the people, organizational structure, training, equipment, and capabilities that the next generation will need?

Sometimes the answers require change, and sometimes that change will not benefit every individual equally.

That is where leadership becomes important at every level of the organization.

Company officers and chief officers will not agree with every decision made above them. I certainly have not agreed with every decision made during my career. There will also be decisions made by elected officials, governing authorities, or others outside the department that even the fire chief cannot control.

Disagreement is not disloyalty. Professional leaders should ask questions, provide honest input, and advocate for their people. But once a direction has been established, constantly working against it rarely improves the organization.

Instead, focus on what you can control.

You can control the attitude inside your station. You can make sure your crew trains. You can maintain your apparatus and equipment. You can mentor the next firefighter. You can hold your people accountable while supporting them. You can create an environment where firefighters take pride in coming to work.

Most importantly, you can prevent disagreement at the organizational level from becoming negativity at the company level.

The fire service will continue to change. Leadership will change. Chiefs will change. Expectations, technology, tactics, communities, and organizational structures will change.

The challenge for leaders is not to eliminate change. It is to help their people navigate it without losing sight of why we are here.

Change the things you can. Influence the things you can. And when something is outside your control, do not allow it to control how well you lead.

Building the Next Generation of Firefighters Through Partnership



Jayda Spillers, Ph.D.
Chancellor
Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College

The success of Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College's Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) and Firefighter program is a testament to what can be accomplished when education and industry come together with a shared purpose. Launched through NLTCC's Minden Campus, this innovative pilot program was created to provide high school students with hands-on training and industry-recognized certifications that prepare them for careers in emergency response and public service. The program serves students from Webster, Bienville, and Claiborne parishes and offers a unique pathway for students to begin workforce training while still in high school.

What has made this program especially meaningful is the foresight and unwavering support and leadership of our fire service partners. Chief Bryan J Adams (Principal Assistant to the Colonel of State Police), Chief Jeff Franklin (Sarepta Fire District 5), Deputy Superintendent Johnny Ogden (FETA), and Chief Brian Williams (City of Minden) have been instrumental in helping NLTCC develop a program that responds directly to workforce needs across Northwest Louisiana. Their commitment to education and public service was recently recognized with the Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges Foundation's Joe D. May Excellence in Public Policy Award, an honor that highlights their advocacy for workforce development and student success.

Together, NLTCC and our fire service partners are creating a sustainable pipeline of skilled first responders, strengthening public safety, and providing students with life-changing career opportunities. This partnership is making a lasting impact, and its success serves as a powerful example of what can be achieved when leaders come together to invest in the future of their communities.



NLTCC has greatly valued the opportunity to work alongside these fire service leaders. Their foresight and willingness to think creatively about workforce challenges helped shape this partnership into something far greater than a training program. From the beginning, they understood that investing in students today would help meet the workforce needs of tomorrow. Their expertise, guidance, and commitment to developing future firefighters have allowed us to create a valuable training program that will strengthen fire and emergency services throughout our region.

Through the program, students earn the Emergency Medical Responder, Firefighter I, and Firefighter II certifications while receiving hands-on instruction from experienced professionals in the field. The program recently celebrated the graduation of its first cohort, demonstrating both the demand for and effectiveness of this unique training model. According to Chief Jeff Franklin, the program is one of the only opportunities of its kind in Louisiana, while Chief Johnny Ogden noted its importance in helping prepare the next generation of firefighters and supporting local volunteer departments with well-trained personnel.

The success of this pilot has reinforced the importance of continued collaboration between education and public safety. This fall, NLTCC welcomed a new cohort of students into the program, and we anticipate continued growth in the coming years. As more communities recognize the value of this model, we look forward to expanding opportunities into additional parishes and helping meet workforce needs across a broader region.



Technology's Impact on Fire Service



Chief Robert Moore
Ouachita Parish Fire Department

Today's firefighters and fire officers are presented with unprecedented accessibility to information through a device no larger than the palm of their hand. The modern smartphone is a route to endless possibilities. Long gone are the pencil and paper radio logs, rotary-dial telephones, static-laden radios with a squelch knob and phone books with yellow pages. Today's society expects us to know it all and have the same instant technology available to them instantly. The demand for modernization and efficiency is expressed in our everyday lives.

Computerized dispatch and 911 systems transfer information at lightning speeds to all kinds of devices available to responders. Instead of waiting on the dot matrix printer to print the run card in the station, it is already on our phone, watch and truck terminal before the station alert tone stops sounding. GIS mapping information showing the exact location of the caller on the phone significantly increases our ability to respond to the exact location we are needed for the incident, providing the needed efficiency. However, this technology has brought new issues and even more dependency on keeping our technology up to date. Oh, and this expectation requires a significant recurring cost to fire departments.

Newer location technologies built into radios, SCBAs, and even cameras have helped increase personnel accountability for the incident commander. There seems to be a new vendor or device introduced every year that seems to be the new golden egg.

One of the daunting and state-mandated upgrades currently is the phase-out of the NFIRS platform and replacement by NERIS. On a positive note, as an industry we had to generally wait until the following year to see statistics for response incidents at a national level. Not anymore! We can see incident data and statistics across the nation available to us in near real time today with NERIS. This data can support better informed decisions in training, tactics and planning based on current trends and situations. I encourage you to log in to your department's NERIS account and explore the free options available to you on the platform. This is one information technology feature that doesn't cost you a dime and can provide you with a different perspective of your department.

When do we say enough? Information overload from technology can cause you to lose focus. "The Paradox of Choice" remains a concern in effective and efficient decision making. A chief officer cannot stare at a computer screen to command an incident.He or she should use the information to make a more informed decision. Yup, AI cannot replace well-trained and experienced personnel. This includes department planning for utilizing software to increase efficiency and deliver training content to members. A balance must exist between usage and hands-on applications in developing our skills and tactics. Departments must consider numerous factors when exploring software systems such as subscriptions, data retention, reporting, cloud hosting or server environments and accessibility. It is natural to have a resistance to change. Change can become overwhelmingly difficult with the rate of technological expansion. Proper planning and testing before introducing new software is imperative.

No technology will replace hands-on training for basic tactics in firefighting and strategy.There is no computer-based training software that physically forces a door, searches for a victim or advances a line.Computer-based training has its place in the fire service, but it cannot replace hands-on training such as throwing ladders, stretching hose, live burns and multi-company training. Supporting tools are just as described. Maximize technological benefits to efficiency, analysis and framework but there is no replacement for getting off your butt, stepping away from the screen, and training!

Fit for Duty

With Capt. Mike Dragon/FETA Instructor



Nutrition Guide for Firefighters: Part 1

Firefighting is one of the most physically demanding professions in the world. High-intensity suppression work, structural collapse rescues, and prolonged wildland operations require optimal physical conditioning, stamina, and quick decision-making. Proper nutrition fuels these demands, supporting peak job performance and long-term health.

The 4 Essential Macronutrients

Macronutrients are nutrients the body needs in large amounts to supply energy, support cellular repair, and sustain bodily functions.

1. Carbohydrates

Carbohydrates are the body's primary and most efficient energy source. They break down into glucose, which fuels the brain and muscle tissue.

- Importance for Firefighters: High-heat, high-exertion operations rely heavily on energy systems that depend on glucose and stored muscle glycogen. Adequate carbohydrate intake supports high performance during rapid, high-intensity turnouts and helps prevent acute fatigue on the fireground.

2. Proteins

Proteins are built from amino acids, which are the primary building blocks for muscle tissue, enzymes, and hormones.

- Importance for Firefighters: Carrying heavy gear, pulling hoses, and climbing stairs create microscopic tears in muscle fibers. Protein helps rebuild and repair muscle tissue, supports recovery between shifts, preserves lean muscle mass, and maintains strength.

3. Fats (Lipids)

Fats provide a concentrated source of long-term energy, support cell membranes and hormone production, and enable absorption of fat-soluble vitamins (A, D, E, and K).

- Importance for Firefighters: Dietary fats provide sustained energy during low-to-moderate intensity, long-duration operations, such as wildland firefighting or extended staging. Healthy fats, particularly omega-3 fatty acids, also help manage systemic inflammation associated with smoke exposure and physical stress.

4. Water

Although it provides zero calories, water is an essential macronutrient necessary for blood volume, cellular hydration, nutrient transport, and temperature regulation.

- Importance for Firefighters: Thermal stress and heavy turnout gear can lead to significant fluid loss through sweat. Dehydration impairs cognitive function, delays reaction times, increases cardiac strain, and raises the risk of heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Dietary Fiber & Cardiovascular Health

Dietary fiber, a non-digestible carbohydrate found in whole grains, legumes, fruits, and vegetables, is vital for cardiovascular health.

Recommended Daily Intake

- Male Firefighters: 38 grams per day (for adults up to age 50)
- Female Firefighters: 25 grams per day (for adults up to age 50)

Relationship to Cardiovascular Disease & Mortality

Cardiovascular events, particularly sudden cardiac arrest, account for nearly half of all on-duty firefighter deaths. Intense physical stress, extreme heat, and sudden adrenaline surges during alarm responses place significant strain on the heart.
Dietary fiber can lower cardiovascular risk through two key mechanisms:

- Cholesterol Reduction: Soluble fiber binds to bile acids in the digestive system, prompting the liver to remove LDL ("bad") cholesterol from the bloodstream to produce more bile, effectively lowering blood cholesterol levels.
- Blood Pressure & Inflammation: High-fiber diets improve insulin sensitivity, reduce arterial inflammation, and help maintain healthy blood pressure.

Consistently meeting recommended fiber intake can lower the risk of developing atherosclerosis and coronary artery disease, reducing the likelihood of fatal cardiac events both on and off duty.

Pelly-Can: Making Fire Safety Soar Across Louisiana



Kory Leo
Director of Community Risk Reduction
Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal

The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal is excited to introduce Pelly-Can, our new mascot and the future face of fire and life safety public education across Louisiana. While Pelly-Can may be a friendly, kid-focused character, the vision behind this initiative extends far beyond the mascot itself. Our goal is to provide Louisiana's fire service with a recognizable character, consistent safety messaging, and educational resources that can be utilized in communities throughout our state.

One of the driving forces behind the Pelly-Can initiative is the importance of consistent fire and life safety messaging. Whether a fire department is teaching children about smoke alarms, discussing home escape planning, or participating in community outreach events, we want to help ensure that the information being shared is consistent, engaging, and easily understood.



We recognize that many fire departments across Louisiana have developed their own mascots and educational programs, and we think that is fantastic! Our vision is not to replace those efforts but to have Pelly-Can work alongside them, reinforcing the same important safety messages while strengthening the partnership between local fire departments and the State Fire Marshal's Office.

To support this initiative, we are currently developing a dedicated Pelly-Can webpage on the State Fire Marshal's website. This page will serve as a central location for educational and informational resources, including downloadable activity sheets, fire safety materials, and other tools that departments can incorporate into their public education efforts. We also envision opportunities for departments to include their own logos on designated materials, further connecting these resources to their local communities.

As these resources become available, we will share information with Louisiana's fire service on how to access and utilize them. This is not a one-time campaign. We intend to continue developing and expanding the Pelly-Can initiative with new materials and educational opportunities for years to come.

A special thank-you goes to CRR Division team member John Cailleteau, whose original concept and creativity helped bring Pelly-Can to life.

The support and enthusiasm we have received since Pelly-Can's unveiling have been tremendous. We are excited about what lies ahead and, more importantly, about working alongside Louisiana's fire service to make fire safety education more accessible, recognizable, and effective in every community.

Together, let's make fire safety soar in Louisiana!

FETA Hosts Marine Fire Investigators

In October, the Office of State Fire Marshal and the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy (FETA), in partnership with the International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI), hosted the Second Annual Marine Fire Investigation Training Program. The specialized training brought together professionals from across the United States and around the world to strengthen their knowledge, sharpen their investigative skills, and advance the field of marine fire investigation.

The program welcomed participants from 12 states and three countries, representing a diverse range of professional backgrounds, including fire investigators, engineers, marine surveyors, law enforcement personnel, and other marine industry professionals. This broad representation provided an opportunity for participants to learn from one another, exchange professional perspectives, and explore the challenges associated with investigating fires involving boats and other marine vessels.

Marine fire investigations require specialized knowledge and a systematic approach to determining how and where a fire originated. Investigators must carefully evaluate fire patterns, examine physical evidence, and consider the vessel's systems and construction to develop conclusions about the origin and cause of a fire. These investigations can present unique challenges, making specialized training and practical experience essential to developing reliable investigative skills.

Throughout the week, participants took part in classroom instruction and live burn demonstrations that connected investigative principles with real-world applications. The combination of instruction and practical exercises allowed students to strengthen their understanding of fire behavior, scene examination, evidence documentation, and the process of determining fire origin and cause.

One of the program's most valuable components came at the conclusion of the training, when students put their newly acquired knowledge to the test by examining several boat fire scenarios prepared for the course. Working through each scene, participants documented their observations, evaluated the available evidence, identified the area of origin, and determined the cause of the fires. This hands-on experience challenged students to apply a methodical investigative process while putting the lessons learned throughout the week into practice.

"Our partnership with IAMI has created a truly unique training opportunity that goes well beyond the traditional classroom," said Assistant Chief Sean Trimber of the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal. "By combining the resources and expertise of our training academy with IAMI's specialized marine investigative knowledge, we are able to provide an immersive, hands-on experience that is difficult to replicate anywhere else. What makes this program especially valuable is the collaboration between law enforcement, fire investigators, and private-sector professionals, all working together to strengthen their investigative skills."

The practical exercises also reinforced the importance of thorough scene documentation, careful evidence evaluation, and sound investigative judgment. By working through realistic scenarios, participants had the opportunity to strengthen the skills necessary to conduct marine fire investigations and better understand the complexities that can arise during these cases.

The success of the Second Annual Marine Fire Investigation Training Program reflects the value of collaboration among organizations committed to advancing fire investigation education and professional development. By bringing together experienced professionals and providing opportunities for both classroom learning and practical application, the program helps strengthen investigative capabilities throughout the marine industry.

FETA is proud to partner with the Office of State Fire Marshal and IAMI in delivering this specialized training. Through continued collaboration and hands-on educational opportunities, these organizations are helping advance marine fire investigation expertise and supporting the professionals responsible for uncovering the origin and cause of marine fires.







In the Can...

FETA - Pine Country



Fire Officer IV - October 19-23

- *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.*
- *11 students representing 5 departments.*

FETA - Baton Rouge



IAMI Marine Investigation - October 12-16

- *FETA, the Office of State Fire Marshal, and the International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI) partnered to provide specialized marine fire investigation training to professionals from 12 states and three countries. The hands-on program combined classroom instruction, live-burn demonstrations, and realistic boat fire scenarios to strengthen investigative skills and advance the field of marine fire investigation.*
- *37 students representing 12 states and 3 countries.*

Jefferson Parish Fire Training Center



Common Vehicle Rescue - October 5-9

- *Common Vehicle Rescue Awareness, Operations, and Technician courses prepare emergency responders to safely and effectively manage vehicle rescue incidents. Through progressive levels of training, students develop the knowledge and hands-on skills needed to assess crash scenes, stabilize vehicles, and perform extrication techniques to safely remove trapped occupants.*
- *21 students representing 9 departments.*

Instructor Insight



- **Name:** Captain Jordan Munn
- **Time with FETA:** Since 2015
- **Department:** Industrial Training

From Veterinary Medicine to the Fire Service

Jordan Munn wore several hats early in his career, working at restaurants while studying to become a veterinarian. Then, he decided to put on a fire helmet.

For the past 20 years, Munn has served with the City of Baton Rouge Fire Department. Earlier this year, he was promoted to Fire Captain.

“I love it,” Munn said. “It’s one of the most noble professions, duty and honor. The ones that hold those roles as officers, the young ones look up to.”

In 2005, following the advice of his uncle, Mike Munn, a full-time Baton Rouge firefighter, Jordan applied to the department. He wasn't hired the first time. He reapplied a year later, got the call, and has been with BRFD ever since.

Several fellow firefighters eventually encouraged Munn to teach. In 2015, he became a part-time instructor with what was then the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Institute, now Fire and Emergency Training Academy (FETA). Since then, he has specialized in industrial fire training.

“It’s a different animal than municipal fires,” Munn said. “There is a greater risk factor. A house fire will burn until there’s nothing left to burn. Whereas in a refinery or plant, you’re talking about tens of thousands of gallons of fuel under tremendous pressure.”

“Most times, in an industrial fire, we don’t want to put it out. We teach students how to capture and move it, so someone can turn a valve and shut off the fuel.”

After 20 years in the fire service, Munn continues to serve his community, lead as a captain, and share his experience with the next generation of firefighters through FETA.



FEATURED COURSE

- **Course Title:** Trench Awareness/Ops/Tech
- **Course Details:** Trench Rescue Training (Awareness, Operations, & Technician) equips responders to safely manage high-risk excavation collapses. Built on NFPA and OSHA standards, this progressive program covers hazard recognition (Awareness), site stabilization and initial shoring (Operations), and deep-trench entry and victim extrication (Technician).
- **Course Date:** December 14-18, 2026 | FETA Baton Rouge

2026 Training Opportunities @ FETA

Live Fire Instructor
December 7 | FETA – Pine Country

Live Fire Instructor-in-Charge
December 9 | FETA – Pine Country

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 16-20 | FETA – Baton Rouge

Heavy Vehicle Rescue Operations
November 17-20 | FETA – Pine Country

Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician
December 1-3 | FETA – Pine Country

Open Testing
November 18 | December 9 & 16
*See previous page for sites.

FETA On Deck...

November

Delmar Rope Refreshers
November 16-20 | FETA – Baton Rouge

Heavy Vehicle Rescue Operations
November 17-20 | 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

Register Now in ACADIS

2026 Training Opportunities Regional

Jefferson Parish Fire Training Center

First Responder Inspector
November 9-13 | JPFTC

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.

Mini Fire School
January 23, 2027 | Lafayette F.D.

Natchitoches Fire Department

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.

Regional On Deck...

November

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

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.

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

0-305: Introduction to All-Hazards Incident Management
January 25–29, 2027 | 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. daily
FETA Baton Rouge
Prerequisites: FEMA NIMS IS-100, IS-200, IS-300, IS-700, and IS-800

0-305: Introduction to All-Hazards Incident Management
February 1–5, 2027 | 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. daily
Pointe Coupee EOC
Prerequisites: FEMA NIMS IS-100, IS-200, IS-300, IS-700, and IS-800

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

Register at stems.gohsep.la.gov

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.

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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

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

F0457 - Decision-Making for Initial Company Operations
January 12-13, 2027
Ruston, LA @ Ruston Fire Department, Central Station

00602 – Shaping the Future
February 2–3, 2027
Sulphur, LA @ Carlyss Fire Department, Station 1

F0458 - Preparation for Initial Company Operations
February 25-26, 2027
Chauvin, LA @ Little Caillou Fire Department, Station 2

F0761 – New Fire Chief: Administrative Issues
April 7–8, 2027
Bridge City, LA @ Jefferson Parish Fire Training Center

F0457 - Decision-Making for Initial Company Operations
April 27-28, 2027
Broussard, LA @ Broussard Fire Department, Training Classroom

00610 – Wildland Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer
May 4–5, 2027
Monroe, LA @ Monroe Fire Department Public Safety Center

F0455 - Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations
May 18-19, 2027
Sulphur, LA @ Carlyss Fire Department, Station 1

F2374 – Management of Catastrophic Incidents
June 8–9, 2027
Monroe, LA @ Monroe Fire Department Public Safety Center

F0646 – Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth
June 16–17, 2027
Baton Rouge, LA @ FETA Baton Rouge

00770 – Fire Investigation: First Responders
June 29–30, 2027
Lake Charles, LA @ Lake Charles Fire Training Center

F0457 – Decision-Making for Initial Company Operations
August 10–11, 2027
Lake Charles, LA @ Lake Charles Fire Training Center

Register Now in ACADIS

Recruit Round Up



FETA Recruit Academy 191

Congratulations Academy 191!

On November 13, 2026, Academy 191 will proudly graduate from the Fire and Emergency Training Academy (FETA). After 16 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 191 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 192
- January - May 2027
- Register in ACADIS

On-Site Training Offerings

FETA on the Geaux



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

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 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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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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