Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy

# FETA FLASHPOINT

The Academy Brief





# Superintendent Says...

I am honored to have been selected to serve as Superintendent of Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy. To serve with a great leader such as Chief Bryan J. Adams and the entire FETA family is a tremendous responsibility and one I will

never take lightly. I look forward to moving and educating our great Louisiana Fire Service into the future.

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...

#### Leadership and Lifelong Learning in the Louisiana Fire Service

From the bayous of Terrebonne to the pine forests of North Louisiana, the fire service in our state is rooted in tradition, pride, and resilience. But in today's complex world, one thing is clear: whether you're a recruit firefighter at the academy or a seasoned Fire Chief leading a district, strong leadership and a commitment to continuing education are vital to the future of Louisiana's fire service.

#### Leadership Starts Early

Leadership in the fire service doesn't start with rank—it starts with responsibility. From day one at the Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy (FETA), or your first shift at a rural volunteer station, you're expected to step up, pull your weight, and support your crew. That's leadership.

As firefighters rise through the ranks—from engineer to captain to chief officer, those early habits grow into formal leadership. Louisiana fire officers are expected to do more than lead calls; they mentor, manage, teach, and guide others through emergencies and everyday challenges alike.

#### Why Continuing Education Is Crucial in Louisiana

In Louisiana, where we face a unique blend of challenges—from hurricanes and flooding to refinery fires and sprawling rural districts—continuing education isn't a luxury, it's a necessity.

Our firefighters must be well versed in more than just fire suppression. Hazardous materials incidents along the I-10 corridor, technical rescues in petrochemical facilities, wildland fires in Kisatchie, and water rescues during tropical storms demand specialized training and certifications. Programs through FETA and the National Fire Academy are critical resources that every Louisiana firefighter should take advantage of.

#### **Building the Future of the Louisiana Fire Service**

Whether you serve in a large urban department like Baton Rouge or New Orleans, or a small combination district like many throughout Acadiana, leadership and education are the keys to progress. They make us better on the fireground, stronger in the station, and more effective in serving our communities.

As Louisiana firefighters, we take pride in our traditions, but we also have a responsibility to grow, to train hard, study often, and lead with purpose. When we invest in ourselves and others, we ensure that our departments and our citizens are safer and better served.

Stay safe, stay sharp, and keep pushing forward. The future of the Louisiana fire service depends on it.

Chief Ken Himel Bayon Cane Fire Protection District

# In the Can...

# **Baton Rouge Campus**



#### Fire Officer I - July 21-25

- The Fire Officer I course covers leadership and supervision, personnel management, incident command basics, safety and risk management, public relations, and fire prevention awareness.
- 10 Students representing 9 Departments



#### EV/Lithium Batteries - July 16 & 18

- Industrial Training EV-Lithium Battery training covers how to handle thermal runaway events and safely manage electric vehicles during extrication and fire incidents.
- 43 Shell First Responders

## Pine Country Campus



#### All-Hazards - July 14-18

- This course focuses on the importance of developing and operating as a functional U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT).
- 15 Students representing 12 Agencies



#### Fire Officer II - July 21-25

- The objective of this course is to provide students with training in company operations and administration.
- 14 Students representing 8 Departments

# On Deck...

#### Fire Inspector I

September 15–19, 2025 | FETA Baton Rouge November 3–7, 2025 | FETA Pine Country

#### Fire Inspector II

December 8-12, 2025 | FETA Pine Country

#### **Fire Investigator**

September 15–19, 2025 | FETA Baton Rouge November 17–21, 2025 | FETA Pine Country

#### Fire Officer II

August 25-29, 2025 | FETA Baton Rouge

#### **Fire Officer III**

August 25–29, 2025 | FETA Pine Country October 6–10, 2025 | FETA Baton Rouge

#### **Fire Officer IV**

December 15-19, 2025 | FETA Baton Rouge

#### **Fire Service Instructor II**

August 18-22, 2025 | FETA Baton Rouge

#### **Fire Service Instructor III**

September 22-26, 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: Jeff Franklin

• Time with FETA: Since Jan. 2025

• **Department:** Fire Training



Jeff's passions are education and the fire service. He was a high school educator for 38 years, and at the same time, he was a volunteer firefighter, eventually becoming chief of his fire department. As a FETA instructor, he gets the best of both worlds.

"I'm having fun because I get to teach the things I enjoy and develop the next generation of firefighter."



### **FEATURED COURSE**

- Course Title: Fire Service Instructor III
- **Course Details:** Fire Service Instructor III is an advanced course designed for experienced fire service instructors who are ready to take on leadership roles and training program development and administration.
- Course Dates: September 22-26/FETA Baton Rouge

# Recruit Round Up



Class 189 is off to a strong start with 35 recruits representing 16 departments from across Louisiana. Participating agencies include Bayou Blue. Bogalusa, Concordia. Denham Springs, Donaldsonville, Houma, Jefferson Parish Third District, Minden, New Iberia, St. James, St. John, St. Landry, St. Tammany Fire District #1, Tangipahoa District #1, West Baton Rouge, Zachary, along with one independent recruit.

### **Next Academy...**

- Class 190
- January May 2026
- 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 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

# STAY CONNECTED

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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.













