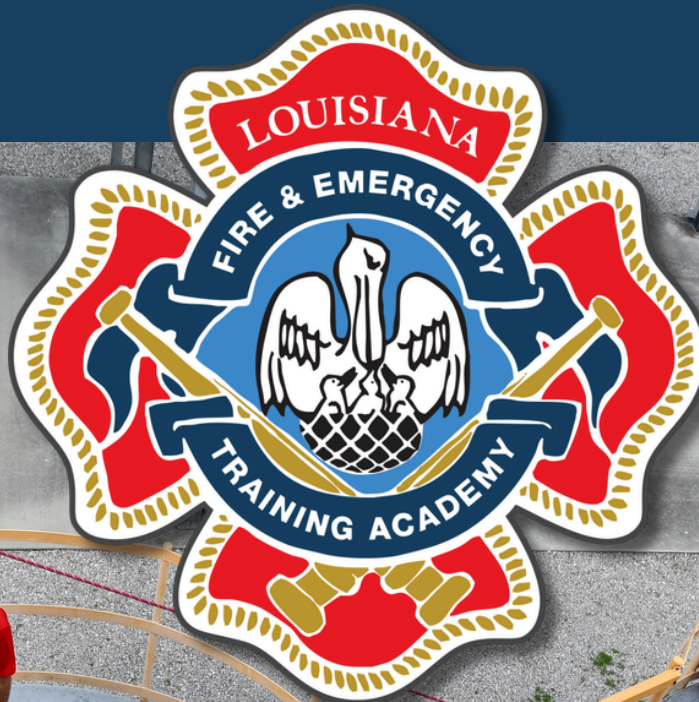


Louisiana Fire & Emergency Training Academy

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The Academy Brief



JULY 2026





Superintendent Says...

So another school year has come to an end, and with that comes vacations and fun summer activities. But this month, I would like to focus this article on what is happening in some of our high schools and at a community college in north Louisiana.

The High School Firefighter Program now has a few years under its belt and is showing great promise. To me, this brings a new generation of “shop class” back to our schools in a meaningful and practical way. Firefighting is a skill, a craft, and a profession that is learned through discipline, training, drills, and book work at its most basic level. Introducing eager young people to those fundamentals and giving them an opportunity to challenge themselves is an honor and an investment in the future of the Fire Service. These programs create purpose, build character, and open doors to meaningful careers and lifelong service.

Although enrollment numbers are still small right now, some programs are beginning to gain traction and students are taking notice. As the Fire Service, we should too. This is a pathway not only for those seeking a full-time career, but also a valuable recruitment tool for our volunteer departments. Imagine young firefighters entering our communities already trained, certified, and prepared to serve after completing these programs. That is a tremendous opportunity and a true win-win for both the students and the departments that depend on dedicated volunteers.

Give this program time, support, and attention. One of the greatest benefits is the exposure the Fire Service receives and the opportunity it creates to connect with the next generation. Recruitment continues to be one of the biggest challenges facing our profession, and programs like this give us a chance to build interest early and develop future firefighters before they ever enter the workforce. This is something we should all recognize and capitalize on.

As we do every month, I would like to remind everyone of Operation Save-A-Life. This Fire Marshal program remains vital in helping prevent fire fatalities in our great state. Please contact your State Fire Marshal's office and become a champion in your community by promoting and installing free smoke detectors.

The difference you make may be a simple installation today, but it could mean saving a life tomorrow.

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...



A Vision Realized: Louisiana Fire Service Takes Ownership of Its Training Future

A milestone I've awaited for more than a decade has finally come to fruition. On June 20, we officially received the final documents that transfer the former LSU Training Center in Baton Rouge to the Office of State Fire Marshal, and ultimately into the hands of the Louisiana Fire Service.

This achievement belongs to many hands, and I would be remiss not to pause and acknowledge Retired Fire Marshal Butch Browning. His vision and unwavering dedication laid the groundwork for this moment. The extensive, often patient work required to navigate the legal, administrative, and logistical steps is now complete, and the Louisiana Fire Service stands in full command of its Fire Training program and a fully equipped, operational training facility.

Today, the training center is more than a building; it's the foundation of skill, safety, and service. We now have a comprehensive, fully-equipped facility that supports a robust training program—one that is accessible to every deserving firefighter in Louisiana at no cost. This is a transition that strengthens our state's firefighting capabilities and reaffirms our commitment to empowering those who protect our communities.

Looking ahead, I am incredibly optimistic about the path before us. The training academy is poised to expand its impact, embracing innovative teaching methods, updated curricula, and state-of-the-art equipment. Our goal remains clear: to elevate the proficiency and readiness of Louisiana's firefighters, ensuring they have the knowledge, confidence, and experience to respond effectively in every emergency.

The implications of this transfer extend beyond the walls of the facility. A centralized, high-quality training program will standardize practices across departments, foster collaboration, and accelerate professional growth for recruits and seasoned veterans alike. By removing barriers to access and investing in continuous, hands-on education, we are building a stronger, more resilient fire service for Louisiana.

To every colleague, partner, and supporter who contributed to this journey—thank you. Your perseverance, expertise, and belief in a shared mission made this possible. And to the men and women who will train here in the years to come: this facility belongs to you, and this program is designed with your safety and success in mind.

As we move forward, we remain committed to excellence, transparency, and service. The Louisiana Fire Service will continue to illuminate a path toward safer communities, empowered professionals, and a legacy of public protection that endures for generations. The final transfer marks not an end, but a powerful new beginning—one built on collaboration, continuous improvement, and an enduring dedication to those we serve.

Congratulations to the Louisiana Fire Service on acquiring 40 acres of property, along with all the buildings on the Nicholson Dr. site.

It's all yours, Louisiana!

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

In the Can...

Baton Rouge Campus



Structural Collapse Technician - June 1-5

- *This intensive ten-day course prepares rescue personnel to operate as Urban Search and Rescue Specialists during structural collapse incidents resulting from natural disasters, catastrophic events, or acts of terrorism. Through classroom instruction and extensive hands-on training, participants develop the skills needed to assess hazards, understand collapse and load patterns, conduct rescue operations, and function as part of a rescue team during incidents that may involve chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) hazards.*
- *Seven students representing three departments.*



Incident Safety Officer - June 22

- *This course prepares emergency response personnel to serve as an Incident Safety Officer within the incident management system by building the knowledge needed to manage risk and support safe operations across a range of emergency incidents. Participants gain an understanding of fire suppression, emergency medical, technical rescue and hazardous materials operations, along with building construction, fire behavior, fireground operations, firefighter safety, risk management and the development of Incident Action Plans (IAPs).*
- *Eleven students representing nine departments.*

Pine Country Campus



Driver/Operator - Pumper - June 15

- *This course meets or exceeds current NFPA 1002 and NFPA 1500 requirements and gives participants the knowledge and practical skills needed to safely and effectively operate fire apparatus. Through an easy-to-follow format, students learn preventive maintenance, driver training, braking and vehicle control, pumping apparatus operations, drafting principles, hydraulic calculations, and water supply and private fire protection systems.*
- *Four students representing three departments.*

Instructor Insight

- **Name:** Chase Bruner
- **Time with FETA:** Since 2025
- **Department:** FETA Search & Rescue



Chase Bruner: From Junior Firefighter to Instructor

For Chase Bruner, becoming a firefighter was never a question. He knew at an early age that this was the path he wanted to follow.

It started when he was 10 years old and joined the Westwego Volunteer Fire Company #1 Junior Firefighter Program. It did not take long for him to develop a passion for the profession.

“There was no doubt this is what I wanted to do,” Bruner said. “I rode my bike to fire scenes and helped change air bottles and pull hoses.”

When he turned 18 in 2012, Westwego Volunteer Fire Company #1 sent him to become certified. Over the following years, Bruner served with several departments, including Westwego, Houma, Bridge City, and Live Oak. Since 2017, he has served with the New Orleans Fire Department.

After the Hard Rock Hotel collapse in New Orleans in 2019, Bruner shifted his focus to Urban Search and Rescue and became part of Task Force 1. Since then, he has responded to natural disasters and structural collapse incidents across Louisiana and the Gulf Coast, including deployments following Hurricane Milton in Florida.

In March 2025, Bruner joined the team at FETA as a USAR instructor, where he now focuses on preparing the next generation.

“Let’s get these guys trained,” Bruner said. “We have new firefighters coming in and experienced members retiring. We have to be prepared to deploy and make a difference when we’re needed. I want to help develop their strengths and prepare them to best serve the team.”



FEATURED COURSE

- **Course Title:** Common Passenger Vehicle Awareness
- **Course Details:** The Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Awareness course equips students to assess vehicle-incident scenes, identify needed resources, and recognize associated hazards to establish proper isolation and safety measures. Participants learn essential PPE use, common rescue equipment, and key ground-support functions for operations- and technician-level activities. The course also covers basic patient-triage considerations and how to effectively assist technical rescue teams during vehicle stabilization and extrication.
- **Course Date:** September 16, 2026 | FETA Pine Country

On Deck...

AUGUST

Recruit Academy

August 3 | FETA Baton Rouge

Instructor II

August 3 | FETA Baton Rouge

Rope Rescue Awareness

August 12 | FETA Pine Country

Fire Officer II

August 17 | FETA Pine Country

Rope Rescue Operations

August 24 | FETA Pine Country

Open Testing

August 12 & 26

September

Rope Rescue Technician

September 8 | FETA Pine Country

Common Passenger Vehicle Awareness

September 16 | FETA Pine Country

Fire Officer III

September 21 | FETA Pine Country

Common Passenger Vehicle Operations

September 28 | FETA Pine Country

Open Testing

September 9 & 23

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. Sessions are offered at both FETA campuses and four regional sites on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month from 5–7 p.m. and 7–9 p.m. The initiative addresses scheduling challenges for working professionals, increases testing capacity, and helps reduce statewide backlogs and wait times while maintaining high certification standards.

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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

“We are committed to expanding access to certification while maintaining the high standards expected of our fire service professionals,” said DPS Principal Assistant, Chief Bryan J Adams. “By offering after-hours testing and increasing availability, we are reducing delays and better serving personnel statewide.”

“These improvements ensure a more streamlined and accessible certification system without compromising quality,” said FETA Superintendent, Chief Tracey Normand. “Providing additional evening opportunities allows us to eliminate backlogs and deliver a more efficient and reliable pathway to certification.”

2026 Training Opportunities

Recruit Academy

August 3 | FETA — Baton Rouge

Instructor I

July 13 | FETA — Baton Rouge

Instructor II

August 3 | FETA — Baton Rouge

Instructor III

September 14 | FETA — Baton Rouge

Live Fire Instructor

December 7 | FETA — Pine Country

Live Fire Instructor-in-Charge

December 9 | FETA — Pine Country

Fire Officer I

July 27 | FETA — Pine Country

Fire Officer II

August 17 | FETA — Pine Country

Fire Officer III

September 21 | FETA — Pine Country

Fire Officer IV

October 19 | FETA — Pine Country

Fire Investigator

July 13 | FETA — Pine Country

First Responder Inspector Testing

October 5 - 9 | FETA — Pine Country

Rope Rescue Awareness

August 12 | FETA — Pine Country

Rope Rescue Operations

August 24 | FETA — Pine Country

Rope Rescue Technician

September 8 | FETA — Pine Country

Heavy Vehicle Rescue Awareness

October 28 | FETA — Pine Country

Heavy Vehicle Rescue Operations

November 17 | FETA — Pine Country

Heavy Vehicle Rescue Technician

December 1 | FETA — Pine Country

Common Passenger Vehicle Awareness

September 16 | FETA — Pine Country

Common Passenger Vehicle Operations

September 28 | FETA — Pine Country

Common Passenger Vehicle Technician

October 13 | FETA — Pine Country

Open Testing

August 12 & 26 | September 9 & 23

*See previous page for sites.

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

F0610 - Wildland Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer

July 9-10, 2026

Breaux Bridge, LA @ St. Martin Parish Fire Training Center

00457 - Decision-Making for Initial Company Operations

Bridge City, LA @ Jefferson Parish Training Center

July 21-22, 2026

00760 - New Fire Chief: Challenging Issues

Bridge City, LA @ Jefferson Parish Training Center

September 2-3, 2026

F0770 Fire Investigation : First Responders

Sept. 16-17, 2026

West Monroe, LA @ Ouachita Parish FD

00770 - Fire Investigation: First Responders

Bridge City, LA @ Jefferson Parish Training Center

October 14-15, 2026

Register Now in ACADIS

Incident Management Training

We are proud to bring you these Incident Management Team and Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Specialty Equivalent courses to help keep you current with training that supports your 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

July 7–9, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily
Jefferson Parish Fire Training Center

Logistics Specialist

July 13–15, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily
Shreveport Fire Department Training Academy

Plans Manager

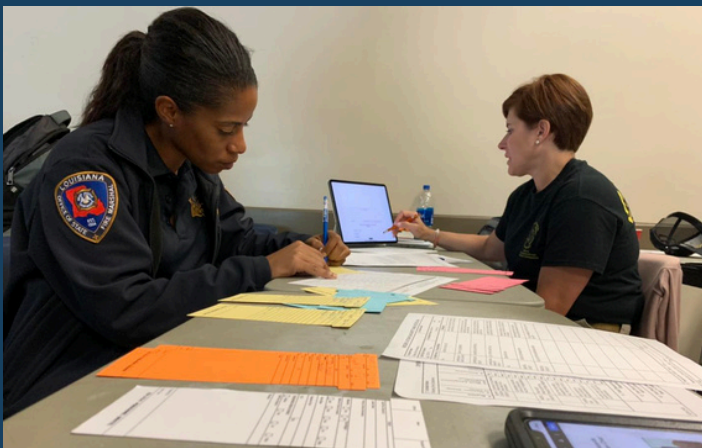
November 2–4, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily
Monroe Fire Department

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



Recruit Round Up

Answering the Call: Recruit Academy 191 Reports in August

FETA is preparing to welcome the next generation of Louisiana firefighters as Recruit Academy 191 reports for training on August 3, 2026.

Recruits will begin an intensive program designed to build the knowledge, discipline, and teamwork required in today's fire service. Through classroom instruction and hands-on training, they will develop skills in fire suppression, emergency medical response, rescue operations, hazardous materials awareness, physical fitness, and leadership.

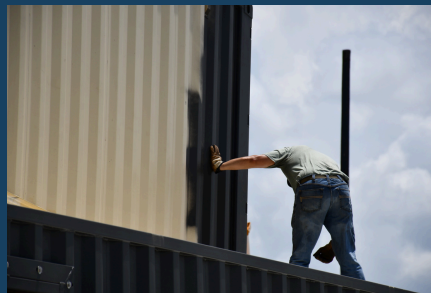
Guided by experienced instructors and mentors, Academy 191 will continue FETA's tradition of preparing firefighters to serve their communities with professionalism, readiness, and dedication.

Next Academy...

- Class 191
- Aug. — Nov. 2026
- Register in ACADIS

New Training Tower to Boost Firefighter Training at FETA

We're excited to announce the arrival of a new four-story live-fire training tower at the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy (FETA), expanding firefighter training opportunities across the state. Delivered to the Baton Rouge campus on June 9, 2026, and funded through a half-million dollar Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), the tower includes 13 interconnected steel containers designed for realistic live-fire, search, and rescue training. Replacing FETA's aging burn building, the new facility will increase training capacity for municipal, industrial, and recruit firefighters and support expanded technical rescue training for years to come.



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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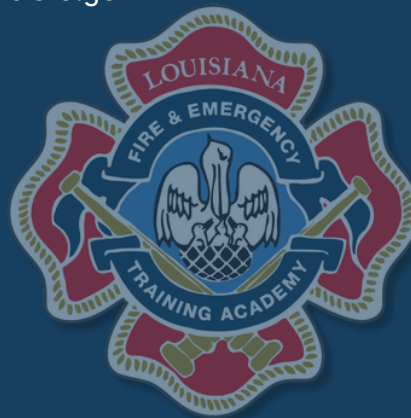
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Mission

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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