

MIN State Fire/EMS/Rescue School-Austin

***Riverland Community College
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***Saturday and Sunday
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4-HOUR SATURDAY A.M. COURSES

100 Firefighting Strategies for Solar and Battery-Related Incidents--NEW CLASS

FOR: All Fire Service and EMS Personnel

OBJECTIVE: The increasing installation of solar panels and battery storage systems in communities across the world has significantly impacted firefighting operations. Traditional strategies and tactics must evolve to address the unique hazards presented by this rapidly expanding technology.

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- Scooters and e-bikes
- Electric vehicles (EVs)
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- Solar panel farms
- Residential and commercial structure fires involving photovoltaic (PV) systems and energy storage systems (ESS)

The training includes detailed Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) to assist departments in developing customized response plans for residential PV/ESS, commercial PV systems, solar farms, and EV-related fires. These SOGs will be provided as editable documents after the course, allowing departments to tailor them to their specific operational needs and response capabilities. **\$90**

101 Mental Health From the Jumpseat--NEW CLASS

FOR: All Fire Service Personnel

OBJECTIVE: A look into mental health within the fire service through first hand experiences of firefighters and paramedics. Cultural aspects and impacts, personal trauma vs. work trauma, symptoms of varying severity, and types of treatment/what to expect, are just some of the topics that are discussed and reinforced through direct accounts of those that are actively on the job. Join us as we dive into a discussion on Mental Health from the Jumpseat. **\$80**

102 Riding the Right Front Seat.....NFPA 1021

FOR: All Fire Service Personnel

OBJECTIVE: With today’s staffing limitations, young officers often lack the experience or an on-scene command officer making critical initial fire ground decisions. This workshop teaches the process of how to apply information gathered during response and size-up to make initial strategy decisions based on fundamental risk analysis principles. It was developed to provide young company officers with a template for taking size-up information, comparing it against risk-benefit analysis. Students will receive practical, field-tested guidelines to help them complete that analysis. The result will be sound strategic decision making in the first five minutes, the most critical time frame for any incident. **\$80**

103 Forcible EntryNFPA 1001

FOR: All Fire Service PersonnelBring Full Turnout gear, eye and ear protection

OBJECTIVE: Forcible entry can be a challenge for all departments large and small. This class covers topics that include door and lock size-up with proper tool placement. Each student will get multiple forces on inward-outward-swinging doors in scenarios with varying degrees of difficulty. Students will also learn how to size up doors and locks with proper tools. All students will have hands-on time cutting the forcing doors and defeating carriage bolts to gain real-world experience. **\$80**

104 Farm/Agricultural Fire & Rescue Training

FOR: All Emergency Response Personnel

OBJECTIVE: In the dynamic world of agriculture, the farm environment presents distinctive challenges to public safety personnel. From state-of-the-art modern equipment to machinery with a legacy spanning 60-70 years, the diverse range of agricultural equipment demands specialized knowledge to ensure the safety of both farm workers and emergency responders. This course delves into the unique aspects of agricultural extrication and emergency response. Participants will gain insights into the mechanical forces at play, explore action-reaction dynamics, and understand the complexities of securing stored energy in farming equipment. The course includes information on adapting existing extrication equipment to effectively respond to incidents involving agricultural machinery, irrespective of their age or complexity. **\$80**

105 From Intake to Attack: The Science of Fire Pumping-NEW CLASS

FOR: All Fire Service and EMS Personnel

OBJECTIVE: Step beyond the basics and dive into the heart of fire pump operations. This fast-paced, 4-hour advanced course unpacks the *how* and *why* behind the systems that drive modern fire apparatus. From pump transmissions and pressure control systems to shifting techniques and critical accessories, you'll gain a deeper understanding of the machinery that powers the fireground. Explore the evolution of fire apparatus, master the nuances of Allison transmissions, and learn how to prevent costly pump damage through smarter operations. Whether you're behind the wheel or behind the panel, this class equips you with the knowledge to operate with confidence, precision, and purpose. **\$80**

106 Extrication Update.....NFPA 1670

FOR: All Emergency Response and EMS Personnel

OBJECTIVE: Improvements in automobile design and safety in recent years have made it increasingly difficult for rescue personnel to stay current with the latest in automotive technologies. The same features that make occupants safer create additional challenges for responders. This presentation addresses automobile frame construction, supplemental restraint systems, side impact reinforcement bars, new body materials, and hybrid and alternative fueled vehicles and provides information and options on how to deal with this new technology. **This class is packed with new information. Many of the fire departments that have seen this presentation can testify, “This class is a must for all emergency personnel responding to vehicle accidents!” \$80**

4-HOUR SATURDAY P.M. COURSES

200 First in and UnderstaffedNFPA 1410

FOR: All Fire Service Personnel

OBJECTIVE: Every day across the country departments regularly operate with minimally staffed crews. With the fire service facing retention issues and constantly evolving response models, the need to maximize effectiveness of crews with three firefighters or less has never been more important. This course discusses in detail topics such as: Interior Recon, Operating Independently, Two In/Two Out, Tactics & Risk Assessment, Cultural Considerations, and Training Development. Every firefighter will face this situation at some point in their career. Gain understanding and build confidence in your tactics and efficiency for the next time you're First In and Understaffed. **\$80**

201 Science Based Fire Attack.....NFPA 1700

FOR: All Fire Service Personnel

OBJECTIVE: With new information the fireground is evolving more than ever before. Scientific findings have enhanced our procedures and are changing the way we fight fires. This course will look at studies that impact the way fire behaves and how we use science to safely attack fire. With the knowledge you gain, you can determine how to apply these principles to help your own department when responding to today's fires. This course fulfills the Flow Path Training requirement from MBFTE for live fire training. **\$80**

202 Understanding the ISO Process

FOR: Fire Officers and those interested in the ISO process

OBJECTIVE: This course covers what, where, how and why of the ISO survey process. You will get a general overview of the PPC grading process, learn ways to improve your community's PPC score and what to do to prepare for an upcoming ISO visit. You will also get a deeper understanding of how automatic aid, tanker operations, equipment and training can all affect your overall score. Taught by a retired firefighter, so bring lots of questions and prepare to take a few notes. **\$80**

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204 Fire Down Below: Basement Fires 2.0NFPA 1021

FOR: All Fire Service Personnel

OBJECTIVE: One of the more challenging calls firefighters respond to involve a basement fire. Properly identifying common basement fire indicators are a critical factor for the first arriving companies. The students will better understand the importance of rapid, coordinated fire suppression, search, and ventilation operations during a basement fire. The class will describe key components of an effective, task-oriented incident size up and will illustrate the major safety concerns facing firefighters operating at a basement fire. **\$80**

205 Rescue Ready: Confined Space Operations & Safety Essentials—NEW CLASS

FOR: All Fire Service Personnel

OBJECTIVE: Unlock essential life-saving skills in **Basic Confined Space Rescue Operations!** This hands-on, 4-hour course offers a comprehensive introduction to confined space rescue techniques, ensuring compliance with OSHA and NFPA standards. You'll dive into both theory and practice, starting with critical hazard identification and PPE selection in a lecture setting, followed by intense, scenario-based skills training in a simulated confined space trailer. From vertical entry equipment setup to performing atmospheric monitoring and lockout/tagout procedures, you'll gain the practical experience and confidence needed to act swiftly and safely in high-risk confined space rescues. Perfect for emergency responders, safety professionals, and anyone looking to enhance their rescue capabilities! **Participants must bring:** rescue helmet or hard hat (fire helmet acceptable but not ideal), wildland gear or coveralls (long pants and long-sleeve shirt also acceptable), and rescue or rope gloves. Knee and elbow pads are optional but recommended. A Class III rescue harness may be used if they prefer their own, and a helmet light or flashlight is optional. **\$90**

4-HOUR SUNDAY A.M. COURSES

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301 Fire Service, Response & Scene Mistakes and How to Avoid Them.....NFPA 1670

FOR: All Fire Service Personnel

OBJECTIVE: Every year over 100 fire fighters are killed and scores more are injured while responding and on the fire scene. Virtually every one of these deaths or injuries can be best described as common mistakes. This class will overview the fire service, fire response and fire scene mistakes and will offer solutions to reducing these common problems. **\$80**

302 Relief Association Basics

FOR: All Fire Service Personnel

OBJECTIVE: This class is for the new Relief Trustee (or an existing Trustee that wants to learn more about Relief Associations. The topics covered will include: What is a Relief Association, the responsibilities of the association and its trustees, the different types of relief associations in MN, an overview of the laws that apply to reliefs, investment options and bylaws. Bring a copy of your bylaws to assist with questions and discussions. **\$80**

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304 Fire Scene Evidence Preservation for the Firefighters

FOR: All Emergency Response Personnel

OBJECTIVE: This course aims to familiarize new firefighters with the principles of evidence preservation at fire scenes, while also serving as a refresher for seasoned professionals. Participants will learn about the nature of evidence, gain a fundamental understanding of what investigators seek, and explore techniques for collecting and preserving evidence. Additionally, the course will address indicators of possible arson. Several case studies and real-life examples will be presented to enhance learning. **\$80**

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8-HOUR SATURDAY & SUNDAY COURSES

Saturday, 1 to 5pm and Sunday, 8 to noon

400 First In and Understaffed-Lecture & hands on

FOR: All Fire Service and EMS PersonnelBring Full Turnout Gear, SCBA, Eye and Ear Protection

OBJECTIVE: First In and Understaffed brings to light realistic circumstances found on the fireground that are rarely addressed in the fire service and initiates discussions on how to overcome these challenges with 2-3 firefighters. The morning session of this course discusses cultural implications, understanding two in two out, balancing safety with aggression, shorthanded tactics and strategy, and much more. The afternoon session will provide HANDS ON SKILL STATIONS such as; Forcible Entry, Line Deployment, Fire Attack, etc. Each station places a heavy emphasis on the participant practicing the skill as an individual or at most, a crew of two.

\$180

Saturday, 8 to 5pm

401 Training Officer 101NFPA 1021

FOR: Training Officers or those who aspire to be Training Officers

OBJECTIVE: So, you're in charge of training/drills for your department, now what? This class is designed to assist those who are new to the training officer role. This class will cover the basics from creating your annual training schedule, what are the required trainings, creating an objective based training outline, budgets and funding for training and available resources to your as a training officer. **\$150**

Saturday, 8 to 5pm

402 Search and Rescue in Today’s Fire EnvironmentNFPA 1021

FOR: All Fire Service and EMS Personnel Bring Full Turnout Gear and SCBA

OBJECTIVE: Students will review current studies of modern fire behavior and dynamics, reading smoke and identifying possible flow paths and the impact they can have on search and rescue tactics. Emphasis will be placed on recognizing when and where search and rescue tactics may most likely be attained safely, using Vent, Enter, Isolate, Search “VEIS” versus traditional search methods. This class will involve classroom followed by hands-on search and rescue evolutions. **\$150**

12-HOUR SATURDAY & SUNDAY COURSES

500 Advanced Auto Extrication.....NFPA 1670

FOR: All Fire and Rescue PersonnelBring Protective Clothing and Eye Protection

OBJECTIVE: Learn about “new” extrication tools, hydraulic equipment, tools and techniques from instructors with international exposure. Covered in the classroom is safety and correct tool handling. An important segment of this class is an extensive hands-on skill practice utilizing realistic scenarios. Learn vehicle stabilization, basic and advanced extrication techniques, new vehicle features and patient care during extrication. **This class has both classroom and hands-on training. \$180**

501 Basic Rope Rescue.....NFPA 1670

FOR: Members of all Emergency Services Organizations

OBJECTIVES: This course is designed to prepare local emergency responders to perform as stated in NFPA (1670) 2017 ed. Chapter 5, 5.1 thru 5.2.2.6 NFPA requiring response to technical rope rescues and selected operations level skills in part. This course provides those personnel with the basic knowledge and skills needed to assist at rescues using rope rescue systems at the Awareness skill level. The class will cover the use of rope, rope equipment, hardware, construction of simple mechanical advantage systems, belay and safety systems, anchor systems, and patient packaging. Other subject matter referenced includes standard-making agencies such as OSHA, ANSI, NFPA, and others.

BRING: lace boots with ankle support. Clean pair of single layer leather gloves. Helmet (fire helmet not acceptable) such as hardhat or climbing style with chinstrap and with eye protection. Students may use their own harnesses upon approval of the instructor. Clothing should be loose fitting and long hair should be secured to prevent entanglement. Dress according to the weather. **\$200**

502 Basic Fire Pump OperationsNFPA 1002

FOR: Firefighter/Fire Apparatus Operators Bring Full Turnout Gear

OBJECTIVE: Introduces students to fire pump theory inside and out, proper use of pump parts and accessories (staging valve, relief valve, primer, road/pump shift, etc.). Introduces students to fundamentals of hydraulics, water supplies, water flows, and hydraulic terms. Introduces student to preventive maintenance, proper operations, reports, and record keeping. Fire Ground Hydraulics: Hands On Evolutions: Drafting and Water Jetting, Pre-connected Hose Lays, Valves (Long/Short Hose Lay Simultaneous), Staging and/or Transfer Valve Capacity Pumping. **This class has both classroom and hands-on training. \$180**

503 New Firefighter Orientation to Fire Behavior, Safety, PPE/SCBA, Ladders & HoseNFPA 1001

FOR: All Fire Service Personnel Bring Full Turnout Gear and SCBA

OBJECTIVE: This class is designed as an orientation to Fire Behavior, Safety, PPE/SCBA, Ladders & Hose until the student can enroll in the full Fundamentals of Firefighting program. **This class has both classroom and hands-on training. \$180**

504 Preparation for Initial Company Operations (F0458) NFPA 1021

FOR: All Fire Service Personnel - This is a National Fire Academy Course.

OBJECTIVE: This course is designed to develop a better understanding of the role and responsibilities of Company Officers (COs) in preparing their company for incident operations and to clarify the transition from firefighter to CO and the new roles relating to leadership and safety. This course is designed for COs, acting COs, or senior firefighters responsible for the management of a single fire company at an emergency incident, including those officers who are responsible for company readiness, personnel safety, and leadership as it relates to company operation. **\$180 (Cost may be reduced pending grant funding.)**

505 Leadership in Supervision = Creating Environments for Professional Growth (O0646).NFPA 1021

FOR: All Fire Service Personnel - This is a National Fire Academy Course.

OBJECTIVE: This National Fire Academy course presents the supervisor with the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course includes concepts related to a successful transition to supervisory and leadership roles, including concepts of adaptive leadership; change management; active followership; effective communication, including difficult conversations and advocacy-inquiry based dialogue; ethics; authority; power; decision-making; and active engagement through development of a personal plan. **\$180 (Cost may be reduced pending grant funding.)**

506 Leadership in Supervision = Frameworks to Success (O0648).....NFPA 1021

FOR: All Fire Service & Law Enforcement Personnel - *This is a National Fire Academy Course*

OBJECTIVE: This National Fire Academy course provides the supervisor with the knowledge and skills to perform successfully in the fire and Emergency Medical Services environments. The course addresses professionalism, resilience, emotional intelligence, and situational awareness, as well as managing conflict, delegating mentoring, coaching, empowering, and building collaboration and synergy for professional growth. **\$180 (Cost may be reduced pending grant funding.)**

***Registration Information
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We ask that participants pre-register so that all arrangements can be made for class space and instructors. Refreshments for noon lunch and breaks will be provided at the school site. Any cancellation must be provided **7 days prior** to the start of class (5:00 p.m. on March 20). If no notification of cancellation is given in accordance with our policy, you or your department will be responsible for the course fees.

Register On-Line @

<http://www.riverland.edu/fireschool/>

Make Checks payable to: Riverland Community College, Fire Training, 1900 8th Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912

Special Note: NO FACIAL HAIR that interferes with SCBA use will be allowed for students participating in classes where SCBA is required.

TIME SCHEDULE

Saturday – March 28, 2026

7:00 – 8:00 Registration
8:00 – 12:00 Classes in Session
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 5:00 Classes in Session

Sunday – March 29, 2026

7:30 – 8:00 Registration
8:00 – 12:00 Classes in Session

Registration and classes held at:

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