

TRAINING UPDATES

Bureau of Fire Services Fire Fighter Training Division



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Fiscal Year 2016 Course Finalization

Please make sure that any courses which have been completed have been submitted via the Course Finalization BFS-250 function in the System Maintenance of Knowledge and education (SMOKE) program. Even if a course does not have fireworks training funds applied to the class(es), the BFS-250 must still be submitted to finalize the course. As an additional reminder, funded courses must specify a county-designated fiduciary to receive the payment (electronic funds transfer).

Instructor Guide Update

The Instructor Guide and Administrative Manual (IGAM) has undergone revision to include the changes in the Fire Fighter Training Division's (FFTD) electronic database (SMOKE). The new version of the IGAM is now posted to the FFTD webpage and includes many of the forms used for course management and instructor applications and updated procedures. The updated IGAM can be found at www.michigan.gov/bfs under Instructor Resources on our FFTD webpage. Follow the Fire Fighter Training Division link on the left of the page.

2017 Fiscal Year Funding

REMINDER: The initial funding allocation needs to be assigned to a course **by December 31, 2016**. After that date funding not dedicated to a course will be taken out of the county's account, combined, and re-distributed according to the funding formula.

You will also need to have your courses registered in SMOKE and for funding to be assigned before December 31, 2016.



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New Fire Fighter Exams

Following a recommendation from the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council (MFFTC) the FFTD has updated the Fire Fighter I, Fire Fighter II, Fire Fighter I & II, and Hazmat Operations written exams.

Hazmat Operations is included in both MFFTC approved curriculum (IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting 6th Edition and Jones and Bartlett Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills 3rd Edition) and will now be included in the exam for the Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter I & II certification. The new certificates will include HazMat Ops in the description to demonstrate compliance with both NFPA 1001 and 472.

Instructor/Course Managers will still be able to register a stand-alone hazmat course at their discretion for those who may not have completed the course in the past.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) funds may be used to partially fund the new combined courses as well as the stand-alone Hazmat Operations (F12D) course and Incident Command and Resource Management for the Fire Service (L13B) courses as in the past.

New course codes will be added to the menu to delineate the change in the exams. We are working with the SMOKE development team to amend previously registered courses to reflect the appropriate course code for each of the new exams.

Fire fighters retesting failed written exams will be retesting with the new combined Fire Fighter/Hazmat exam starting October 2, 2016 even if they previously passed the Hazmat FRO course.

New VFIS Driver Training Instructor Update

VFIS has updated their driver training (DT) curriculum from the 2008 version (black book) and is providing a webinar to update those instructors who plan to continue to teach their updated curriculum. In order to instruct the 2008 version the instructor would have had to attend a train the trainer course. VFIS does not require that currently certified VFIS DT instructors complete a course update to begin using the new materials however they are hosting an optional update webinar for the previously certified DT instructors who wish to review the updated materials. The cost of the webinar is \$90 which includes a copy of the instructor kit. The webinar details can be found on page 3 of these updates.

Currently certified VFIS DT instructors who do not wish to participate in the VFIS update webinar may still order their new instructor kit directly from VFIS at a cost of \$60 for non-clients. VFIS clients are allowed one free copy of the instructor kit. Kits do not include a copy of the instructor manual at this time as pilot feedback indicated it's limited use by most instructors. Instructor manuals are available at a cost of \$12. To purchase your copy of the updated VFIS instructor kit you may call VFIS 800-233-1957.

New Fire Fighter Exam Breakdown

The new fire fighter exams have the following breakdown:

Fire Fighter I

100 questions of Fire Fighter I content, 50 questions of Hazmat content

Fire Fighter II

50 questions of Fire Fighter II content

Fire Fighter I & II

100 questions of Fire Fighter I content, 50 questions of Fire Fighter II content, 50 questions of HazMat content

There is no change to the practical skills exam at this time.

ADA Accommodation Requests can still be granted for the fire fighter portion of the exam. An assigned reader must excuse themselves for the hazmat portion (last 50 questions) of the exam.

Hazmat Operations will remain 50 questions as in the past. The North American Emergency Response Guidebook has been approved for use during the Hazmat portion of the fire fighter exam as well as the stand-alone hazmat exam.



EMERGENCY VEHICLE DRIVER TRAINING INSTRUCTOR UPDATE WEBINARS

****Prerequisite:** EVDT-I, 2008 - MUST BE verified by VFIS prior to invitation to a webinar**

Driving is an ESO's most frequent and possibly most serious risk. We are proud to bring you a comprehensive, updated Emergency Vehicle Driver Training program that will allow you and your organization the opportunity to improve the safety of your people out there on the road.

We have thousands of instructors in the field today that have taken the 2008 version of EVDT (black book). This webinar is an update for those instructors and is intended to provide all needed background and materials to teach the new 2016 edition of EVDT. Attendance at a regional TTT course after the 2008 release will be verified prior to being accepted into this update webinar. We expect the webinar to be approximately 2 hours of interactive program delivery. Requirements for this webinar include a computer or tablet and an internet connection sufficient to stream the webinar for 2 hours. Successful completion of the webinar and testing will result in the delivery of a certificate of completion and a copy of the new 2016 EVDT Instructor resource kit to each instructor.

Class Dates and Times*

ALL Times are Eastern Standard Time
(chose one)

- November 10, 2016: 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
(Pre-register cut off is Nov. 8)
- November 15, 2016: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
(Pre-register cut off is Nov. 13)
- November 17, 2016: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
(Pre-register cut off is Nov. 15)

*Must pre-register in order to receive
the webinar access code.

COST

VFIS Insured: \$0
Non-VFIS Insured: \$90

Method of Payment Total Due: \$ _____

- VFIS Insured
- Check Enclosed
- PO # _____
- I authorize VFIS to charge my:
- Visa MasterCard Discover

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

ST: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Date and location of your EVDT-I, 2008 Training
(If possible attach a copy of your certificate)

How to pre-register

1. Submit completed Registration Form to:
VFIS, PO Box 2726, York, PA 17405
2. Email form to csapps@vfis.com
3. Fax to (717) 747-7028
4. Call (800) 233-1957 ext. 7951 or (717) 741-7951



NFA Course Offerings in Michigan

Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Through Difficult Conversations

The purpose of this two-day course is to provide knowledge and skills for having difficult conversations as they relate to exercising leadership when addressing adaptive challenges.

January 10 & 11, 2017 (11/29/2016)

Brighton Area Fire Authority, Station 31

Open to all fire fighters

Contact Chief Mike O'Brien at Brighton Area Fire Authority FD mobrian@brightonareafire.com

Initial Fire Investigation for First Responders

This two-day course is designed specifically to provide a clear definition of the role of first responders in arson detection and provide essential knowledge to enable them to recognize the potential of intentionally set fires, preservation and protection of evidence, and proper reporting of information to appropriate officials. By strengthening the partnership between first responders and investigators, the chances for successfully solving arson-related crimes will increase. The course includes topics such as fire behavior, critical observations of the first responder, fire causes, scene security and evidence preservation, legal considerations, and documentation of findings.

January 21 & 22, 2017 (12/10/2016)

Greenville Public Schools Central Services Facility

Applicants will be selected based on geographic location throughout the State

Contact Sgt. Brian Blomstrom at Greenville DPS bloomy@pathwaynet.com

NFA Course Offerings in Michigan

Fire Service Safety Culture: Who Protects Fire Fighters from Fire Fighters?

This two-day course is designed to assist emergency services personnel in defining and advocating organizational change within the fire service relating to safety. Topics include safety and risk cultures within organizations; influences on safety culture and risk categories; concepts, goals, and processes of risk management. The course incorporates a facilitated student-centered methodologies including lecture, small and large group activities, and individual assessments.

February 11 & 12, 2017 (12/31/2016)

Recreation Lanes, Iron Mountain

Open to all fire fighters

Contact Dan Hammerberg FFTD Region Coordinator at hammerbergd@michigan.gov

Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction

This two-day course demonstrates to students nationally recognized principles that, when used appropriately, can lead to community risk-reduction programs that can measure success in local communities. This course will give students the opportunity to explore programs from communities across the United States that have been showcased at Vision 20/20 symposiums. These programs demonstrate what nationally recognized organizations identify as examples of "best practices" in community risk reduction.

At the end of the course, students will be evaluated through a 25-question multiple-choice examination. A final grade will be provided to each student. The minimum score needed to pass is 70.

There is a pre-course assignment that should take about one hour to complete.

March 4 & 5, 2017 (1/21/2016)

Recreation Lanes, Iron Mountain

Open to all firefighters

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