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TRAINING UPDATES

Michigan 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 BFS-250 in the SMOKE program, even if a course does not have fire works training funds applied to the class(es). As an additional reminder, fire works 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 Training Division's electronic database (SMOKE). The IGAM will be posted to the FFTD webpage and now includes many of the forms used for course management and instructor applications. An announcement will be made when the IGAM is completed and published.

2017 Fiscal Year Funding

Funding for the 2017 fiscal year has been added to the SMOKE program for Michigan's 83 counties. This year's total allocation is two million dollars (\$2,000,000). Each county has been awarded a portion of the fire works training funds based on 70/30 formula calculating population and county size (square miles).

The initial funding allocation must be assigned to a course by December 31, 2016. After that date, non-allocated funding will be removed from the respective county's account, re-combined, and re-distributed to the counties according to the funding formula.

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Fire Fighter I, II, I & II, and HazMat FRO

As a reminder, when applying for a Fire Fighter I or Fire Fighter I & II course, the applicant shall need to apply for a Hazardous Materials Operations (HazMat FRO) course on the same application as in the previous years. The HazMat FRO course will still be tested with a 50 question test to verify the student has met the requisite knowledge and objectives for the Hazardous Materials Operations level.

Beginning October 1, 2016, (fiscal year 2017):

The Fire Fighter I written exam is 150 questions that includes 50 questions on hazardous materials. This format ensures the Fire Fighter I exam meets NFPA 1001, 2013 edition standard fire fighter I objectives. The written exam will include hazardous materials questions, however, the stand alone HazMat FRO class must still be registered and the test passed to receive a HazMat FRO certificate.

The Fire Fighter II written exam is a total of 50 questions relating to NFPA 1001, 2013 edition fire fighter II objectives.

The Fire Fighter I & II written exam is a total of 200 questions that combine the questions from the Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II exam.

There are no changes to the practical exam for Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II.

A paper form is now being used for the exam request. The exam request form shall to be submitted to Lansing 6 weeks prior to the exam date. Exam request forms can be found at www.michigan.gov/bfs, on the Fire Fighter Training Division link under the Instructor Resources heading. Use Internet Explorer will open the forms, instead of Google Chrome when downloading the forms.

NIMS and MCTO:D Updates

Two courses have been upgraded in SMOKE due to upgrades made at the National Fire Academy:

- NIMS ICS for the Fire Service (L13A) has been replaced by Incident Command and Resource Management for the Fire Service (L13B)

- MCTO:D Managing Company Tactical Operations – Decision Making (L06A) has been replaced by Decision Making Initial Company Operations (L06B)

Instructors who were able to teach the outdated courses have been added to the instructor list for the new curriculum. The ability to register the updated courses in SMOKE began in August 2016. Do not register the outdated courses after September 30, 2016. The updated instructor guides and student manuals are a prerequisite to instruct the new curriculum. The new curriculum can be accessed on the 1 and 1 site. If you need assistance please contact your FFD Region Coordinator.

New Wildland Firefighting Courses Added

Five new wildland firefighting courses have been added to the course menu. These courses are conducted by certified instructors from the Michigan DNR and US Forest Service. It is recommended and in some cases required that a firefighter attend and pass the S130 Wildland Firefighter, S190 Wildland Fire Behavior, and S215 Wildland Urban Interface courses before attending the new courses. The instructor will be able to inform you of the pre-requisites prior to the registration of the course. The new wildland courses are:

- S-230 Wildland Crew Boss (Single Resource)
- S-231 Wildland Engine Boss (Single Resource)
- S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior
- S-336 Tactical Decision Making in Wildland Fire
- S-330 Task Force/Strike Team Leader

To register these new courses, or any of the wildland courses, please contact your local MDNR or USFS field office and consult with a forest fire officer certified instructor to set up course dates and times.



Courage To Be Safe/Everyone Goes Home Update from Kevin Sehlmeyer:

At the August Michigan Fire Fighter Training Council meeting the Fire Fighters Training Council approved the change in name from "Everyone Goes Home" to "Courage To Be Safe".

From this point forward use the new course name when you enter your class in the MFFTC / OFFT SMOKE system.

The National Fallen Firefighter Foundation (NFFF) is updating their records. They are requiring every Michigan CTBS Instructor to establish an account on the "Fire Hero Learning Network" (FHLN) <https://www.fireherolearningnetwork.com/>. If you have a FHLN then proceed to the next paragraph.

Once you establish a FHLN account please complete a NFFF instructor application <http://www.everyonegoeshome.com/training/apply-instructor/>.

NOTE: the NFFF instructor application will ask for your CTBS TtT date and location. Check your SMOKE account under training activity to get the date and location.

After completing your NFFF - CTBS instructor application you will receive notice from the NFFF acknowledging you as a CTBS instructor. It can take a few days to receive conformation back from the NFFF.

When you are granted NFFF - CTBS instructor status you will receive access to a micro-site on the Fire Hero Learning Network to download the latest version of the "Courage To Be Safe" PowerPoint V11.

Please complete the tasks with the NFFF in the next 30 days. ALL future CTBS classes must be taught using the CTBS V11 PowerPoint.

The group of CTBS Instructors has expanded far and wide in Michigan. Please forward this email to other CTBS Instructors in your area to help get this information to all CTBS instructors.

Thanks for all you do with the CTBS program. The NFFF appreciates your effort and dedication to educating the fire service to reduce injuries and line of duty deaths.

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SMOKE System Reminders

Each firefighter must have an email address in SMOKE to access their profile. The Fire Chief or Department Secretary are responsible to add the email address to the firefighters profile.

Pre-registration for all courses is now *required* and must be completed before the start date of every class. Firefighters shall register for courses in the SMOKE system. Courses are listed in the system by fiscal year. Each fiscal year ends on September 30. A course starting October 1, 2016 or later will be found in the fiscal year 2017 course listing.

Certificates may be printed from SMOKE by the firefighter, fire chief, department secretary or training officer. Certificates are no longer mailed from the training division offices.



NFA Course Offerings in Michigan

Pre-registration needs to be done 6 weeks prior to the start date of the course. Pre-registration dates are in parentheses following the dates of the courses.

Shaping the Future Train the Trainer

This two-day course is designed to assist first- and second-level supervisors and Company Officers (COs) in developing knowledge and skills in contemporary approaches to organizational problem-solving. Topics include use of creative approaches to identifying trends within their organizations; applying problem-solving methodologies; the importance and application of continuous improvement within organizations; how to quantify problems and solutions; factors in organizational and individual resistance to change; and strategies for implementing change. The course incorporates facilitated, student-centered methodologies, including lecture, small and large group activities, and individual assessments.

October 1 & 2, 2016 (8/20/2016)

Grand Rapids FD Training Center

Applicants will be selected based on geographic location throughout the State

Contact Lt. Justin Holmes at GRFD Training Center jholmes@grand-rapids.mi.us

Non-SMOKE Courses & Applications for Funding.

Applications for use of fireworks funding for courses not listed in the MFFTC/FFTD course menu continue to be accepted. The applications must be submitted to Lansing a minimum of 8 weeks before the start of the class. The applications must be approved by the FFTC at their regularly scheduled meetings on the even numbered months of the year. The FFTC's decision shall be relayed to the applicant via email. Courses are registered in SMOKE under the "Q" course code designation and students must pre-register in SMOKE for the course.

Company Officer I & II and Fire Officer III Series Applications

Application may be made only after completing the Company Officer I & II co-requisites and or the Fire Officer III series courses to receive the Company Officer I & II Series and/or Fire Officer III Series Certificates printed from SMOKE. Applications are on the Michigan Fire Instructors Association website or by emailing the Region Coordinator.



NFA Course Offerings in Michigan (continued)

Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change

The purpose of this two-day course is to provide skills that individuals in positions of authority can use to exercise leadership when confronted with adaptive challenges. The goal of this course is for participants to develop an understanding of skills associated with exercising leadership to resolve adaptive problems, those problems where the solution is either unknown or requires significant change, or both.

December 6 & 7, 2016 (10/25/2016)

Grand Traverse Metro FD, Station 12

Open to all firefighters

Contact Chief Patrick Parker at GT Metro FD pparker@gtmetrofire.org

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 to exercise leadership in addressing adaptive challenges. The goal of this course is for the participant to identify and apply 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 firefighters

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

Fire Service Safety Culture: Who Protects Firefighters from Firefighters?

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 firefighters

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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