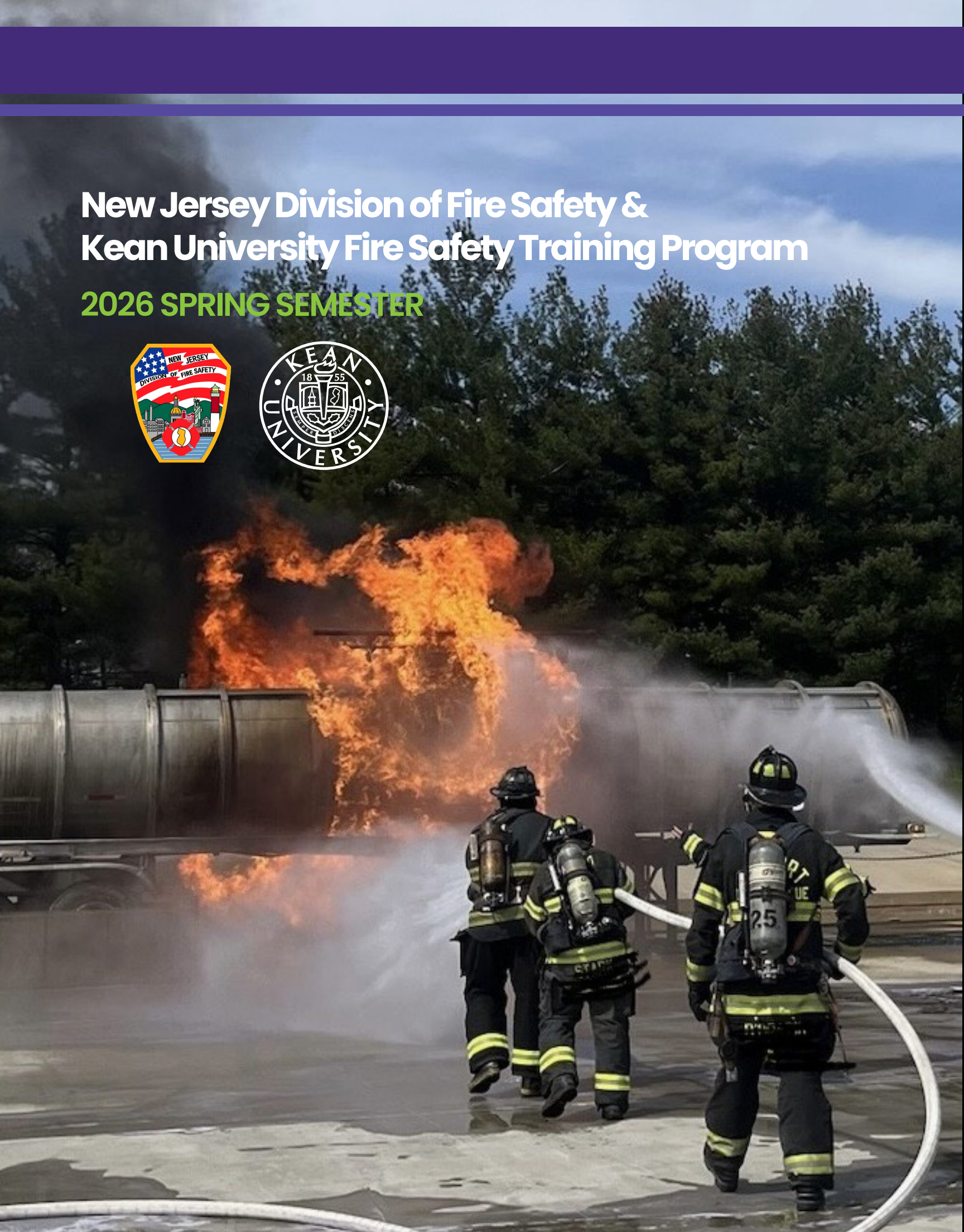


# New Jersey Division of Fire Safety & Kean University Fire Safety Training Program

2026 SPRING SEMESTER



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Routinely check the Division of Fire Safety and the Kean Fire Safety Training Program for additional 2026 course programs, events and updates:  
[www.keanfiresafety.com](http://www.keanfiresafety.com) and [www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs/index.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs/index.shtml)

## Special Notice

Changes regarding class cancellation and/or to Zoom classes will be posted on the home page of our website as a blog or update. Students are responsible for checking the site prior to attending any class. In certain instances we may not always be able to send emails to the students, the [keanfiresafety.com](http://keanfiresafety.com) website will be the official notice.

Please consult this brochure for all course planning. In the event of a conflict of information with the online registration, the information in the brochure is the official information.



# Letter from the Fire Marshal

## ***Welcome to the Spring 2026 Fire Safety Training Program!***

We are delighted to invite you to another season of learning, growth, and professional development. As we prepare for this essential training, we are reminded of the critical role that continuous education plays in our profession. In a world where challenges in fire safety are ever evolving, staying informed and prepared is not just beneficial, it's essential.

The Spring 2026 program has been meticulously designed to address the latest advancements in fire safety techniques, technology, and protocols. Our comprehensive curriculum will provide you with the tools and knowledge necessary to respond effectively and safely to any situation you may encounter. From interactive workshops to expert-led seminars, you will have numerous opportunities to enhance your skills and expand your understanding.

Training and education are the cornerstones of our commitment to excellence. They empower us to protect our communities with confidence and resilience. By investing in your professional growth, you not only enhance your capabilities but also uphold the highest standards of safety and service that our communities expect and deserve.

The Division of Fire Safety and Kean University are honored to support you on this journey and look forward to seeing the positive impact your newfound skills will have on your departments and the people you serve. Together, we will continue to advance the field of fire safety and ensure a safer future for all.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to this noble profession. We are proud to have you as part of our training program and look forward to a successful and enriching experience this spring.

Stay safe and stay strong,

**Rich Mikutsky**

Director / State Fire Marshal  
NJ Division of Fire Safety



# Featured Training Academy Photos



Chief Lou Pepe County of Morris Asst Fire Marshal  
Fire Training Coordinator MINE HILL FDA (Ret.)



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Gregory Kirkham, NJ Division of Fire Safety



Chief Burnett, Mount Laurel Fire Department  
Burlington County Tech Rescue USAR Team  
Training



David Salon, NJ Fire Safety Training Program

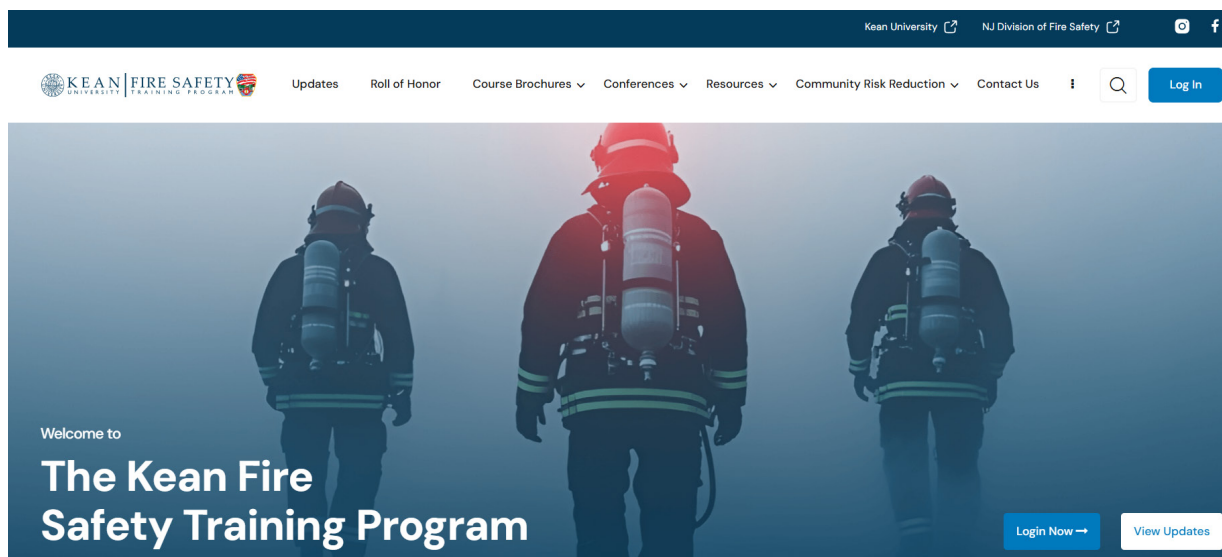


Karen Grant, Director NJ Fire Safety Training  
Program - ARFF TRAINING



# 5 New Website – Kean Fire Safety.com

## Announcing the Launch of Our New Website – Kean Fire Safety!



We're proud to announce the official launch of <https://keanfiresafety.com> — a newly redesigned platform built with New Jersey's fire service professionals in mind.

This new website marks an important step forward in our mission to support and strengthen the firefighting community through accessible training, certification, and communication. With a streamlined interface and a mobile-friendly design, you'll now find it easier than ever to stay connected and informed.

### What's New?

**Improved User Experience:** Clean layout and intuitive navigation.

**Powerful New Registration System:** Faster, simpler, and more reliable. Register for continuing education courses with confidence and ease.

**Real-Time Updates:** Stay current with announcements and events.

We understand the demands of your work and the value of your time — this new site is built to serve you better.

Visit <https://keanfiresafety.com> today and explore the new features built to keep New Jersey's bravest prepared and informed.

**Thank you for your  
continued service and dedication.  
We're here to support you —  
every step of the way.**

## Guide to Logging into the LMS

### 1. Access the LMS Login Page

You have two options to access the LMS:

Go to the website and click the blue 'Log in' button.

Or directly enter the URL: [lms.keanfiresafety.com/login](https://lms.keanfiresafety.com/login).

### 2. Login Screen Options

<https://loom.com/share/fe6a85099c9b44ed91f750f126c8fe1c?t=25>

On the login screen, you have several options:

If you forgot your password, click the link to reset it.

If you forgot your email address, click the 'Forgot email' link and enter your Fire ID to retrieve your email.

### 3. Resetting Your Password

If you forgot your password:

- Enter your email address in the provided form.
- Check your spam folder for the reset email.

### 4. First Time Login Instructions

For first-time users on the new LMS:

Use the email address from the old LMS.

The default password is your Fire ID (six numbers only, no prefix).

### 5. Logging In

Enter your Fire ID (six digits only) and log in.

### 6. SMS Notification Consent

After logging in, you will be prompted to consent to receive SMS notifications:

If you want to receive text messages, check the box and click 'Done'.

If you do not want to receive text messages, uncheck the box and click 'Done'.

### 7. Welcome Screen

After completing the SMS consent step, you will see a welcome screen that greets you by your first name.



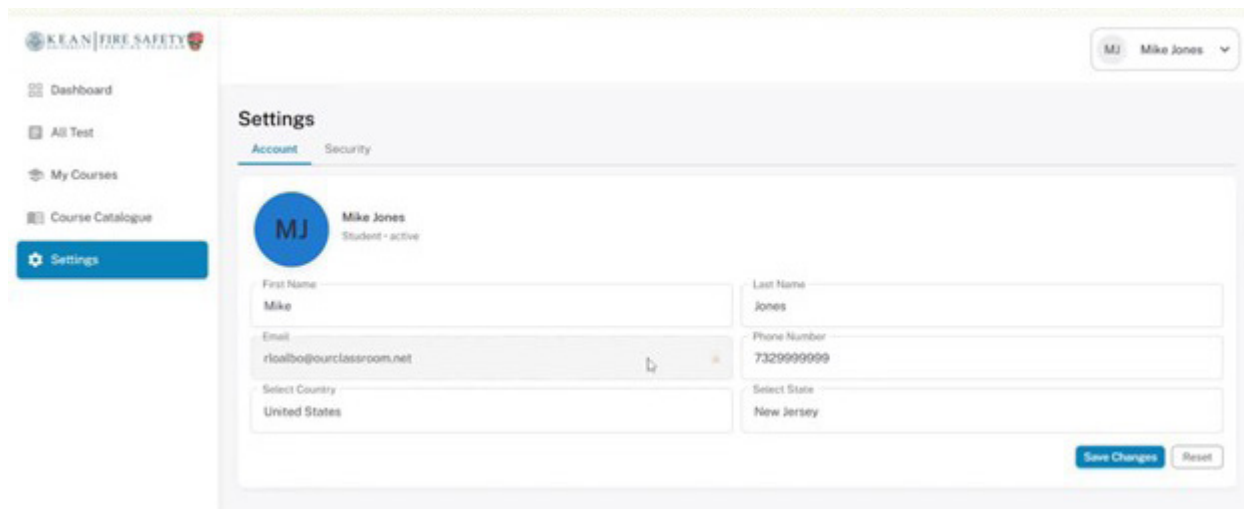
## Guide to Using the Course Management System

There are two video tutorials available that address how to login and then how to navigate the registration system (Portal/LMS). Hover over Course Brochure and then select either video to view.

<https://keanfiresafety.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Kean-Login-Tutorial.mp4>

<https://keanfiresafety.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Student-Portal-Tutorial.mp4>

### 1. Accessing the Settings Tab



The screenshot shows the Kean Fire Safety LMS interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Dashboard, All Test, My Courses, Course Catalogue, and Settings (highlighted with a gear icon). The main content area is titled 'Settings' and has two tabs: 'Account' (selected) and 'Security'. Under the 'Account' tab, there is a user profile for 'Mike Jones' (Student - active) with a blue circular avatar containing 'MJ'. Below the profile are input fields for: First Name (Mike), Last Name (Jones), Email (rloalbo@ourclassroom.net), Phone Number (7329999999), Select Country (United States), and Select State (New Jersey). At the bottom right of the form are 'Save Changes' and 'Reset' buttons. A user dropdown menu in the top right corner shows 'MJ Mike Jones'.

- Navigate to the settings tab to change your personal information.
- You can change your name and phone number (ensure it's a cell phone for SMS notifications).
- After making changes, click 'Save' to commit them.

## 2. Changing Your Password

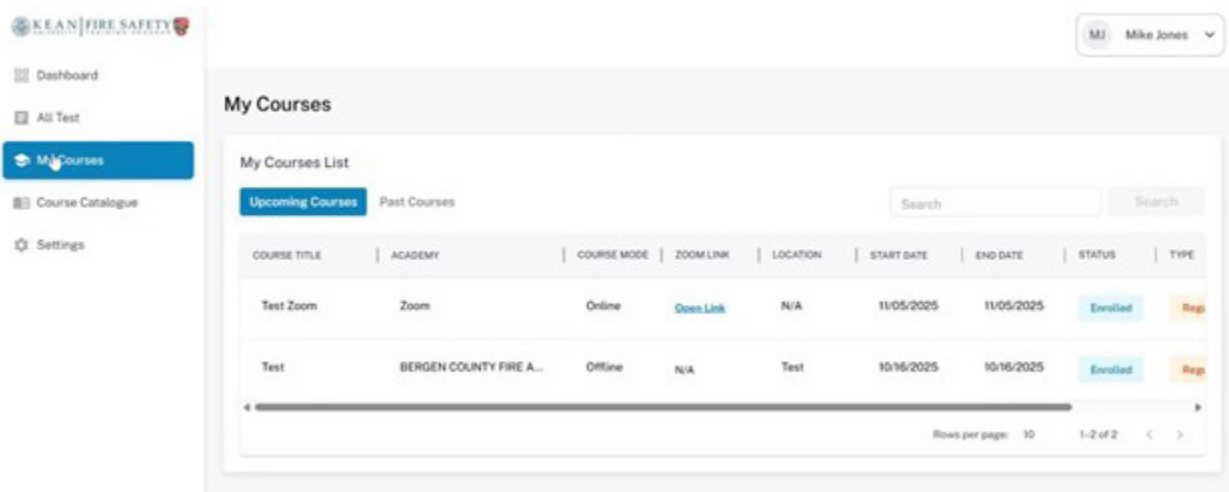
- To change your password:
  - Enter your current password.
  - Provide the new password you wish to use.
- Click 'Update' to save the new password.

## 3. Enrolling in a Course

- Click on 'Course Catalog' to view available courses for the current semester.
- You can search for regular courses or regional exams.
- Each course listing includes:
  - Course name
  - Date
  - Mode (Zoom or on-site)
  - Instructor
- Click on a course to expand and view more details (enrollment count, CEUs, start/end times).
- Click 'Enroll me' to enroll in the course (maximum of six courses per semester).

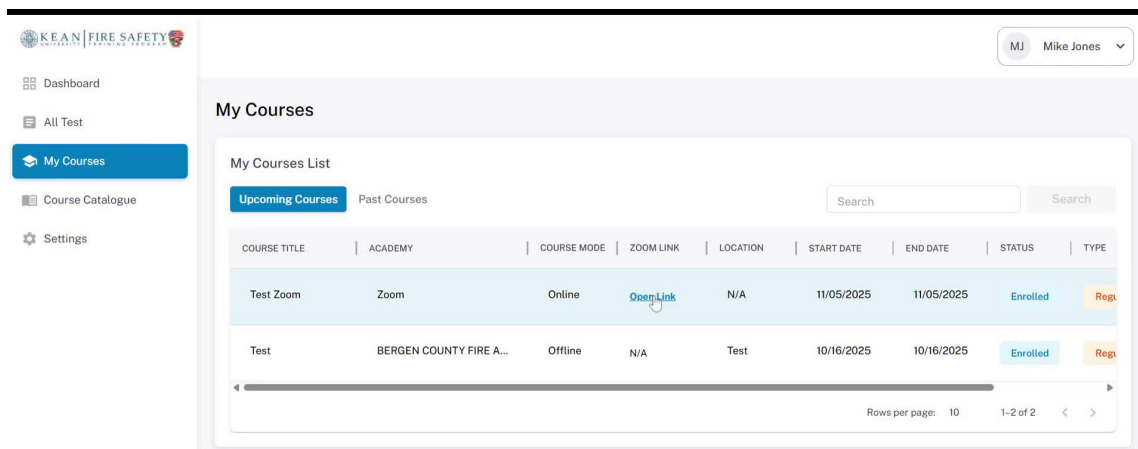


## 4. Viewing Your Courses



- Click on 'My Courses' to see:
  - Upcoming courses
  - Past courses (completed courses will appear here after 2-3 weeks for credit to show on transcript).
- Upcoming courses will show details including links to Zoom classes.

## 5. Joining a Zoom Class

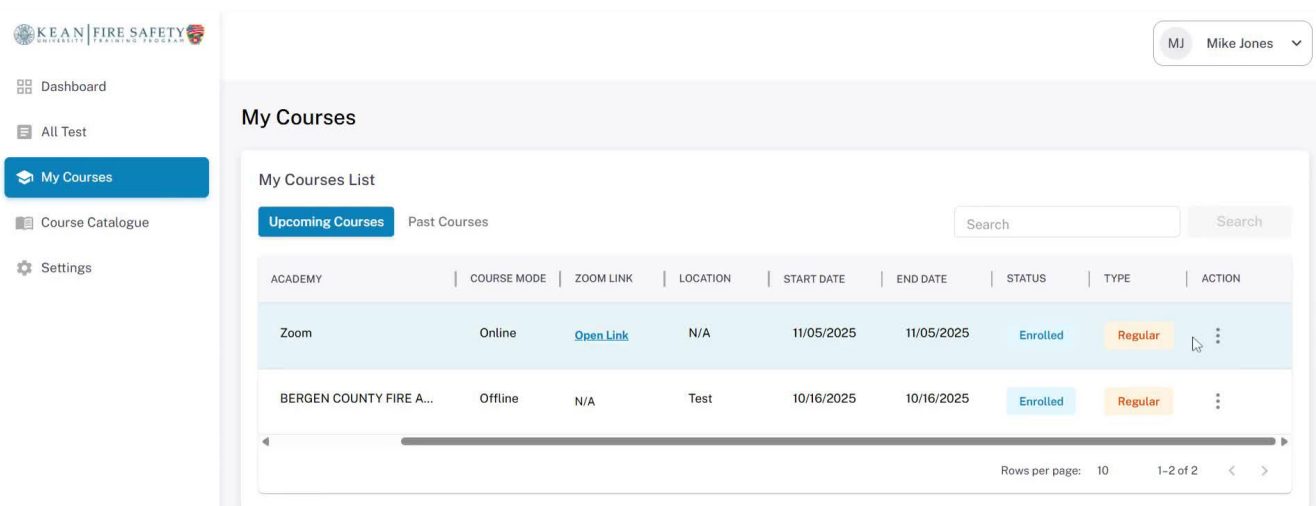


- On the day of the class, access the link provided in 'My Courses' to join the Zoom session after 8:15 a.m.
- Due to the technical nature of Zoom, please be aware that there are several factors that may impact the opening and running of this class. Multiple people are involved and if any one of them has electricity and/or internet service problems, there may be delays.

# Registration Instructions

- Please be patient. If you're not immediately able to join at 8:15, you should wait and reattempt in five minute increments. If at 8:40 a.m. you're still not able to join, please check our blog at [www.keanfiresafety.com](http://www.keanfiresafety.com) for updates.
- Please check your email for additional information and handouts.
- You must have your camera on and be able to be seen by the instructor and facilitator during the entirety of the class. To test your equipment please see the following site: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362313-Testing-your-video>

## 6. Withdrawing from a Course



**My Courses**

My Courses List

Upcoming Courses Past Courses

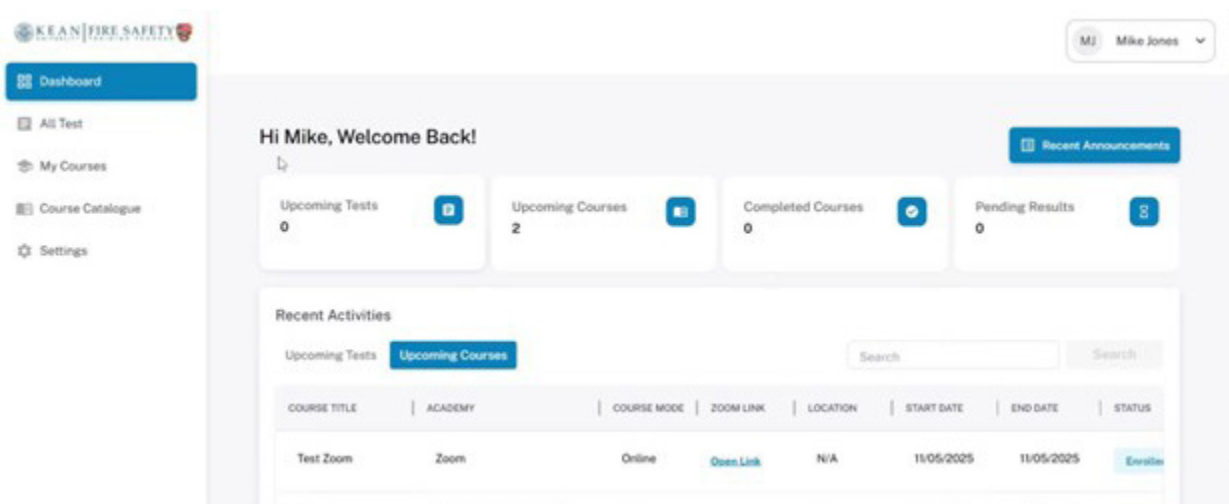
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ACADEMY	COURSE MODE	ZOOM LINK	LOCATION	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS	TYPE	ACTION
Zoom	Online	<a href="#">Open Link</a>	N/A	11/05/2025	11/05/2025	Enrolled	Regular	⋮
BERGEN COUNTY FIRE A...	Offline	N/A	Test	10/16/2025	10/16/2025	Enrolled	Regular	⋮

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- To withdraw from a class:
  - Click on the action button next to the course.
  - Select 'Withdraw Course' and confirm your choice.
- You will receive a notification confirming your withdrawal.

## 7. Understanding the Dashboard



**Kean Fire Safety**

Hi Mike, Welcome Back!

Recent Announcements

Upcoming Tests 0 Upcoming Courses 2 Completed Courses 0 Pending Results 0

Recent Activities

Upcoming Tests Upcoming Courses

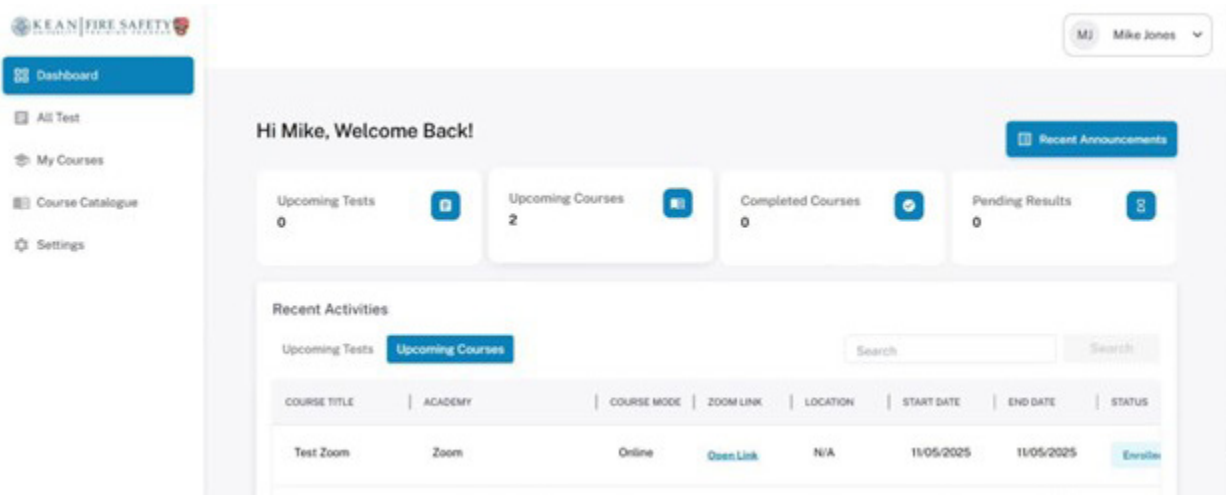
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COURSE TITLE	ACADEMY	COURSE MODE	ZOOM LINK	LOCATION	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
Test Zoom	Zoom	Online	<a href="#">Open Link</a>	N/A	11/05/2025	11/05/2025	Enrolled



- Upon logging in, you will see a dashboard with:
  - Your first name greeting.
  - Snapshot of your status (upcoming courses, completed courses, and announcements).
- Upcoming tests and pending results are placeholders for future use.

## 8. Checking Announcements



- The dashboard will display recent announcements, such as registration dates for upcoming semesters and other timely messages.

# Registration Instructions

**All communications regarding courses will be via a posted announcement in the blog section of the home page of [www.keanfiresafety.com](http://www.keanfiresafety.com).** You are responsible for checking this notice prior to attending any course. In certain instances we may not always be able to send emails to the students, the [keanfiresafety.com](http://www.keanfiresafety.com) website will be the official notice.

## Registration Period

**Registration begins March 4, 2026** and will continue through the current Spring semester. Registration for each course closes 24 hours prior to class start time. You may register for a maximum of six (6) courses each semester. In special cases you may register for additional classes over the maximum limit, but only on a space available basis and approval by N.J. Division of Fire Safety. Please call 609-777-3552 for approval. Credit will not be issued for repeat courses which have already been completed within your active certification cycle, with the exception of Code Update. The N.J. Division of Fire Safety reserves the right to limit the number of enrollments per person.

## Course Confirmation

Courses in which you have registered can be viewed on your online account. Please review the following steps to ensure you are properly registered.

## Multiple Dwelling Inspector Information

UCC Fire Inspectors/ Officials who also hold a Multiple Dwelling Inspector license may use any one of the following Code Enforcement courses per three-year license cycle for renewal of a multiple dwelling license. Further information may be obtained by calling 609-984-7834. The following courses qualify for Multiple Dwelling Inspector credit: Basics of Fire Sprinklers and Fire Pumps, Carbon Monoxide Alarm Regulations, Code Update, Fire Escape Inspections, Fundamentals of Automatic Sprinkler Systems, Introduction to Fire Sprinkler Systems and NFPA 13E, Principles of Modern Building Construction, Subchapter 4: "Retro-fit Requirement" Where are we now, and Woodframe Construction Principles.

## Course Hours

Unless otherwise noted in the course description, all courses begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at approximately 3:30 p.m. Please note all instructors have by contract agreed that they will provide the minimum number of contact hours that the N.J. Division of Fire Safety requires in awarding the credit amount indicated for each course. They are not allowed to adjust the course length without permission from the N.J. Division of Fire Safety or Kean University. Providing an early dismissal without permission could jeopardize the ability of the N.J. Division of Fire Safety to grant credit for your attendance in the course.



# Registration Instructions

## Course Credit

In order to receive course credit, you must check in with the course facilitator, be present prior to the start of the class and in the classroom for the entire course. Credit may not be granted if you arrive late, return late from lunch and breaks, leave the location early or frequently leave the classroom while the course is in session. This applies to in person and virtual / Zoom classroom instruction.

Additionally, you may not receive course credit if you are observed to be using the internet, reading a newspaper/ magazine or engaging in behavior in such a manner that is not conducive to your participation in the class or causes a disruption / distraction to other students or the instructor. If you are asked to discontinue such behavior and you do not immediately comply you may not receive credit. The facilitator and instructor have the right to ask for your cooperation and they are not required to repeat that request. In other words, by reading this notice and agreeing to these terms you acknowledge that you will not receive more than one request to cooperate and failure to immediately do so may result in no credit being given.

By registering for any Division of Fire Safety course, students agree to abide by all Federal, State, County and Municipal regulations/guidelines at locations where courses are scheduled. Failure to abide by said regulations/guidelines will or may result in the student being asked to leave the class by Division of Fire Safety Staff, Kean University Staff, Course Facilitator or Academy Staff.

The amount of credit assigned depends on the length of the class. For half day classes (2.5 to 3 hours instruction) the award is .25 CEU's and for full day classes (minimum of 5 hours instruction) the award is .50 CEU's.

## Dress Code

The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety has instituted a dress code for attendance at courses. Proper dress for all students is either a department uniform or a collared shirt and dress slacks. Females may wear a skirt or dress. **No jeans, shorts, halter tops, sleeveless shirts, sweat clothes, tee shirts, hats or flip-flops are permitted at any NJDFS courses, exams or conferences.**

Dress may be modified by request of the instructor and facility representatives may enforce this dress code and those who do not comply may be dismissed from this course and/or lose credit.

# Request for Course Proposals

The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety strives to provide the NJ Fire Service Instructors and Code Enforcement officials with access to timely, informative and effective training and education. To stay current with changing demands and requirements placed on all first responders, the Division, in cooperation with Kean University, issues this Request for Course Proposals for upcoming semesters from qualified individuals interested in teaching and training the Fire Service community.

Specifically, the Division of Fire Safety requests proposals for continuing education courses related to training, education and communications issues relevant to fire service personnel throughout New Jersey. New proposals can cover a myriad of topics ranging from management and leadership skills to inspections and instructor specific courses. Current hot topics, including operations as well as fire service health and safety, also will be considered.

The Division encourages potential instructors to submit new ideas, teaching methods and programs as part of this call for proposals. Ultimately, these proposals will be judged on their timeliness, effectiveness, quality and relevance to the fire service. All proposals must include a detailed fee structure for development and execution as well as professional references.

This Request for Course Proposals is detailed and comprehensive. To be reviewed and/or considered for an upcoming teaching assignment, please submit all materials outlined in the Course Proposal checklist attached to this notice. Submissions that do not include all items referenced on the checklist will not be reviewed.

Please email completed materials to:

**Karen Grant, Director**

**[kgrant@exchange.kean.edu](mailto:kgrant@exchange.kean.edu)**

For more information, contact the Fire Safety Training Program at:  
908-737-3060 or via email at [firesafety@kean.edu](mailto:firesafety@kean.edu).



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## Course Proposal Checklist



To ensure the highest evaluation possible, please email the completed checklist and all referenced items along with your course proposal to [jsteele@exchange.kean.edu](mailto:jsteele@exchange.kean.edu).

- ☐ Course title is clearly identified in materials
- ☐ Course objectives are clearly defined
- ☐ Target audience and sub-codes to be addressed are indicated
- ☐ Detailed course abstract is included
- ☐ Sample and/or description of audio-visual materials is provided
- ☐ Resume and/or statement of qualifications are attached
- ☐ References and/or statement of experience are attached
- ☐ Detailed cost breakdown is included
- ☐ One copy of the completed proposal is included

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## **MAY**

### **New Jersey FIRE Bowl Championship**

**May 20, 2026**

STEM Building Kean University, Union, NJ

### **New Jersey Weekend**

**May 30-31, 2026**

National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD

## **JUNE**

### **Homeland Security Conference**

**June 4 , 2026**

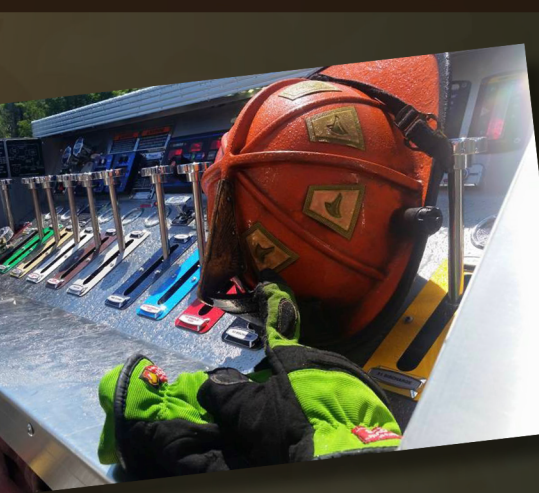
STEM Building Kean University, Union, NJ

### **Annual Memorial Service**

**June 6th, 2026**

New Jersey Fire Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial  
Allentown, NJ

# Firefighters, Inspectors and Officials share your training photos with us!



## Share your experiences with other fire departments and organizations.



Photo credit: Middlesex County Fire Academy



[www.keanfiresafety.com/photo-submission](http://www.keanfiresafety.com/photo-submission)

# We're Now on Social Media!

We'll be exploring and sharing topics related to health, fitness and community risk reduction. Please contact our office if you have any community news your Fire Department would like us to share.

Search: @keanfiresafety  
on Facebook and Instagram.

Our profile picture:







**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**



*New Jersey Weekend*

**May 30-31, 2026**

(Check in May 29)

at the  
**National Fire Academy**

**REGISTRATION STARTS FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Presented by:**

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs,  
New Jersey Division of Fire Safety and Kean University







## Cumberland County Fire Academy:

*A Center for Excellence*

634 Vineland Ave.

Bridgeton, NJ 08302 856-455-8526



The Cumberland County Fire Academy serves as a premier training hub for emergency first responders throughout the Southern New Jersey region. We are dedicated to providing high-quality initial certification training alongside a comprehensive suite of continuing education courses.

Our elite instructional staff delivers specialized programs across several critical disciplines, including:

- Firefighting Operations: Basic strategy, tactics, and officer development.
- Specialized Response: Hazardous Materials (HazMat) and Technical Rescue.
- Technical Skills: Apparatus operation and emergency vehicle maneuvers.

Located at 634 Vineland Avenue in Bridgeton, our facility features modern classrooms equipped with advanced audio-visual technology. Our expansive training grounds include a Class A burn building with a dedicated training tower, a confined space simulator, a search and rescue maze, and an aircraft emergency simulator. Additional specialized props include car fire and propane simulators, roof operation stations, and a HazMat cargo truck.

To support the demanding schedules of today's emergency services, the Academy is available seven days a week. Beyond our on-site curriculum, our staff provides mobile satellite programs tailored for both public emergency providers and private industry partners.



## Overview

These will be “Core” classes that will count toward the Code Update requirement. The following classes have been determined to fall into this category:

- Code Update
- Subchapter 4 “Retrofit”
- ITM of Sprinkler Systems: NJIFC & NFPA 25
- Principles of Modern Building Construction
- Water Supplies and Sprinkler Systems
- Managing the Local Enforcing Agency

## Attributes of Leading

**Instructor: National Fallen Firefighter Foundation**

Attributes of Leading (AoL) is designed to build more effective fire service leaders of all ranks. It is a highly interactive, real-world applicable, case study-based course available in two formats, Train-the-Trainer, and direct course delivery. Both formats are 6 hours in length and best delivered to audiences of no more than 12 attendees. The program focuses on twelve essential qualities of effective leading:

- Competence
- Constructive influence
- Grit
- Humility
- Presence
- Resilience
- Self-mastery
- Self-regulation
- Stepping up
- Trust
- Vigilance
- Wellness

Through a process of view, review, introspection, and discussion, the program challenges attendees to focus on qualities that constructively influence members regarding overall performance, health, and safety.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

**PASSAIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



## Courage to Be Safe®

**Instructor: National Fallen Firefighter Foundation**

This course is a provocative and moving presentation by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, through the Everyone Goes Home® Program, that is designed to change the culture of accepting the loss of firefighters as a normal occurrence.

Building on the untold story of line of duty death survivors, it reveals how family members must live with the consequences of a firefighter death. This presentation provides a focus on the need for firefighters and officers to change fundamental attitudes and behaviors in order to prevent line of duty deaths. The central theme promotes the courage to do the right thing in order to protect yourself and other firefighters and ensure that "Everyone Goes Home" at the end of the day.

Firefighters must have the courage to face a multitude of risks in order to save lives and protect their communities. Their courage allows them to willingly risk their own lives so that others can be saved. A different type of courage is required to stay safe in potentially dangerous situations, avoiding needless risks and tragic consequences.

**MONDAY, APRIL 13**

**CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** L.E.A.D.: Four Steps to Building Quality Leaders and Highly Motivated Followers

**Instructor: National Fallen Firefighter Foundation**

This presentation looks at a variety of leadership issues that affect accountability and approaches to safety. The discussion includes the impact of generational change, organizational dynamics, interpersonal dynamics, and ten personality types found in the fire service. To mold all the various elements into high functioning and cohesive teams, the mnemonic "L.E.A.D." forms the foundation of organizational strength. The presentation uses scenes from the Academy Award-winning film "Patton" to make the necessary points.

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge

**Instructor: National Fallen Firefighter Foundation**

This compelling presentation by the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation examines the root causes of LODDs and the role of Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge as it influences the end result. Many fire departments across the United States "LACK the Right Stuff" to prevent them from being on a path to a line of duty death, with Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge being the elements that need to be addressed and managed in those environments. Through education and training, those departments can improve their survivability by understanding the root causes of firefighter fatalities and tackling these four elements with special emphasis on understanding fire service culture.

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

**WARREN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Leadership So Everyone Goes Home

**Instructor: National Fallen Firefighter Foundation**

This course, as part of the Everyone Goes Home® Program of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, will assist in the reduction of LODDs by utilizing a series of case studies. Each case study will include what happened, why it happened, how it could have been avoided, whether safety measures were available and used, and how we can prevent LODDs and injuries in the future. The benefit of this program is the review of cultural change or adaptive challenge, rather than just enacting a technical fix.

This is a great program for senior fire officers and administrative officers because you will be learning from actual incidents and have an opportunity to change the organizational culture to reduce the possibility of deaths and injuries in the future!

**MONDAY, MAY 4**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



## Stress First Aid

**Instructor: National Fallen Firefighter Foundation**

Stress First Aid is a flexible set of tools used to care for stress reactions in fire and EMS personnel. Unlike other acute stress management procedures, Stress First Aid (SFA), was designed specifically to support firefighters and EMS personnel. The goal of SFA is to restore health and readiness after a stress reaction. SFA is a toolkit that emphasizes the importance of continuously monitoring the stress of fire and rescue personnel, to quickly recognize and appropriately help individuals who are reacting to stress and are in need of interventions to promote healing.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11**

**SOMERSET COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Building Strong Teams

**Instructor: Claudia A. Monte, Principal, Consultant, CAM Consulting Group, LLC**

The power of teamwork comes from having individuals in an organization rowing in the same direction to achieve a common goal. The leadership challenge is getting those individuals with diverse personalities, experiences, and levels of expertise to work together as a team. Using lessons learned from Captain D. Michael Abrashoff, author of *It's My Ship*, we will navigate how to effectively lead and build strong teams. Participants will leave understanding how the quality of team relationships directly impacts performance, trust, retention, and customer satisfaction (internal and external)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

**ZOOM—HALF DAY**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30**

**ZOOM—HALF DAY**

## Communicating for Results

**Instructor: Claudia A. Monte, Principal, Consultant, CAM Consulting Group, LLC**

We communicate all the time, but are we really achieving the results we want? Learning styles and comprehension are unique to everyone. Our challenges are several: choosing the appropriate way to share a message; having respectful dialogue; creating mutual understanding; listening actively; and focusing on results. The rewards are many when interpersonal dynamics are managed effectively. Participants will leave feeling more confident in their ability to interact professionally with others.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

**ZOOM—HALF DAY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

**ZOOM—HALF DAY**

## Community Risk Reduction: Integrating Our Efforts

**Instructor: Lt. Michael O. McLeieer, (Ret.)**

This course is intended to familiarize fire operations personnel with the concepts of community risk reduction, stressing their importance in today's tough economic times. It is more important than ever for the fire service to seek innovative mitigation strategies to manage call volume and improve firefighter and public safety. This course was created by Vision 20/20, a project of the Institution of Fire Engineers, USA in cooperation with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the National Fire Academy. The goal of this course is to provide national strategies to be utilized at the local level for fire loss prevention.

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

**ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**NEW Creating Psychological Safety**

**Instructor: Claudia A. Monte, Principal, Consultant, CAM Consulting Group, LLC**

We know physical safety is important. What about psychological safety? Leadership teams tend to focus on technical expertise to achieve strategic and operational outcomes. That is not enough. Attention needs to be given to the human side of business, since people are the most critical element of success. When people work in a culture where they feel psychologically safe, greater collaboration and growth occur. When they don't, stress, anxiety, emotional exhaustion, and disengagement take over. Learn how the elements of psychological safety are connected to situational leadership, emotional intelligence, and teamwork. Participants will leave knowing how to create an environment of psychological safety for themselves and others.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

**ZOOM HALF-DAY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 14**

**ZOOM HALF-DAY**

**NEW Developing and Presenting an Effective Fire Service Presentation**

**Instructors: Brendan Rhodes Chief Middlesex County US&R /Chairman UASI Metro Strike Team /Task Force Leader / FEMA NJTF-1 and Robert Seeburger, Battalion Chief Special Operations Command, (Ret.)**

As a fire service professional and instructor, you can be called upon to deliver presentations to your community and department. This course is designed for fire instructors looking to enhance their instructional performance. The class will cover tools to use during presentations to promote learning and participation among all students. We will review modern instructional tips and tricks, along with the use of technology to enhance presentations. These tools will assist instructors in teaching the "modern student." The class will be interactive and will also involve students teach-backs

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

**MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

**PASSAIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Handling Difficult Situations

**Instructor:** Claudia A. Monte, Principal, Consultant, CAM Consulting Group, LLC

There are difficult people everywhere. There are tough situations that we must face. Handling conflicts, differences, and diverse personalities are part of our personal and professional lives. Learning how to identify behaviors of difficult people, control emotions, and communicate assertively helps drive constructive outcomes. Participants will leave knowing how to keep issues and people from having a negative and stressful effect on them.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

**ZOOM HALF-DAY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

**ZOOM HALF-DAY**

## Leadership: A Self Analysis

**Instructor:** Michael J. Corbo, Director, Atlantic County Fire Academy (Ret.)

This course will provide students with the opportunity to look at the leadership qualities they already possess and the qualities they need to develop to become better leaders. We will examine the 11 characteristics that effective leaders possess and the traits that make up each characteristic. Each attendee will work through exercises to determine if they already exhibit any of the 11 characteristics and which traits they need to develop in order to become a more effective leader.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

**OCEAN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Managing The Local Enforcing Agency

**Instructors:** Timothy Paar, Dwayne Breeden, Anthony Doyley, Stacy Weaver, and Isaiah Goldsby of the NJ Division of Fire Safety

This administrative course is designed for local fire officials and inspectors to focus on the principal responsibilities in managing a local enforcing agency through the NJ Uniform Fire Code. During this full day course, we will discuss N.J.A.C. 5:70 subchapter 2 and N.J.A.C. 5:71, "the yellow tabs" of the red book. We will focus on understanding the requirements to become a successful fire official in the state of NJ.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

**MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

**ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**

**MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



## **PUB ED; Fire Safety and Prevention Programs for Teens & Adolescents**

**Instructor: Joseph Vallo, Battalion Chief (Ret.), Jersey City Fire Department, Chief of Training, On The Job Fire-Rescue**

The second program in the PUB ED Series promoting Fire Safety and Prevention programs specifically targets and identifies the Teen and Adolescent population and their interaction with the Fire Service. Training and Education, Roles and Responsibilities, Recruitment and Retention are all discussed to reach out to this vibrant segment of the population of which we serve. Types of Programs, Resources, Delivery and Sponsorship for prospective Fire Fighters through Cadet, Junior and Explorer programs creating a progressive future for prospective Emergency Service personnel.

**SATURDAY, MAY 23**

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention Awareness**

**Instructor: Lt. Michael O. McLeieer, (Ret.)**

Children are often curious about fire. While curiosity is normal, there are things you can inform parents and caregivers about to prevent children from experimenting with fire and engaging in other high risk- taking. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, fires set by children are responsible for more the 100 fire deaths, nearly 1,000 painful burn injuries, and hundreds of millions of dollars in property loss each year in the United States. This full day course will provide participants with an overview of the youth firesetting problem and steps to take to connect families with appropriate intervention strategies and services.

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW Above Ground Storage Tanks and Terminals – Inspections and Emergencies**

**Instructor:** Brendan Rhodes Chief Middlesex County US&R /Chairman UASI Metro Strike Team /Task Force Leader / FEMA NJTF-1 and Nicholas Rhodes, Industrial Engineer, Kinder Morgan Liquid Terminal, Carteret NJ

This course is designed to prepare fire inspectors knowledge and understanding of AST's construction, erection, installation of emergency systems and response objectives.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **Code Update**

**Instructors:** Daniel Timmerman and Timothy Paar; NJ Division of Fire Safety

This course is mandatory for all appointed Fire Officials and Inspectors as part of their three-year licensure cycle. Updated in Spring 2024, the seminar covers the current adoption of the 2018 International Fire Code, New Jersey Edition, including its three newly added chapters. It also reviews key changes from the previous code and highlights recent updates to the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, specifically Chapters 5:70 and 5:71 of the Administrative Code.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14**

**BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

**TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY**

## **Concrete Parking Decks and Garages**

**Instructor:** Chief Brian Bennett, PhD

Concrete parking decks/garages are found in almost every jurisdiction as land becomes developed and the only option for parking cars is in vertical structures. This class will help you prepare for incidents in these structures by introducing you to the characteristics of concrete and concrete construction, the types of concrete construction, and the hazards associated with each. The components and techniques used to construct above ground and below ground concrete parking decks/garages and how they are assembled into the completed structure will be covered. The tactics used to fight horizontal and vertical fires in these structures will be reviewed, including the safety issues and case studies that involved fires and collapse in these structures.

**FRIDAY, MAY 1**

**BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## DFS Criminal Activity Awareness

**Instructors:** Steven Mulcahy, Special Agent, WMD Coordinator, Bennet Berkman, Field Intelligence Officer, NJ Division of Fire Safety, NJSFM, and Robert Clark, Fire Captain LFD (Ret.), Field Intelligence Officer (WMD/CBRNE) UCDPS

The purpose of this class is to recognize the hazards regarding criminal activity and terroristic acts while responding to incidents. Students will be able to recognize, report, and notify proper authorities. A three-module morning classroom will be conducted. After lunch, students will be broken up into groups of five and sent on mock incident scenarios. Training rooms have been up set up where role-players will act out illicit activities to test the students on what they learned in the morning classroom sessions. This class will dismiss at approximately 4 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** Education Facilities – UFC Inspections

**Instructor:** Andrew Fosina, Jr BS, CFPS, Fire Official, Hopewell Valley Bureau of Fire Safety

Fire Officials are under pressure to allow for untraditional locking and security measures in schools due to the history of violent attacks in schools. This course reviews relevant code sections and the intent of the code to ensure that fire code requirements and schools can have a level of security that balances this need with fire code compliance.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** Fire Investigation Job Performance Requirements (JPR's); From the Office to the Scene to the Courtroom

**Instructors:** Bob Disbrow, IAAI-CFI, Fire Captain/Investigator and Robert Seeburger, Battalion Chief Special Operations Command, (Ret.)

This class is designed for the fire investigation professional whose expertise spans the full spectrum of fire scene investigations. Students will identify the foundational principles from the textbook to analysis at the fire scene, and to be confident with fact-based testimony in the courtroom.

**MONDAY, APRIL 27**

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

**ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TACTICS****Fire Service Concerns for TV and Film Productions**

**Instructor: James A. Kirsch, MPA, EFO, Captain (Ret.)/Partner, Dominion  
Emergency Service Consultants**

With the increasing use of New Jersey for television and film production, any fire department or fire prevention bureau may have to deal with production companies operating in their jurisdiction. This is true whether the filming is taking place in a fixed set location that may be known, or if the media company only expects to have a short-term presence in their district. This course is designed to familiarize prevention and suppression personnel to the potential hazards they will face when filming companies are operating in their municipality.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**

**KEAN UNIVERSITY – DOWNS HALL**

**MONDAY, JUNE 8**

**MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**NEW Frontline Leadership Lessons Learned from a  
Mega-Warehouse Fire in Indiana**

**Instructor: National Fire Sprinkler Association**

The fire service faces increasing challenges fighting fires in the everchanging environment of Mega-Warehouse Storage Facilities. Model building codes permit these structures to be unlimited in area under certain conditions. Some large fulfillment centers are over 4 million square feet in size, and many are located in suburban and semi-rural areas with limited fire department response personnel and resources. The fire service generally receives very little detailed training for responding to fires in sprinklered structures, and even less for those involving these massive warehouses. There have been a number of recent fires which have identified these gaps which will be presented in this seminar. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's (NFFF) recently released report, "Incident Analysis, Mega-Warehouse Fire, March 15, 2022" of the 1.2 million square foot Walmart Distribution Warehouse Fire in Indiana, will be reviewed, along with lessons learned and firsthand accounts from chief officers who responded to this incident and managed to escape a "Mayday" incident while they were inside this massive structure.

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

**KEAN UNIVERSITY – DOWNS HALL**

## Fundamentals of Automatic Sprinkler and Standpipe Systems

**Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford**

This course will present timely and up to date material covering fundamental design and water supply requirements for automatic sprinkler and standpipe systems including when and why building fire pumps are required. The participants will be able to identify the various component parts of automatic sprinkler systems, standpipe systems and fire pumps. The importance of ensuring these fire protection systems are maintained in full service, while identifying common system impairments and violations which lead to these fire protection systems being out of service, will be reviewed throughout the course.

**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**MONDAY, JUNE 1**

**SUSSEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Fundamentals of Use Group Classifications and Occupancy Classifications

**Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford**

This course will present the requirements for Use Group Classifications in the NJ Uniform Fire Code, the NJ Uniform Construction Code, and the relationship between these two sets of codes. Additionally, the course will provide detailed information of the requirements of NFPA 13-2014-Standard for the Installation of Automatic Sprinkler Systems, Chapter 5 Classifications of Occupancies and Commodities, and the water supply requirements for various storage based occupancies detailed in Chapters 12 through 20. Participants will be able to interpret the information contained on old style and new style (NJ UCC) hydraulic data placards to be able to identify potential deficiencies in the building's automatic sprinkler system.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

**HUNTERDON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



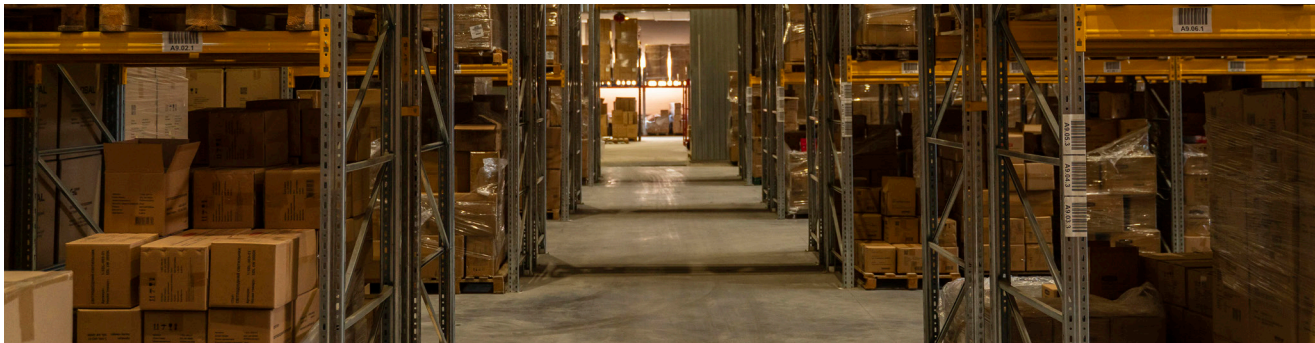
## Hazardous Materials–Bulk Storage to Big Box Stores

**Instructor:** Ronald E. Kanterman, Executive Chief Inspector, FDNY–Bureau of Fire Prevention

This class takes participants through the NJ/IFC code sections regarding the storage and use of hazardous materials from small local hardware stores to big box stores to bulk chemical facilities, refineries and tanks farms. Topics covered are marking and identification systems, Federal, State and local laws, national and industry standards, Safety Data Sheets, various chapters in the New Jersey edition of the IFC, bulk storage tanks, rail cars, tank trucks and common fire protection systems found in such facilities. A large amount of photos and videos compliment this class to aid in the student's understanding of the material.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**

**MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



## **NEW** HAZMAT for the Fire Inspector: Corrosive Materials and Cryogenic Fuels

**Instructor:** Chief Brian Bennett, PhD

Corrosive materials (acids and bases) and cryogenic fluids (liquified gases) are commonly found in all different types of occupancies. This class will provide an overview of these materials, including where they are found, their placards/labels, containers, hazards, and common uses. The 2024 IFC chapters that regulate these chapters (Chapters 54 and 55) will also be covered.

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW HAZMAT for the Fire Inspector: Lithium Batteries**

**Instructor: Chief Brian Bennett, PhD**

Lithium metal and Lithium-ion batteries are found everywhere in today's society. Lithium metal batteries are used to power common household items such as watches and clocks. Lithium-ion batteries are used to power items such as consumer electronic and mobility devices and electric vehicles. Fire Inspectors should be familiar with the types of lithium batteries and their associated hazards. This class will include information on the types of batteries, battery technology, battery configurations, recharging systems, storage systems, uses, thermal run away, and hazards. This class will cover the 2024 IFC Chapter 12 which covers lithium-ion battery storage systems.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

**MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **Healthcare Facilities Pre-Incident Planning/Fire Fighter Hazards**

**Instructor: Andrew Fosina, Jr BS, CFPS, Fire Official, Hopewell Valley Bureau of Fire Safety**

The course discusses the need to prepare preplanning documents. Using NFPA-1620 as a guide, we will discuss the required parts of a preplan, who should have access, and other requirements of the preplanning process for healthcare facilities. Common Hazards to Firefighters in healthcare facilities and the potential health and life safety issues associated with them.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**

**MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **Healthcare Facilities UFC Inspections**

**Instructor: Andrew Fosina, Jr. BS, CFPS, Fire Official, Hopewell Valley Bureau of Fire Safety**

The course will review the Uniform Fire Code and NJ IFC 2018 inspection requirements. Explore the role of the AHJ in this heavily regulated industry and other regulatory agencies.

**TUESDAY, MAY 19**

**SOMERSET COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## High-Rise Buildings: Understanding the Vertical Challenges

**Instructor:** Jack J. Murphy, Fire Marshal (Ret.)/Fmr. Leonia Deputy Chief and the New York City Fire/Life Safety Directors Association, Past Chairman

High-rise buildings have gone beyond our urban centers to small cities with big buildings, this course will review the NJ Uniform Fire/Building Codes which are impacting these tall buildings. Explore essential building guidelines to manage fire and all-hazard threats, understanding complex fire protection and building systems, emergency preparedness, TIPS evacuation modes and building intelligence for future battle plans.

**MONDAY, MARCH 30**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

**MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** Human Trafficking Awareness for Fire Service and EMS Providers

**Instructor:** BC Paul Kearns (Ret.), Lecturer and Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Emergency Services Administration, CUNY–John Jay College of Criminal Justice

This course, “Human Trafficking Awareness and Training for Fire and EMS,” prepares first responders to identify, respond to, and assist victims of human trafficking. Participants will learn to recognize the signs and indicators of trafficking, understand the various forms of exploitation, and appreciate the unique responsibilities of Fire and EMS personnel in these cases. The curriculum emphasizes trauma-informed communication, effective response protocols, and strategies to manage the emotional impact on both victims and responders. Special topics include increased trafficking risks during major events or disasters and the importance of collaboration with community organizations and multidisciplinary teams. Real-world examples and practical guidance equip attendees to develop and implement effective local training programs that enhance community safety and resilience.

**MONDAY, APRIL 13**

**BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** Inspection of Fuel Dispensing and Motor Vehicle Repair Facilities

**Instructor:** David T. Phelan, Consultant, Special Call, LLC

As required Life Hazard Use inspections, fuel dispensing and repair garages have been identified as containing numerous fire and environmental hazards. A systematic approach to these inspections will ensue that all required safety and prevention features are functional and being maintained in good working condition. Additionally, code officials need to be aware of equipment and activities which may have been introduced to the environment without the benefit of UCC approval and how to properly refer them for corrective action.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30**

**MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

### **CORE**

## Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Automatic Sprinkler Systems: NJIFC & NFPA 25

**Instructor:** Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford

***This class was previously presented as Inspection and Testing of Water Based Fire Protection Systems in two parts.***

The class will focus on the Inspection, Test and Maintenance (ITM) requirements of NFPA 25-17 including how to properly cite violations of NFPA 25. Automatic sprinkler systems are the most common of automatic suppression systems encountered during fire inspections. This class will focus on proper inspection and identification of violations and system impairments to ensure the automatic sprinkler system is able to function properly including requirements for wet-pipe systems, dry-pipe systems, fire department connections and building fire pumps. The 5-year ITM and obstruction investigation requirements are included. Case studies of violations/impairments from inspections will be presented. The class has been updated to reflect the 2017 Edition of NFPA 25 referenced by the 2018 NJIFC.

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

**TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY**

**MONDAY, MAY 18**

**MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **UPDATED** Managing Fireworks Displays and Special Effects for Entertainment Venues

**Instructor:** Ronald E. Kanterman, Executive Chief Inspector, FDNY–Bureau of Fire Prevention

Topics covered are: chemistry of pyrotechnics, required documentation, permits, site inspections, set-up, transportation, multi-agency involvement, the shot itself, post display operations, unified command operations, and more. This course takes the student through all phases of public fireworks displays from first notification to post display operations, through NFPA 1123 and the Uniform Fire Code. Part II of the day is a review of NFPA 1126 and fire code requirements for indoor special effects.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** Mega-Event (and Small Event) Safety & Security: Best Practices for NJ Fire Service and Emergency Management

**Instructors:** BC Paul Kearns (Ret.), Lecturer and Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Emergency Services Administration, CUNY–John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Chief Brian Higgins (Ret.) Lecturer John Jay College of Criminal Justice

A six-hour advanced seminar for New Jersey fire service responders, inspectors, instructors, and emergency managers. The course delivers specialized knowledge on life safety, code compliance, security risk assessment, and emergency response at large public events, emphasizing NJ-specific code requirements, ASIS and NFPA standards, operational planning, and global best practices. Real-world incidents and professional standards—including NFPA 1660 and ASIS guidelines—illustrate the critical importance of compliance and preparedness.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

**KEAN UNIVERSITY – DOWNS HALL**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**

**CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



## **NEW Mobile Fueling–The Complete Process; Permits, Site Plan Review, & Inspection**

**Instructor: David T. Phelan, Consultant, Special Call, LLC**

While some formats of mobile fuel dispensing have been code regulated for the last 25+ years the increasing roll-out of consumer and fleet mobile fueling will bring new obligations for code officials and enforcing agencies. The introduction of On-Demand mobile fueling in the 2018 IFC-NJ and the upcoming changes in the 2024 IFC-NJ mean fire code officials need to be up-to-date for these fueling operations. This program will look at the different models of mobile fueling, the requirements for each, and a systematic approach to permitting, site plan reviews, and performing mobile fuel delivery vehicle inspections.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

**MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

**TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NJIFC 2018 Chapter 9 Fire Protection System Requirements**

**Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford**

This class will present information based on the updated 2018 Edition of the NJIFC. The inspection and proper maintenance of all fire protection systems is a paramount concern for all fire inspectors. Information will be presented on the requirements for the fire protection systems and the updated referenced standards in the 2018 NJIFC. Inspection practices, reviewing inspection and test reports and citing violation of the code requirements will be part of the class. Proper enforcement procedures that are required when a fire protection system is impaired or out-of-service will be presented. Case studies of fire protection system violations and impairments will be presented to meet the lesson objectives. This class will ensure fire inspectors have updated information and a good understanding of the requirements of Chapter 9 Fire Protection Systems. An outline of the class is below.

**MONDAY, MARCH 30**

**MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

**CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TACTICS****NEW Prepare to Protect: Fire Department Operations in Emergency and Disaster Preparation**

**Instructor:** Paul Malool, CFPS, CEM

This course provides fire service professionals with a comprehensive overview of fire department roles, responsibilities, and best practices in preparing for natural and man-made emergencies. Emphasizing the importance of proactive planning, interagency coordination, and community risk reduction, this session explores how fire departments can effectively integrate into local emergency management frameworks. Topics include pre-incident planning, hazard assessment, resource readiness, continuity of operations, and the implementation of Incident Command System (ICS) principles.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

**BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**CORE****Principles of Modern Building Construction**

**Instructor:** Michael Scardino, Fire Chief/Fire Official (Ret.) Winslow Twp. Fire Department

Principles of Modern Construction is a *refresher* for the veteran firefighter/inspector, and a primer for the newest member. It is designed to create an appetite for future construction study, emphasizing both the vital importance and value of both aggressive preplanning and fire inspection. This course is continually updated to include and highlight cutting edge methods, materials, technologies, and trends. Not just your average five-hour CEU course, it truly offers something for every attendee to use, and apply.

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**

**PASSAIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

**OCEAN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TACTICS****NEW Response to Lithium Battery Emergencies**

Instructor: Chief Brian Bennett, PhD

Lithium batteries are found in all types of occupancies and all types of devices. This class will provide an overview of how batteries are constructed and function, the types of batteries used in various vehicles/devices, electrolytes, thermal runaway, stranded energy, as well as technical resources available to develop strategies and tactics to safely and successfully mitigate fire, rescue, and HAZMAT emergencies associated with batteries, battery energy storage systems, battery charging systems, and fuel cells.

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TACTICS****Solar Power; Strategy & Tactics for First Responders**

Instructor: Joseph Vallo, Battalion Chief (Ret), Jersey City Fire Department, Chief of Training, On The Job Fire-Rescue

This course is a Strategy and Tactics Fire Fighting and Rescue Operations program designed for understanding basic Solar Power engineering and to identify solar powered systems. The program is a comprehensive Strategy and Tactics seminar built by a Fire Fighter for Fire Fighters and all First Responders. ***The program is updated quarterly, and information is current to the Solar Industry and evolving Emergency Services incidents.*** Case Studies are used to engage students regarding actual solar incidents faced by First Responders. Case Studies are local incidents and those reviewed by the NFPA, Underwriters Laboratories and the National Fire Academy.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2**

**SUSSEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



## Street Smart Fire Inspections

**Instructors: Bob Disbrow, IAAI-CFI, Fire Captain/Investigator and Robert Seeburger, Battalion Chief Special Operations Command**

Street Smart Fire Inspections is a class designed for the working Fire Inspector and Fire Service personnel conducting In-Service fire inspections. This class will identify all aspects of a quality fire inspection. Students will review case studies and difficult violations. This class is a must for all fire service personnel.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

**SOMERSET COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

### **CORE**

## Subchapter 4: “Retro-fit Requirement” Where Are We Now?

**Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford**

The course will present select requirements of New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, Subchapter 4 – Fire Safety Code. Requirements that have been in effect for a number of years, as well as, recently adopted regulations including the code requirements for Carbon Monoxide alarms and published NJDFS bulletins regarding windowless basements and stories will be presented in detail. The course will review how to determine if violations of Sub-chapter 4 exist and how to achieve compliance with the applicable regulations. The Fire Code Variance process and the relationship between the NJ Uniform Fire Code and the NJ Uniform Construction Code also will be presented.

**FRIDAY, MAY 1**

**SOMERSET COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Understanding Fire Protection Systems: Warehouse & Big Box Retail Occupancies

**Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford**

The class will focus on the understanding and inspection of the fire protection systems in Big Box Retail and Warehouses. The class will include information from several NFPA Standards including the Classification of Occupancies, Commodity Classifications understanding the hydraulic data plate and the relationship to the fire code inspection. Included in the program will be the principles of and code requirements for Early Suppression Fast Response sprinkler systems. An overview of the storage related chapters and the requirements for idle pallet storage from NFPA 13 will be presented. The requirements of NFPA 25 for the inspection, testing and maintenance of building fire pumps will be presented. Case studies and a review of violations discovered in Big Box and Warehouse Occupancies are included in the class.

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

**OCEAN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TUESDAY, MAY 19**

**MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Wood Frame & Ordinary Construction Principles

**Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford**

Wood frame and ordinary constructed buildings pose significant challenges and risks for the fire service. This program will enhance the knowledge and understanding of the construction methods, materials, the fire spread and collapse potential of wood frame and ordinary constructed buildings. Case studies of fire incidents, case studies of buildings under construction and renovation will be presented throughout the program to illustrate the program objectives. The programs will also review how to develop and utilize differing forms of case studies including the use of NIOSH LODD reports to meet various teaching objectives relating to wood frame and ordinary construction.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 14**

**ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



## Drill Ground Instructor

Instructor: Michael J. Corbo, Director (Ret.) Atlantic County Fire Training Center

***This one day course is required for anyone wishing to obtain or renew a Drill Ground Instructor Certification issued by the Division of Fire Safety.*** The intent of this course is to ensure that instructors understand the safety issues and adopted NFPA Standards inherent in SCBA/Smokehouse and Live Burn firefighting training. The students will be provided with a basic understanding of identifying and correcting unsafe situations as they occur, and will review various safety concerns regarding drill ground instructional activities and student performance criteria.

CEU credit for the Drill Ground Instructor course will only count toward renewal of a Drill Ground Instructor certification, not a Fire Instructor I or II renewal.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

**FRIDAY, MAY 1**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10**

**TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY**

**BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

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## NJDFS Fire Service Certification Spring 2026

### T1 DFS Instructor Level 1 Certification Examination

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<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 6</b>	<b>9 A.M. TO 12 P.M.</b>	<b>MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY</b>

The 100-question exam evaluates concepts of instruction from IFSTA, 9th Edition Fire & Emergency Services Instructor Textbook. The minimum passing score for Instructor Level 1 Certification Examination is 70% correct.

### T2 DFS Instructor Level 2 Certification Examination

<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 4</b>	<b>9 A.M. TO 12 P.M.</b>	<b>BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY</b>
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 7</b>	<b>7 P.M. TO 10 P.M.</b>	<b>MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY</b>
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 6</b>	<b>9 A.M. TO 12 P.M.</b>	<b>MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY</b>

The 100-question exam evaluates more advanced concepts of instruction from IFSTA, 9th Edition Fire & Emergency Services Instructor Textbook. The minimum passing score for Instructor Level 2 Certification Examination is 70% correct.

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The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety announces that a NJ Fire Inspector Written Examination will be presented regionally. Below are listed the exam dates, locations and start times. The written exam has been created to meet the examination requirements contained in the NJ Uniform Fire Code for individuals to obtain a NJ Fire Inspector certification issued by the Division of Fire Safety. This exam will be an 'open book' exam and will permit an individual to bring the referenced Fire Inspector course textbooks/codebooks into the exam room to be referenced throughout the exam. IFSTA Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement – Eighth Edition, NJ Uniform Fire Code, IFC 2018 NJ Edition, IBC 2021 NJ Edition – Chapter 9, 10 and Index or entire book and a solar or battery operated calculator. The exam will present 75 questions. To pass this exam an individual must obtain a minimum passing score of 70% correct. The exam will be 3 hours in length. The examination will not be administered orally to any individual.

## FI DFS Fire Inspector Written Examination

<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 4</b>	<b>9 A.M. TO 12 P.M.</b>	<b>BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY</b>
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 7</b>	<b>7 P.M. TO 10 P.M.</b>	<b>MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY</b>
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The New Jersey Division of Fire Safety announces that a NJ Fire Official Written Examination will be presented regionally. Below are listed the exam dates, locations and start times. The written exam has been created to meet the examination requirements contained in the NJ Uniform Fire Code (5:70 & 5:71) for individuals to obtain a NJ Fire Official certification issued by the Division of Fire Safety. This exam will be an 'open book' exam and will permit an individual to bring the referenced Fire Official course textbooks/codebooks into the exam room to be referenced throughout the exam. Jones & Bartlett Learning – Principles of Fire Prevention – Fourth Edition, NJ Uniform Fire Code. The exam will present 60 questions. To pass this exam an individual must obtain a minimum passing score of 70% correct. The exam will be 3 hours in length. The examination will not be administered orally to any individual.

## FO DFS Fire Official Written Examination

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***Please check the address at the end of the brochure for each class.***

## **Basics of Fire Protection Systems (*Previously Basics of Fire Sprinklers and Fire Pumps*)**

**Instructor: Tom Kline, Owner, Fire University**

During this course, trainees will learn about the components and function of each type of fire sprinkler system and fire pump. As a result of this course, the student shall be able to describe various types of water-based, foam fire suppression systems and fire pumps and basic inspection and testing information for these systems. The first portion of the class will consist of classroom theory, with the second half consisting of practical training in the Fire University training lab.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

**FIRE UNIVERSITY**

## **Dry Pipe, Deluge and Pre-Action Systems**

**Instructor: Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering, Operations Manager**

This session is a mix of classroom and hands-on demonstrations that review the components and operation of the dry, pre-action, and deluge sprinkler systems. Fire detection systems will be reviewed, including how they interact with the pre-action and deluge systems.

Hands-on activities include tripping and resetting the dry pipe, pre-action, and deluge valves. NFPA 25 testing requirements for these systems will be reviewed and demonstrated.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

**CHUBB**

**MONDAY, APRIL 13**

**CHUBB**



## Fire Detection

**Instructor: Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering, Operations Manager**

This one-day training is a combination of classroom and hands-on demonstrations focusing on fire detection and alarm systems. Initiating devices, control units, notification devices, and inspection & testing of NFPA 72 are discussed. With live demonstrations, such as fire detection activation, learning requirements has never been more enjoyable.

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

**CHUBB**

**MONDAY, JUNE 1**

**CHUBB**

## Fire Pumps

**Instructor: Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering, Operations Manager**

This session is a mix of classroom and hands-on demonstrations that review automatic fire pumps including drivers, controllers, and various other components. Hands-on activities include annual fire pump test on the electric booster pump. Attendees will graph fire pump test data and learn how to evaluate fire pump performance. NFPA 25 testing requirements for fire pumps and controllers are reviewed and demonstrated.

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

**CHUBB**

**TUESDAY, MAY 19**

**CHUBB**

## Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Requirements for Fire Sprinkler Systems

*(Previously ITM Requirements for Fire Sprinkler Systems)*

**Instructor: John Jeffers, Instructor, Fire University**

Trainees will take an in-depth look at NFPA 25. Through this course, individuals will gain a refresher on the use of a codebook and how to apply the NFPA 25 code to their daily work. After completing this course, the trainee will be better prepared, from a legal obligation to a practical knowledge standpoint, to inspect and carry out their job in accordance with NFPA 25. The first half of the course will consist of classroom theory, with the second half consisting of practical training on fire sprinkler systems and fire pumps. All instruction and training will take place in the Fire University training lab.

**THURSDAY, MAY 14**

**FIRE UNIVERSITY**

## **NEW** Introduction to Fire Pumps and Dive into NFPA 20

**Instructor: Dale Scheetz, Training Coordinator, Sprinklerfitters Local 696**

This comprehensive course is designed to equip firefighters and fire inspectors with essential knowledge and skills related to fire pumps and the NFPA 20 standard. As crucial components of fire protection systems, fire pumps play a pivotal role in ensuring the effective delivery of water for firefighting purposes. This course will delve into the fundamentals of fire pump operation, maintenance, and compliance with NFPA 20 guidelines, offering participants a robust foundation for enhancing their proficiency in fire pump-related scenarios.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

**SPRINKLER FITTERS LOCAL UNION 696**

## Introduction to Fire Sprinkler Systems and NFPA 13E

**Instructor: David J. Davis, NFSA State Coordinator and Frank Ellis, NFSA State Coordinator**

This program strives to ensure department personnel are trained in proper firefighting techniques for buildings with activated sprinkler systems. Success depends on multiple factors, such as the type of system and the reason for activation. Prepare your crew with the most up-to-date information and procedures in these types of properties. Fire department officers, fire fighters, company officers, fire department instructors will benefit from procedures that are designed to assist in developing training programs and planning effective operations. Recommended practices are given for the adequate support and use of sprinkler and standpipe systems. **This is a half day class beginning at 8:30 a.m.**

**THURSDAY, MAY 28**

**MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Standpipe Systems

**Instructor: Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering, Operations Manager**

This one-day interactive training offers a mixture of classroom and hands-on live demonstrations bringing standpipe systems processes and exposures to life. NFPA 14, IBC and NFPA 25 will be discussed as well as installation and testing of standpipe systems. Learning is more engaging through live demonstrations; we invite you to learn more with our Risk Engineering instructors who are knowledgeable and offer interactive experiences.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5**

**CHUBB**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 11**

**CHUBB**

## **NEW** Warehouse Fire Protection

**Instructor:** Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering Center Project Team Lead

Engineering Center Project Team Lead

Warehouse Fire Protection discusses commodity classifications, warehouse storage arrangements, fire protection schemes, common hazards, and the importance of pre-planning with the Fire Department to ensure the safety of your business and employees and will include live streamed demonstrations.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**

**CHUBB**

**THURSDAY, MAY 28**

**CHUBB**

### **CORE**

## Water Supplies and Sprinkler Systems

**Instructor:** Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering, Operations Manager

This session is a mix of classroom and hands-on demonstrations reviewing the various water supplies that exist for fire protection systems including suction, pressure, gravity tanks, fire pumps, and more. The training reviews the various components of automatic sprinkler systems, as well as the wet pipe sprinkler system. Hands-on activities include water supply testing, analysis of test results, fire protection control valve inspection, and live fire with sprinkler activation. NFPA 25 testing requirements for wet pipe and control valves are reviewed and demonstrated.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

**CHUBB**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

**CHUBB**

## **NEW** Ashes to Answers: The Fire Department's Investigative Impact

**Instructor:** Captain Ryan Dullea, CFI CPM MAS, Westfield Fire Department

This comprehensive fire investigation course is designed to educate fire service personnel, law enforcement, and related professionals on the critical principles, practices, and responsibilities involved in determining the origin and cause of fires. Participants will explore the fundamentals of fire behavior, fire dynamics, investigative techniques, evidence preservation, legal considerations, and interagency coordination.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

**MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** Balancing Flames and HR Frames: A Comprehensive Approach to Risk Management in the Fire Service

**Instructor:** Chief Brian Foley, Exit 8 Fire Training

Explore the intricate intersection of risk management and human resources within the dynamic world of the fire service. This course offers a comprehensive perspective on the strategies and practices that safeguard both the safety of firefighters and the well-being of the organization.

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



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**TACTICS****NEW Battery Power & Energy Storage Systems  
Awareness & Operations for First Responders**

**Instructor:** Joseph Vallo, Battalion Chief (Ret.), Jersey City Fire Department, Chief of Training, On The Job Fire-Rescue

"Battery Power and Energy Storage Systems; Awareness and Operations for 1st Responders" is a comprehensive program that details battery types and engineering on an awareness level to describe the various types of batteries threatening Fire Fighters today. Energy Storage Systems have a multitude of challenges that are addressed such as power sources and delivery, building types and locations along with threats involving working fire and non-fire incidents. Strategy and Tactics are addressed to assist in safe operations in these evolving incidents offering Fire Fighters and Officers a greater way to manage emergency incidents involving devices. This program evolves from and is a compulsory addition to the program "SOLAR POWER; Strategy & Tactics for 1st Responders" as an essential look into the evolving hazards within the Fire Service.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

**MONDAY, MAY 4**

**TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY**

**PASSAIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TACTICS****NEW Battle-Ready Suburban Engine Company  
Operations**

**Instructor:** John Hueston, Jr., Director of the Middletown Twp. Fire Academy and Instructor at the Monmouth County Fire Academy

The program's objective is to provide students with ideas and techniques to enhance engine company operations in the suburban setting. The techniques presented take into consideration modern building construction, today's fire apparatus, equipment, and realistic staffing expectations. It also covers apparatus positioning, water supply, engine company assignments, hose-line selecting, stretching and placement, standpipe operations, initial master stream operations, and uncommon operations.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

**SOMERSET COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



**NEW Beyond the Theory: A Kitchen Table Approach to Leadership**

**Instructor: Nelson W. Wiest, CPM, Fire Chief (Ret.)**

Leadership isn't confined to textbooks, rank insignias, or formal training rooms—it's built in real conversations, daily decisions, and the shared experiences that shape our teams. Beyond the Theory: A Kitchen Table Approach to Leadership invites participants into an open, honest dialogue about what leadership truly looks like in practice. Using the familiar "kitchen table" setting as a metaphor for candid discussion, this program explores both the strengths and the pitfalls of leadership. Participants will examine real-world scenarios, reflect on their own behaviors, and discuss the challenges faced in guiding others—whether formally or informally. This session emphasizes that there is no single, one-size-fits-all formula for effective leadership. Instead, every person, regardless of rank or role, has the capacity to lead through their actions, attitude, and influence. Through interactive conversation and self-reflection, attendees will leave with a deeper understanding of their personal leadership style and practical insights they can apply immediately in their everyday environment.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

**OCEAN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4**

**MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**NEW Building (or Rebuilding) a World-Class Fire Force: Leadership Planning to Get Points on the Board FAST!**

**Instructor: Brian J. Valentino, MPA, CEAS, ICMA-CM, FF2, FO1, FI2, FI, CEO/ED, Western Monmouth Utilities Authority, Chief, Western Monmouth Special Operations, Treasurer, New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association**

This course equips fire service leaders with the skills and strategies to build or revitalize fire departments, fire companies, and other fire service agencies. By addressing strategic planning, leadership, recruitment, retention, community engagement, and Community Risk Reduction (CRR) strategies, participants gain actionable tools to lead their organizations effectively right out of the box. Participants will leave this course with an actionable list of priorities designed to get positive momentum and early buy-in from political leadership, unit officers and members, and agency partners—and develop a reputation for "getting things done fast."

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

**PASSAIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** Building Challenges on Today's Fireground

**Instructor:** Chief Christopher J. Naum, SFPE, Chief of Training, Command Institute, Center for Fireground Leadership, Technical Consultant: NIOSH Firefighter Fatality LODD Investigation Program, Fireground Command Consultant & Firefighter LODD Event Investigator

Building and Occupancy risks continue to present increasing operational challenges on today's fireground in all settings; from rural, suburban to the densely-populated and distinctive urban-metro response district. The building and its occupancy use-risks are central to and pivotal of all fireground operations and continue to evolve at a rapid pace that challenges conventional fireground tactical and command methodologies and time-proven practices. Age, deterioration, building and occupancy changes; renovations, alternations and conversions, evolving and varied methods & materials of construction (MMC), hybrid building construction-typing, wide-ranging use of engineered structural systems, escalating structural compromise & collapse characteristics affecting building integrity and the diverse presence of fire dynamics within new and old structures alike, impose critical operational demands to companies, officers and commanders.

This program probes into legacy and new emerging building types to identify key predictability of performance considerations resulting in varied or diminished tactical operational windows across a wide spectrum of settings; inherent challenges to building integrity under fire, operations and decision-making considerations to increase operational effectiveness and ensure inherent or introduced critical building factors are identified, assessed and measured throughout the incident.

The program will address emerging issues affecting the implementation of new methods & materials of construction, design and construction trends in the following building types; Today's Main Street Taxpayers, the evolving Rowhouse, Mini to Mega Mansions in the rural-metro settings, Hybrid Commercial Buildings & Small-Foot print Commercial-Retail, Repurposed Factory and Type IV Heavy Timber Buildings, Abandoned, Derelict and Occupied Derelict Building Challenges and the challenges from the rapid insertion and build-outs of Mixed-use Podium, Mass-Timber-Cross Laminate Timber Buildings in varied areas and settings across New Jersey and Insights on New Building Types on the Horizon. This program has applications for all ranks; however, company and command fire officers would benefit the most.

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

**BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Command Decision Making; A Safety Perspective

**Instructors:** Ronald E. Kanterman, Executive Chief Inspector, FDNY–Bureau of Fire Prevention

This workshop takes an in-depth look at basic fireground safety concepts and creating a safety mindset, starting at the firehouse and leading to the battle ground. The main emphasis is on fire ground operations and decision making, in terms of go/no-go, when to evacuate, survivability profiling, FAST/RIT/RIC, reading buildings, changing tactics mid-stream and command and control. Scenarios and class exercises are based on live action case histories (photos and videos).

**FRIDAY, MAY 1**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Company Drills in Acquired Structures Without Using Fire

**Instructor:** James A. Kirsch, MPA, EFO, Captain (Ret.) / Partner, Dominion Emergency Service Consultants

This program deals with how to properly inspect, and then train in acquired buildings using non-fire scenarios. The course also discusses the role of using NFPA 1403 as an assistance document, as well as local considerations when using these structures. Also discussed is the vital step of acquiring the proper paperwork that allows your department to operate in such buildings. Drills for engine and ladder companies, rapid intervention teams, self-rescue, and other training scenarios that can be set up in donated homes, multiple dwellings, and commercial occupancies are covered.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **TACTICS**

### **Confronting the Common Enemy: Fire Suppression Operations in Private Dwellings**

**Instructors:** Robert G. Moran, Fire Chief, (Ret.) Brewster, MA Fire/Rescue, Fire Chief (Ret.) City of Englewood, NJ and John J. Lewis, Lieutenant (Ret.) City of Passaic FD and Bergen County Fire Academy

The most common and hazardous fire related responses involve fires in Private Dwellings. To ensure the safety of firefighters operating at these incidents and achieve the goal of applying a coordinated and safe fire suppression attack, Chief and Company Officers and firefighters sitting in the officer seat must be structured to initiate rapid and effective strategy and tactics on arrival. To provide firefighters and officers with the operational knowledge and skills required to develop and implement an effective incident action plan this program will discuss the many variables to be considered when executing successful fire suppression operations in private dwellings. Topics to be covered include Construction and dwelling style types, size-up, typical hazards, safety, accountability, forcible entry, search techniques, ventilation, and fire attack methods. The program will also include interactive group sessions utilizing first due video and photos where the attendees will have the opportunity to assume command, formulate an initial action plan, and implement their chosen strategy and tactics.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



## **NEW** Emergency Incident Media Coverage

**Instructor:** Dr. Robert S. Fleming, Professor, Rohrer College of Business, Rowan University

This course is designed to prepare fire and emergency service professionals to successfully contribute to media coverage of emergency incidents that fully meets and ideally exceeds stakeholder expectations that media coverage be delivered in a timely, accurate, credible, complete, and professional manner. The course has been designed and will be delivered in a manner that contributes to the development of knowledge, skills, and confidence as fire and emergency service personnel work with the media to bring informative reporting to the public and other stakeholders of the coverage of fire and emergency incidents. The course is designed for fire and emergency service personnel who may be called upon, both on and off emergency incident scenes, to contribute to media coverage that is both informative and persuasive.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28**

**ZOOM – FULL DAY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 28**

**ZOOM – FULL DAY**

## **TACTICS**

### **Fight the Fire, Not the Building**

**Instructors:** Ronald E. Kanterman, Executive Inspector, FDNY–Bureau of Fire Prevention

Work smarter not harder. Commercial buildings present many challenges during a fire fight but knowing what they have to offer will make your job easier and safer. This class reviews and discusses the built-in active and passive fire protection systems that make up the building's fire and life safety system and gives the participants an understanding of the basic workings of said systems. Upon completion, participants will be able to return to their departments and look at commercial buildings and other target hazards in their first due response district and make changes in strategy and tactics and on pre-fire and battle plans. *Firefighter safety is emphasized throughout the workshop.*

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

**BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



## TACTICS

### **NEW** Fire Departments Responsibilities at Incendiary Fires

**Instructors:** Bob Disbrow, IAAI-CFI, Fire Captain/Investigator and Robert Seeburger, Battalion Chief Special Operations Command, (Ret.)

The Fire Officer's and Firefighter's responsibilities at the fire scene is critical. The actions taken by the officers and the members of the fire suppression companies can either help or hinder the fire investigation. Topics include: Fire Officer roles and responsibilities, evidence protection, fire scene overhaul, fire pattern identification, fire causes, incendiary device identification, fatal fires, report narrative and how not to compromise a fire scene.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

**MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## TACTICS

### **NEW** Fireground Strategies: Size-Up for Suppression, Survivability and Stabilization

**Instructor:** Captain Mike Daley – CTO; FO; MIFireE

Firefighters, Fire Officers, Fire Instructors, and Fire Investigators all share one common characteristic: the need for strong competency in Fire Behavior, Building Construction and Fireground Operations. NIOSH has identified that the lack of Standard Operational Guidelines or the inability to follow Guidelines are a significant factor in Line of Duty Deaths. Departments need to be able to develop and utilize SOP's that are relevant to the science and best accepted practices regarding today's Fire Behavior as identified in the current version of NFPA 1700 – Guide to Structural Firefighting. Decisions and actions taken are dependent on the characteristics of the building involved in the incident, which will be addressed during the presentation.

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

**SUSSEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## TACTICS

### **NEW** Five Minutes to Win: Decision Making In Dynamic Conditions

**Instructor:** Captain Ryan Dullea, CFI CPM MAS, Westfield Fire Department

Five Minutes to Win: Decision-Making in Dynamic Conditions is an advanced fireground leadership program designed to improve rapid, high-pressure decision-making during the most critical window of an incident. The course blends human-performance science, stress physiology, size-up fundamentals, and tactical principles to help firefighters and company officers operate with clarity under uncertainty. Participants will learn how to manage stress, avoid common operational pitfalls, and apply modern decision-making. Real-world fireground examples, smoke-reading cues, and leadership behaviors provide immediately applicable skills that enhance safety, coordination, and confidence on the fireground.

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

**OCEAN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

### **NEW** From Exposure to Action: Preventing Firefighter Cancer

**Instructor:** Brian Crimmins, NJ Career Fire Chiefs Association

Cancer is a leading cause of death among firefighters. Our careers expose us to a wide range of carcinogens such as the byproducts of combustion, PFAS, diesel exhaust, asbestos, and even circadian rhythm disruption from shift work. This course aims to empower firefighters to take charge of their own health and equip fire officers with the tools to foster healthier, more resilient departments. It explores the reasons that cancer rates in the fire service exceed those of the general population, outlines available resources for early detection, and promotes evidence-based diet and lifestyle strategies to increase both health span and life span.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

**MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

**ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** From the Office to the Street: The Fire Chief's Playbook to Success

**Instructor: Robert G. Moran, Fire Chief, (Ret.) Brewster, MA Fire/Rescue, Fire Chief (Ret.) City of Englewood, NJ**

Chief Officers live in dynamic, unpredictable, stressful, and high stakes environments that require exceptional decision-making, elevated levels of emotional intelligence, civic awareness, excellent communication skills, and proficient command and control of emergency incidents. The demands of the position require socially adept, resilient individuals with strong leadership abilities capable of driving their organizations, people, and communities to long-term success in the public safety world. It takes focus, hard work and effort, purpose, commitment, and excellent people skills to become someone who others can trust to lead them into battle, protect them outside of the fire scene, and offer empathy and direction when needed.

This interactive program is designed to provide both current and aspiring Fire Chiefs with a detailed real-world look at the multiple roles, responsibilities, tasks, and challenges associated with the modern-day position of Chief of Department. Using over thirty years of experience as Chief of Department in volunteer, combination, and career fire departments, the instructor will establish a collaborative learning environment that focuses on peer-to-peer discussions, scenarios, and practical exercises where attendees will acquire effective tips for success, exchange information, examine complex topics, and develop best practice solutions to the daily challenges they face. A sample of the topics to be explored include New Jersey budgeting, fireground command, and training mandates, retention, recruitment, leadership, training, discipline, strategic planning, and community risk reduction. Attending this no-nonsense, "throw out the book", experience driven training session will provide you with the strategies, tactics, tools, and insight necessary to drive your office and organization to sustained operational and administrative success. Don't miss the opportunity.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

**PASSAIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** Leadership for the Fire and Emergency Services

**Instructor: Chief Brian Foley, Director, National Volunteer Fire Council**

Quality leadership is essential for the fire and emergency services to accomplish the mission, improve member satisfaction, and best serve the community. This course examines leadership styles, qualities, ethics, and best practices to help your department function at a high level and avoid fire and emergency services leadership pitfalls. Retention research will also be discussed to help leaders understand retention concerns and identify solutions.

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

**MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** Modern Fire Training: Implementing NFPA 1700 Skills into NFPA 1400 Practices

**Instructor: Captain Mike Daley – CTO; FO; MIFireE**

Firefighters, Fire Officers, Fire Instructors, and Fire Investigators all share one common characteristic: the need for a strong competency in Fire Behavior. When it comes to Fire Behavior, modern fuels and building construction influences are two concerns when developing an action plan for suppression, based upon the clues on scene. With recent data from multiple organizations that are providing scientific direction for suppression and coordinated operations, it has become critical to update the training and delivery of modern firefighting practices and methods. An excellent method of performing this is to utilize accurate and efficient resource materials, such as NFPA 1700, Guide for Structural Firefighting, and NFPA 1400, Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, in combination to lay the foundation for successful training that can lead to success on the fireground.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

**CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

### **TACTICS**

## **UPDATED** Operating in Chaos: Managing the Stress of Mayday on the Fireground (Previously Managing the Mayday)

**Instructors: Bob Disbrow, IAAI-CFI, Fire Captain/Investigator and Robert Seeburger, Battalion Chief Special Operations Command, (Ret.)**

This dynamic and interactive lecture is focused on firefighter survival, rapid intervention, and command-level preparedness during Mayday incidents. The lecture brings the Mayday event to the forefront of fire service operations and culture, emphasizing the extreme stressors placed on all levels of personnel when a firefighter is lost, trapped, or in distress.

Fireground Maydays represent some of the most intense and emotionally charged moments in a firefighter's career—both for the individual in crisis and for those tasked with response, rescue, and command. This session explores the psychological, emotional, and tactical stress experienced by Firefighters, Company Officers, and Chief Officers, and provides practical strategies to manage those stressors while maintaining operational effectiveness.

Through real-world case studies, fireground simulations, and current best practices, attendees are challenged to assess their own readiness—not just technically, but mentally, emotionally, and as leaders.

**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Preventing Firefighter Training Injuries

**Instructor:** James A. Kirsch, MPA, EFO, Captain (Ret.) / Partner, Dominion  
Emergency Service Consultants

This course will review statistics, case studies, and personal experiences to bring an awareness to fire service instructors of the problem of firefighter injuries and deaths during training. Data from fire service organizations will be presented to show that firefighter injuries during training evolutions are not falling, even though firefighter injuries during emergency operations have declined. Injury prevention recognition during hand-on training from the point of view of the certified instructor, company officer, and department training officer will be discussed. Additionally, the role of the department safety officer in injury prevention during training exercises will be reviewed. The course will also discuss the need for instructors to review lesson plans with an eye towards hazard recognition that may lead to a firefighter injury while creating a safer environment that allows for completion of training scenarios.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

**MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Seeing the Elephant: A Fire Chief's Guide to Performing Under Stress

**Instructor:** Thomas Dunne, Deputy Chief, New York City Fire Dept.

This class is designed to help you function safely and effectively in a stressful environment. It is based on lessons learned from many years of managing fire and emergency operations with the New York City Fire Department. Channelized attention, task saturation, communication issues, social influences, and other factors that negatively affect the decision-making process will be analyzed. Learn the tools that allow you to refocus from disabling fear to positive action in any challenging situation.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**

**MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



## **NEW** Shaping Today's and Tomorrow's Fire Service Leaders

**Instructor:** John Hayowyk Jr. Battalion Chief City of Passaic FD (Ret.) / Instructor Sussex County Fire Academy / NFFF Lead Advocate

This class features scenario-based discussions and interactive sessions designed to strengthen your learning. You'll be challenged to make decisions based on provided information and visual cues, mirroring real-world incident demands. Additionally, attendees will learn the profound importance of clear communication and strategic anticipation in setting their incidents up for success.

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

**MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

### **TACTICS**

## Strategies and Tactics: Command Size-up and Scene Reporting

**Instructor:** Anthony Avillo, Deputy Chief (Ret.) North Hudson Regional Fire & Rescue

This course covers the 13 points of size up and how they relate to the fire ground as well as their relationship to scene reporting, especially the arrival report. Specific examples of size up concerns and their strategic impact will be discussed in great detail. Further discussed will be the tactics that are required to meet the challenge of specific size up concerns. Case study and rules of thumb will be discussed in regard to issues concerning command and operating personnel. The second part of the course will cover scene reporting and like the first part, interactive discussion and student-generated reports based on report templates will provide the student with a linear path to a solid radio report and not only provide them with what to say but what to listen for. Confidence on the radio is one of the goals of this course and blends a solid and comprehensive size up with a template aimed at the successful use of that information.

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

**CAPE MAY COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TACTICS****The Dangers Lurking Below**

**Instructor s: Robert G. Moran, Fire Chief, (Ret.) Brewster, MA Fire/Rescue, Fire Chief (Ret.) City of Englewood, NJ and John J. Lewis, Lieutenant (Ret.) City of Passaic FD and Bergen County Fire Academy**

Fires in below grade areas are unlike any other fire to which we respond. The numerous dangers associated with advancing hoselines into these confined spaces while companies operate on the floors above have been linked to multiple firefighter fatalities, injuries, and RIC deployments over the past few years. Valuable information from recent scientific studies by UL and NIST have pointed to intensified heat release rates, increased use of lightweight wood construction, wind driven fires, improper fire suppression tactics, a lack of adequate ventilation, and inadequate water flow (GPM) as potential factors contributing to this rise in fatalities, injuries, and RIC operations. To enhance the ability of firefighters to safely and effectively implement an appropriate incident action plan at these incidents this program will provide an interactive review of these studies to ensure the attendees recognize and embrace the critical importance this new information has had on the preferred suppression methods at below grade fires. In addition, the instructors will also discuss the numerous hazards that will be found in both residential and commercial basement fires while delivering a variety of exceptional information on developing and applying safe and effective fireground strategy and tactics at these incidents. Topics to be covered include incident management, size-up, search, ventilation, attack line selection and advancement, pre and post control overhaul, FF safety, and rapid intervention. Several case studies of floor collapse(s), firefighter maydays, and firefighter disorientation events that have occurred at recent basement fires will also be presented and discussed. "It's in the basement" are four words that should make every firefighter immediately rethink how these below grade fires should be approached. This program is designed to communicate the knowledge, skills, abilities, and confidence required to address these unique and dangerous incidents.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17****SOMERSET COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** The Fire Officer Blueprint

**Instructor:** John Sahatjian, Former Fire Chief, IAAI CFI, Bob Disbrow, Captain (Ret.), IAAI CFI

The Fire Officer Blueprint cuts through the noise and focuses on what truly matters: leading people, running calls effectively, training a department, and earning respect. This program blends real case studies, NIOSH findings, and proven leadership principles to develop confident, competent, and credible officers. If you want to elevate your performance — and your department — this course gives you the roadmap.

**MONDAY, MAY 18**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **TACTICS**

## Think Like an Incident Commander

**Instructor:** Thomas Dunne, Deputy Chief, New York City Fire Dept.

What is an incident commander seeing, thinking, and feeling when he supervises a fire operation? Tactics may vary at various incidents but the one constant is the incident commander's thought process. How is his view of a fire different and how can his perspective make you a more effective firefighter? This lecture illustrates key points in preparation, size up, fire ground decision making, command, and communications. Through the use of case studies, photos, and videos, students are presented with the challenges inherent with rapid emergency decision making and are offered tools to help them function safely and effectively. This course is relevant for chiefs and company officers, however the concepts developed are also vital for firefighters of all ranks. A chief, company officer, or firefighter who has the ability to think like an incident commander is better prepared to make confident and effective decisions on the fireground.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

**PASSAIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TACTICS****NEW Understanding Fire Dynamics: Ensuring Safety During Hostile Fire Events**

**Instructor:** Battalion Chief Daniel Arroyo, Chief of Training

This course provides a comprehensive understanding of fire dynamics and the factors that influence combustion and flame behavior on the fireground. Participants will explore the science behind fire development, spread, and extinguishment, as well as the challenges of hostile fire events. Through theoretical knowledge and practical case studies, students will learn to assess risks, develop strategic responses to fire incidents, and enhance safety concerning hostile fire events. While we cannot always prevent a hostile fire event from occurring, this training will help ensure that you do not become part of the event.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

**SOMERSET COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TUESDAY, MAY 12**

**TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY**

**NEW Uses of AI and LLMs in Fire, Emergency Services, and Emergency Management**

**Instructor:** BC Paul Kearns (Ret.), Lecturer and Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Emergency Services Administration, CUNY–John Jay College of Criminal Justice

This six-hour course explores how artificial intelligence (AI) and large language models (LLMs) are transforming fire, EMS, and emergency management. Participants will learn foundational AI concepts, examine real-world applications in emergency response and community risk reduction, and gain hands-on experience generating effective prompts for AI tools. The course also addresses ethical and operational challenges, preparing professionals to leverage these technologies responsibly and effectively. *Students are encouraged to bring either a laptop or tablet to class.*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TACTICS****NEW Utilizing Division Supervisors within ICS:  
Enhancing Task-Level Supervision**

**Instructor: Patrick Wirkus, Battalion Chief, CFO, MIFireE**

This course introduces a tactical framework for embedding fire officers into division supervisor roles to address gaps in task-level supervision on the fireground. Participants will explore how this decentralized model reduces span-of-control issues, enhances operational coordination, and improves firefighter safety. Grounded in real-world implementation and aligned with NFPA 1550 and 1710 the course covers command presence, radio discipline, accountability, tactical coordination, and the use of thermal imaging. Case studies include complex incidents in legacy construction and lithium-ion battery fires. Whether you're a chief officer, aspiring chief officer, or a company officer functioning in a command capacity, this course delivers actionable strategies for improving fireground performance through embedded supervision.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

**BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**NEW Volunteer Fire Service Culture: Essential  
Strategies for Success**

**Instructor: Chief Brian Foley, Director, National Volunteer Fire Council**

The NVFC published the textbook Volunteer Fire Service Culture – Essential Strategies for Success as a guide to fire service leaders who desire to change their department's culture and attitude towards personal health and safety. This training delves into key points from the guide to reinforce the need for change and provide a roadmap to improve the health and safety of volunteer fire and EMS responders.

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



## **NEW** Above Ground Storage Tanks and Terminals – Inspections and Emergencies

**Instructors:** Brendan Rhodes Chief Middlesex County US&R /Chairman UASI Metro Strike Team /Task Force Leader / FEMA NJTF-1 and Nicholas Rhodes, Industrial Engineer, Kinder Morgan Liquid Terminal, Carteret NJ

This course is designed to prepare fire inspectors knowledge and understanding of AST's construction, erection, installation of emergency systems and response objectives.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** Ashes to Answers: The Fire Department's Investigative Impact

**Instructor:** Captain Ryan Dullea, CFI CPM MAS, Westfield Fire Department

This comprehensive fire investigation course is designed to educate fire service personnel, law enforcement, and relate professionals on the critical principles, practices, and responsibilities involved in determining the origin and cause of fires. Participants will explore the fundamentals of fire behavior, fire dynamics, investigative techniques, evidence preservation, legal considerations, and interagency coordination.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

**MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **Basics of Fire Protection Systems**

*(Previously – Basics of Fire Sprinklers and Fire Pumps)*

**Instructor:** Tom Kline, Owner, Fire University

During this course, trainees will learn about the components and function of each type of fire sprinkler system and fire pump. As a result of this course, the student shall be able to describe various types of water-based, foam fire suppression systems and fire pumps and basic inspection and testing information for these systems. The first portion of the class will consist of classroom theory, with the second half consisting of practical training in the Fire University training lab.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**

**FIRE UNIVERSITY**

**TACTICS****NEW Battery Power & Energy Storage Systems Awareness & Operations for First Responders**

**Instructor: Joseph Vallo, Battalion Chief (Ret.), Jersey City Fire Department, Chief of Training, On The Job Fire-Rescue**

"Battery Power and Energy Storage Systems; Awareness and Operations for 1st Responders" is a comprehensive program that details battery types and engineering on an awareness level to describe the various types of batteries threatening Fire Fighters today. Energy Storage Systems have a multitude of challenges that are addressed such as power sources and delivery, building types and locations along with threats involving working fire and non-fire incidents. Strategy and Tactics are addressed to assist in safe operations in these evolving incidents offering Fire Fighters and Officers a greater way to manage emergency incidents involving devices. This program evolves from and is a compulsory addition to the program "SOLAR POWER; Strategy & Tactics for 1st Responders" as an essential look into the evolving hazards within the Fire Service.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

**TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY**

**MONDAY, MAY 4**

**PASSAIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**Community Risk Reduction: Integrating Our Efforts**

**Instructor: Lt. Michael O. McLeieer (Ret.)**

This course is intended to familiarize fire operations personnel with the concepts of community risk reduction, stressing their importance in today's tough economic times. It is more important than ever for the fire service to seek innovative mitigation strategies to manage call volume and improve firefighter and public safety. This course was created by Vision 20/20, a project of the Institution of Fire Engineers, USA in cooperation with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the National Fire Academy. The goal of this course is to provide national strategies to be utilized at the local level for fire loss prevention.

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

**ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW DFS Criminal Activity Awareness**

**Instructors:** Steven Mulcahy, Special Agent, WMD Coordinator, Bennet Berkman, Field Intelligence Officer, NJ Division of Fire Safety, NJSFM, and Robert Clark, Fire Captain LFD (Ret.), Field Intelligence Officer (WMD/CBRNE) UCDPS

The purpose of this class is to recognize the hazards regarding criminal activity and terroristic acts while responding to incidents. Students will be able to recognize, report, and notify proper authorities. A three-module morning classroom will be conducted. After lunch, students will be broken up into groups of five and sent on mock incident scenarios. Training rooms have been set up where role-players will act out illicit activities to test the students on what they learned in the morning classroom sessions. This class will dismiss at approximately 4 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW Dry Pipe, Deluge and Pre-Action Systems**

**Instructor:** Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering Center Project Team Lead

This session is a mix of classroom and hands-on demonstrations that review the components and operation of the dry, pre-action, and deluge sprinkler systems. Fire detection systems will be reviewed, including how they interact with the pre-action and deluge systems.

Hands-on activities include tripping and resetting the dry pipe, pre-action, and deluge valves. NFPA 25 testing requirements for these systems will be reviewed and demonstrated.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

**CHUBB**

**MONDAY, APRIL 13**

**CHUBB**

## Fire Detection

**Instructors:** Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering, Operations Manager

This one-day training is a combination of classroom and hands-on demonstrations focusing on fire detection and alarm systems. Initiating devices, control units, notification devices, and inspection & testing of NFPA 72 are discussed. With live demonstrations, such as fire detection activation, learning requirements has never been more enjoyable.

**THURSDAY, MAY 21**

**CHUBB**

**MONDAY, JUNE 1**

**CHUBB**

## **NEW** Fire Investigation Job Performance Requirements (JPR's). *From the Office to the Scene to the Courtroom*

**Instructors:** Bob Disbrow, IAAI-CFI, Fire Captain/Investigator and Robert Seeburger, Battalion Chief Special Operations Command, (Ret.)

This class is designed for the fire investigation professional whose expertise spans the full spectrum of fire scene investigations. Students will identify the foundational principles from the textbook to analysis at the fire scene, and to be confident with fact-based testimony in the courtroom.

**MONDAY, APRIL 27**

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

**ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Fire Pumps

**Instructor:** Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering Center Project Team Lead

This session is a mix of classroom and hands-on demonstrations that review automatic fire pumps including drivers, controllers, and various other components. Hands-on activities include annual fire pump test on the electric booster pump. Attendees will graph fire pump test data and learn how to evaluate fire pump performance. NFPA 25 testing requirements for fire pumps and controllers are reviewed and demonstrated

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

**CHUBB**

**TUESDAY, MAY 19**

**CHUBB**

**TACTICS****Fireground Strategies: Size-Up for Suppression, Survivability and Stabilization**

**Instructor: Captain Mike Daley – CTO; FO; MIFireE**

Firefighters, Fire Officers, Fire Instructors, and Fire Investigators all share one common characteristic: the need for strong competency in Fire Behavior, Building Construction and Fireground Operations. NIOSH has identified that the lack of Standard Operational Guidelines or the inability to follow Guidelines are a significant factor in Line of Duty Deaths. Departments need to be able to develop and utilize SOP's that are relevant to the science and best accepted practices regarding today's Fire Behavior as identified in the current version of NFPA 1700 – Guide to Structural Firefighting. Decisions and actions taken are dependent on the characteristics of the building involved in the incident, which will be addressed during the presentation.

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

**SUSSEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**NEW Frontline Leadership Lessons Learned from a Mega-Warehouse Fire in Indiana**

**Instructor: National Fire Sprinkler Association**

The fire service faces increasing challenges fighting fires in the everchanging environment of Mega-Warehouse Storage Facilities. Model building codes permit these structures to be unlimited in area under certain conditions. Some large fulfillment centers are over 4 million square feet in size, and many are located in suburban and semi-rural areas with limited fire department response personnel and resources. The fire service generally receives very little detailed training for responding to fires in sprinklered structures, and even less for those involving these massive warehouses. There have been a number of recent fires which have identified these gaps which will be presented in this seminar. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's (NFFF) recently released report, "Incident Analysis, Mega-Warehouse Fire, March 15, 2022" of the 1.2 million square foot Walmart Distribution Warehouse Fire in Indiana, will be reviewed, along with lessons learned and firsthand accounts from chief officers who responded to this incident and managed to escape a "Mayday" incident while they were inside this massive structure.

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

**KEAN UNIVERSITY – DOWNS HALL**



## Fundamentals of Automatic Sprinkler and Standpipe Systems

**Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford**

This course will present timely and up to date material covering fundamental design and water supply requirements for automatic sprinkler and standpipe systems including when and why building fire pumps are required. The participants will be able to identify the various component parts of automatic sprinkler systems, standpipe systems and fire pumps. The importance of ensuring these fire protection systems are maintained in full service, while identifying common system impairments and violations which lead to these fire protection systems being out of service, will be reviewed throughout the course.

**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**MONDAY, JUNE 1**

**SUSSEX COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** Human Trafficking Awareness for Fire Service and EMS Providers

**Instructor: BC Paul Kearns (Ret.), Lecturer and Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Emergency Services Administration, CUNY–John Jay College of Criminal Justice**

This course, "Human Trafficking Awareness and Training for Fire and EMS," prepares first responders to identify, respond to, and assist victims of human trafficking. Participants will learn to recognize the signs and indicators of trafficking, understand the various forms of exploitation, and appreciate the unique responsibilities of Fire and EMS personnel in these cases. The curriculum emphasizes trauma-informed communication, effective response protocols, and strategies to manage the emotional impact on both victims and responders. Special topics include increased trafficking risks during major events or disasters and the importance of collaboration with community organizations and multidisciplinary teams. Real-world examples and practical guidance equip attendees to develop and implement effective local training programs that enhance community safety and resilience.

**MONDAY, APRIL 13**

**BERGEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**CORE**

## Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Automatic Sprinkler Systems: NJIFC & NFPA 25

**Instructor:** Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford

*This class was previously presented as Inspection and Testing of Water Based Fire Protection Systems in two parts.*

The class will focus on the Inspection, Test and Maintenance (ITM) requirements of NFPA 25-17 including how to properly cite violations of NFPA 25. Automatic sprinkler systems are the most common of automatic suppression systems encountered during fire inspections. This class will focus on proper inspection and identification of violations and system impairments to ensure the automatic sprinkler system is able to function properly including requirements for wet-pipe systems, dry-pipe systems, fire department connections and building fire pumps. The 5-year ITM and obstruction investigation requirements are included. Case studies of violations/impairments from inspections will be presented. The class has been updated to reflect the 2017 Edition of NFPA 25 referenced by the 2018 NJIFC.

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

**TOMS RIVER FIRE ACADEMY**

**MONDAY, MAY 18**

**MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Requirements for Fire Sprinkler Systems

*(Previously ITM Requirements for Fire Sprinkler Systems)*

**Instructor:** John Jeffers, Instructor, Fire University

Trainees will take an in-depth look at NFPA 25. Through this course, individuals will gain a refresher on the use of a codebook and how to apply the NFPA 25 code to their daily work. After completing this course, the trainee will be better prepared, from a legal obligation to a practical knowledge standpoint, to inspect and carry out their job in accordance with NFPA 25. The first half of the course will consist of classroom theory, with the second half consisting of practical training on fire sprinkler systems and fire pumps. All instruction and training will take place in the Fire University training lab.

**THURSDAY, MAY 14**

**FIRE UNIVERSITY**

## Introduction to Fire Pumps and Dive into NFPA 20

**Instructors: David J. Davis, NFSA State Coordinator and Frank Ellis, NFSA State Coordinator**

This comprehensive course is designed to equip firefighters and fire inspectors with essential knowledge and skills related to fire pumps and the NFPA 20 standard. As crucial components of fire protection systems, fire pumps play a pivotal role in ensuring the effective delivery of water for firefighting purposes.

This course will delve into the fundamentals of fire pump operation, maintenance, and compliance with NFPA 20 guidelines, offering participants a robust foundation for enhancing their proficiency in fire pump-related scenarios.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

**SPRINKLER FITTERS LOCAL UNION 696**

## Modern Fire Training: Implementing NFPA 1700 Skills into NFPA 1400 Practices

**Instructor: Captain Mike Daley – CTO; FO; MIFireE**

Firefighters, Fire Officers, Fire Instructors, and Fire Investigators all share one common characteristic: the need for a strong competency in Fire Behavior. When it comes to Fire Behavior, modern fuels and building construction influences are two concerns when developing an action plan for suppression, based upon the clues on scene. With recent data from multiple organizations that are providing scientific direction for suppression and coordinated operations, it has become critical to update the training and delivery of modern firefighting practices and methods. An excellent method of performing this is to utilize accurate and efficient resource materials, such as NFPA 1700, Guide for Structural Firefighting, and NFPA 1400, Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, in combination to lay the foundation for successful training that can lead to success on the fireground.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

**CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## **NEW** Mega-Event (and Small Event) Safety & Security: Best Practices for NJ Fire Service and Emergency Management

**Instructors:** BC Paul Kearns (Ret.), Lecturer and Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Emergency Services Administration, CUNY–John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Chief Brian Higgins (Ret.) Lecturer John Jay College of Criminal Justice

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A six-hour advanced seminar for New Jersey fire service responders, inspectors, instructors, and emergency managers. The course delivers specialized knowledge on life safety, code compliance, security risk assessment, and emergency response at large public events, emphasizing NJ-specific code requirements, ASIS and NFPA standards, operational planning, and global best practices. Real-world incidents and professional standards—including NFPA 1660 and ASIS guidelines—illustrate the critical importance of compliance and preparedness.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**

**CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

**KEAN UNIVERSITY – DOWNS HALL**

## **NJIFC 2018 Chapter 9 Fire Protection System Requirements**

**Instructor:** Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford

This class will present information based on the updated 2018 Edition of the NJIFC. The inspection and proper maintenance of all fire protection systems is a paramount concern for all fire inspectors. Information will be presented on the requirements for the fire protection systems and the updated referenced standards in the 2018 NJIFC. Inspection practices, reviewing inspection and test reports and citing violation of the code requirements will be part of the class. Proper enforcement procedures that are required when a fire protection system is impaired or out-of-service will be presented. Case studies of fire protection system violations and impairments will be presented to meet the lesson objectives. This class will ensure fire inspectors have updated information and a good understanding of the requirements of Chapter 9 Fire Protection Systems.

**MONDAY, MARCH 30**

**MORRIS COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

**CAMDEN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**CORE****Principles of Modern Building Construction**

**Instructor:** Michael Scardino, Fire Chief/Fire Official (Ret.) Winslow Twp. Fire Department

Principles of Modern Construction is a refresher for the veteran firefighter/inspector, and a primer for the newest member. It is designed to create an appetite for future construction study, emphasizing both the vital importance and value of both aggressive preplanning and fire inspection. This course is continually updated to include and highlight cutting edge methods, materials, technologies, and trends. Not just your average five-hour CEU course, it truly offers something for every attendee to use, and apply.

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**

**PASSAIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

**OCEAN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TACTICS****NEW Response to Lithium Battery Emergencies**

**Instructor:** Chief Brian Bennett, PhD

Lithium batteries are found in all types of occupancies and all types of devices. This class will provide an overview of how batteries are constructed and function, the types of batteries used in various vehicles/devices, electrolytes, thermal runaway, stranded energy, as well as technical resources available to develop strategies and tactics to safely and successfully mitigate fire, rescue, and HAZMAT emergencies associated with batteries, battery energy storage systems, battery charging systems, and fuel cells.

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



## Understanding Fire Protection Systems: Warehouse & Big Box Retail Occupancies

**Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford**

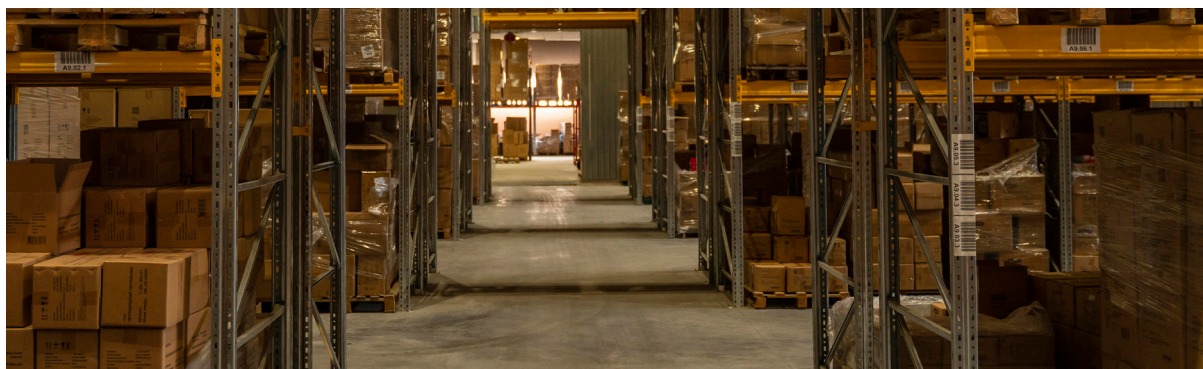
The class will focus on the understanding and inspection of the fire protection systems in Big Box Retail and Warehouses. The class will include information from several NFPA Standards including the Classification of Occupancies, Commodity Classifications understanding the hydraulic data plate and the relationship to the fire code inspection. Included in the program will be the principles of and code requirements for Early Suppression Fast Response sprinkler systems. An overview of the storage related chapters and the requirements for idle pallet storage from NFPA 13 will be presented. The requirements of NFPA 25 for the inspection, testing and maintenance of building fire pumps will be presented. Case studies and a review of violations discovered in Big Box and Warehouse Occupancies are included in the class.

**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

**OCEAN COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**TUESDAY, MAY 19**

**MONMOUTH COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



## **NEW** Warehouse Fire Protection

**Instructor: Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering Center Project Team Lead**

Warehouse Fire Protection discusses commodity classifications, warehouse storage arrangements, fire protection schemes, common hazards, and the importance of pre-planning with the Fire Department to ensure the safety of your business and employees and will include live streamed demonstrations.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**

**CHUBB**

**THURSDAY, MAY 28**

**CHUBB**

**CORE**

## Water Supplies and Sprinkler Systems

**Instructor: Michele Shedlock, Chubb Risk Engineering, Operations Manager**

This session is a mix of classroom and hands-on demonstrations reviewing the various water supplies that exist for fire protection systems including suction, pressure, gravity tanks, fire pumps, and more. The training reviews the various components of automatic sprinkler systems, as well as the wet pipe sprinkler system. Hands-on activities include water supply testing, analysis of test results, fire protection control valve inspection, and live fire with sprinkler activation. NFPA 25 testing requirements for wet pipe and control valves are reviewed and demonstrated.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

**CHUBB**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

**CHUBB**

## Wood Frame & Ordinary Construction Principles

**Instructor: Paul T. Dansbach, Fire Marshal, Borough of Rutherford**

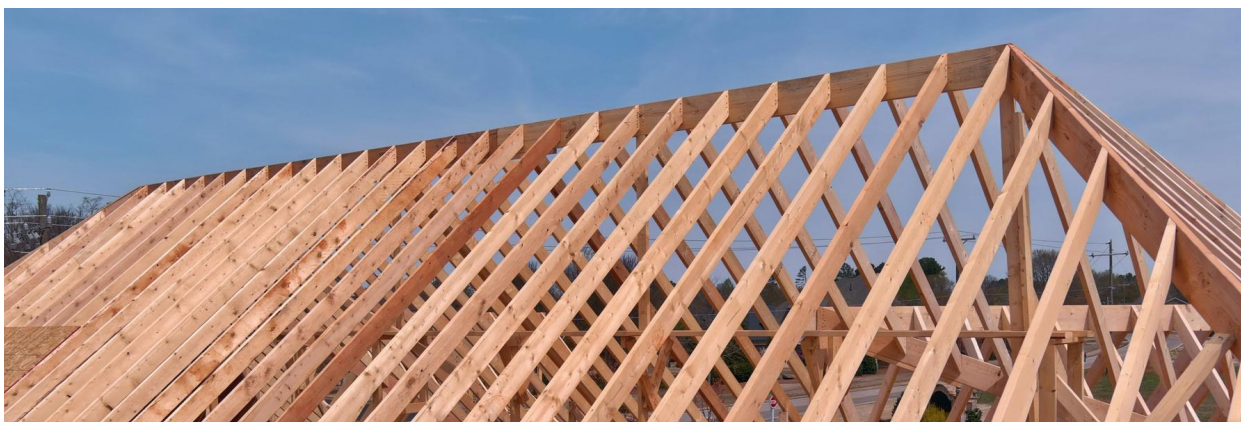
Wood frame and ordinary constructed buildings pose significant challenges and risks for the fire service. This program will enhance the knowledge and understanding of the construction methods, materials, the fire spread and collapse potential of wood frame and ordinary constructed buildings. Case studies of fire incidents, case studies of buildings under construction and renovation will be presented throughout the program to illustrate the program objectives. The programs will also review how to develop and utilize differing forms of case studies including the use of NIOSH LODD reports to meet various teaching objectives relating to wood frame and ordinary construction.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

**UNION COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**THURSDAY, MAY 14**

**ATLANTIC COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



## Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention Awareness

**Instructor: Lt. Michael O. McLeieer, Immediate Past President of the Michigan State Firemen's Association**

Children are often curious about fire. While curiosity is normal, there are things you can inform parents and caregivers about to prevent children from experimenting with fire and engaging in other high risk- taking. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, fires set by children are responsible for more the 100 fire deaths, nearly 1,000 painful burn injuries, and hundreds of millions of dollars in property loss each year in the United States. This full day course will provide participants with an overview of the youth firesetting problem and steps to take to connect families with appropriate intervention strategies and services.

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**



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**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

**BURLINGTON COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

## From Exposure to Action: Preventing Firefighter Cancer

**Instructor: Brian Crimmins, NJ Career Fire Chiefs Association**

Cancer is a leading cause of death among firefighters. Our careers expose us to a wide range of carcinogens such as the byproducts of combustion, PFAS, diesel exhaust, asbestos, and even circadian rhythm disruption from shift work. This course aims to empower firefighters to take charge of their own health and equip fire officers with the tools to foster healthier, more resilient departments. It explores the reasons that cancer rates in the fire service exceed those of the general population, outlines available resources for early detection, and promotes evidence-based diet and lifestyle strategies to increase both health span and life span.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

**MERCER COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

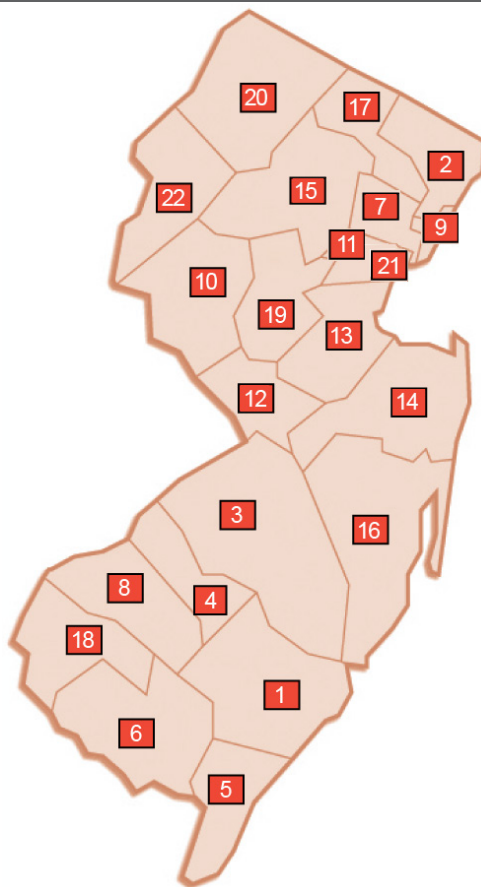
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# NJ Fire Training Academy Locations



## New Jersey Fire Training Academy Locations

1 - Atlantic County	8 - Gloucester County	15 - Morris County
2 - Bergen County	9 - Hudson County & Liberty Science Center	16 - Ocean County
3 - Burlington County	10 - Hunterdon County	17 - Passaic County
4 - Camden County	11 - Kean University	18 - Salem County & Fire University
5 - Cape May County	12 - Mercer County	19 - Somerset County & Chubb
6 - Cumberland County	13 - Middlesex County	20 - Sussex County
7 - Essex County & Sprinkler Fitters	14 - Monmouth County	21 - Union County

### **Anthony “Tony” Canale Fire Training Center**

5033 English Creek Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234, 609-407-6743

**From GSP southbound and northbound:** Take GSP to Atlantic City Expressway, Exit 38 towards Philadelphia. On AC Expressway, take first exit, Exit 9, AC International Airport. Pay toll, go to stop sign at top of hill, make left onto Delilah Road. Go 1 mile to English Creek Avenue (CR 575) make left. Follow for 3.5 miles, Training Center is on the right.

**From AC expressway eastbound:** Take Exit 9, make right at light after toll onto Delilah Road. Go .5 mile to English Creek Avenue (CR 575) make left. Follow for 3.5 miles, Training Center is on the right.

**From AC expressway Westbound:** Take Exit 9, AC International Airport. Pay toll, go to stop sign at top of hill, make left onto Delilah Road. Go 1 mile to English Creek Avenue (CR 575) make left. Follow for 3.5 miles, Training Center is on the right.

### **Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute**

281 Campgaw Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430, 201-818-7800

**Via Route 4 West:** Route 4 West to Route 208 North (bear right at the split). 208 North to the Ewing Ave. exit (first exit in Franklin Lakes). At the end of the ramp turn right onto Ewing Ave. At stoplight, turn left onto Franklin Ave. Go approximately 0.5 mile and turn right onto Pulis Ave. (VFW is on the right at the intersection). Proceed on Pulis Ave. for 1 mile and turn left onto Campgaw Road. Institute is about 1 mile North on the right. Note: If you miss Ewing Avenue, the next exit is Summit Ave. Proceed East on Summit to the first light and turn left onto Franklin Ave. The next light on Franklin is at Pulis Ave. Turn Right onto Pulis Ave. (VFW is on the right at the intersection). Proceed on Pulis Ave. for 1 mile and turn left onto Campgaw Road. Institute is about 1 mile North on the right.

**Via Route 17 from the South:** Route 17 North to the MacArthur Blvd exit. Turn left at light onto MacArthur go to end. Turn right onto Darlington Ave. and make first left onto Seminary Road. Seminary Road to Campgaw Road. Turn left onto Campgaw Road. The Institute is about 0.5 mile on the left.

**Via Route 17 from the North:** Route 17 South to Route 202/Ramapo Valley Road. Route 202 (Ramapo Valley Road) South to Darlington Ave. Darlington Ave. North, Bear right at fork onto Campgaw Road. The institute is about 0.75 mile on the left.

**Garden State Parkway, North and South:** Garden State Parkway to exit 160. Left onto Paramus Road. Travel 0.25 mile, take Rte.4W/208N exit. Follow the directions “Via Route 4 West”, above. **Alternate:** Garden State Parkway to exit 163, Oradell Ave., West. Turn right at the end of the ramp onto Oradell Ave. Oradell Ave. West to Route 17 North. Follow the directions “Via Route 17 from the South”, above.

**From 287 North:** Route 287 North to Route 208 South. Route 208 South to Summit Ave. exit. At the end of the ramp turn left onto Summit Ave. Proceed East on Summit to the first light and turn left onto Franklin Ave. The next light on Franklin is at Pulis Ave. Turn Right onto Pulis Ave. (VFW is on the right at the intersection). Proceed on Pulis Ave. for 1 mile and turn left onto Campgaw Road. Institute is about 1 mile North on the right.

## Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center

53 Academy Drive, Westampton (Mt. Holly), NJ 08060, 609-702-7157 ext. 3906

\*1 Academy Drive, Westampton, NJ 08060, NJ 911 / Central Communication Building

**From NJ Turnpike:** Take Exit 5 to traffic light. Turn right onto Route 541. Proceed East 2 miles. Before the second traffic light, turn into jug handle (Woodlane Road/County Facilities) and stay right. Turn right off jug handle onto Woodlane Road, (Route 630). Proceed 1 mile to second traffic light. Turn right at the light. Follow signs for Public Safety Center. Turn left after the Public Safety Center onto Academy Drive. Follow to the end.

**From I-295 North or South:** Take Exit 45A (Mount Holly/Willingboro). Proceed to third traffic light and turn left onto Irick Road for 0.5 mile. Turn right onto Woodlane Road, (Route 630). Turn left at next light into the complex. Follow signs for Public Safety Center. Turn left after the Public Safety Center onto Academy Drive. Follow to the end.

## Camden County Regional Emergency Training Center

420 Woodbury/Turnersville Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012, 856-374-6167

**From NJ Turnpike:** Take Exit 3 to Route 168 South, (Black Horse Pike). Proceed 5.2 miles through Blackwood. Turn right at the traffic light at Lakeland Road. Follow Lakeland Road 1.0 mile to the end. Turn right onto Woodbury/Turnersville Road. The Fire Academy is 0.4 miles down on the left, across from Health Services Center. **From I-295:** Take Exit 28 to Route 168 South, (Black Horse Pike). Travel 6.1 miles through Runnemede and Blackwood. Turn right at the traffic light at Lakeland Road. Follow Lakeland Road 1.0 mile to the end. Turn right onto Woodbury/Turnersville Road. The Fire Academy is 0.4 miles down on the left, across from the Health Services Center.

## Cape May County Public Safety Training Center

175 Crest Haven Road, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210, 609-465-2570

**From the GSP:** Take Exit 11, turn left at first traffic light. Proceed .5 mile on Crest Haven Road;  
Fire Academy is on the right.

## Chubb Risk Engineering Center

35 Columbia Road Branchburg, NJ 08876

US -22 West to Readington Road  
Slight right toward Orr Dr  
Turn Left onto Orr Dr  
Continue onto Readington Road  
Left on Columbia Rd

US-22 East  
Right onto Readington Road  
Left on Columbia Rd

I-78 West  
Take exit 26  
Turn Left on Rattlesnake Bridge Rd  
Continue on Lamington Rd  
Turn Left on NJ-28E  
Turn Right on Orr Dr  
Continue on Readington Rd  
Turn Left onto Columbia Rd

I-287 North use the 2 left lanes to take exit 21B  
Merge onto I-78 West  
Take exit 26  
Turn Left on Rattlesnake Bridge Rd  
Continue on Lamington Rd  
Turn Left on NJ-28E  
Turn Right on Orr Dr  
Continue on Readington Rd  
Turn Left onto Columbia Rd

I-287 South take exit 17 on the left to merge onto US-202 S/US-206 S toward US 22  
Use the right lane to merge onto US-22 W via the ramp to Clinton  
Slight right toward Orr Dr  
Turn Left onto Orr Dr  
Continue onto Readington Road  
Left on Columbia Rd

## Cumberland County Fire Training Center

634 Vineland Avenue, Bridgeton, NJ 08302, 856-455-8526

**From NJ Turnpike:** Take Exit 7 (Route 206). Follow signs to I-295 South. Take I-295 South about 30 miles to Route 42 South. Take Route 42 South about 3 miles to Route 55 South. Take Exit 32B (Route 56 West). See below.

**From Route 55:** Take Exit 32B, (Route 56 West). Follow Route 56 West 3.3 miles. At the second traffic light, turn left onto Morton Ave., Route 634 South. After exactly 1.0 mile, turn right onto Bridgeton Ave. (Route 666 West). Training Center is 1.5 miles down on the left.

**From Route 77 South:** To Rosenhayn Ave., Route 659 East. Follow Rosenhayn Avenue to Bridgeton Avenue, Route 666 East. Training Center is on the right just past The Cumberland County Technical Education Center.

## Fire University

9 Florence Ave, Building B, Penns Grove, NJ 08069

**From the South:** Take exit 10 of the Garden State Parkway. Take Court House South Dennis Rd and NJ-347 N to NJ-55 N in Maurice River. Follow NJ-55 N and US-40 W to NJ-48 W in Carneys Point Township. Continue on NJ-48 W. Drive to Florence Ave

**From the North:** Take the NJ Turnpike South. Take the NJ-140 exit toward Penns Grove/Deepwater/County Rd 540. Take S Pennsville Auburn Rd, Hollywood Ave and US-130 N to Florence Ave.

**From 295 South:** Take exit 13. Follow US-130 S to Florence Ave in Carneys Point Township.

## Gloucester County Fire Academy

210 County House Road Clarksboro, NJ 08020, 856-494-5683

**From I-295 Southbound:** Take Exit 18 (Mt. Royal, Clarksboro). At the top of the ramp and at the traffic light, turn left. Pass through the next traffic light. Dunkin Donuts will be on your right.

Proceed through the next traffic light and travel 1.5 miles to the next traffic light.

Proceed through the light and immediately bear to the right (County House Road).

NOTE: The Pantry 1 convenience store must be on your immediate right. The Fire Academy is about .5 mile on your left.

**From I-295 Northbound:** Take Exit 18 (Mt. Royal, Clarksboro, Paulsboro). At the top of the ramp and at the traffic light turn right. A Dunkin Donuts will be on your right. Follow directions as stated above.

**From the Atlantic City Expressway or Route 322:** From the AC Expressway take Exit 38 for Williamstown (RT 536 Sicklerville Road). Follow to large intersection (see Geets Diner on your right). Proceed through the intersection and follow all signs for RT 322 West. Proceed about 15 miles. You will pass over RT 55. Shortly thereafter you will pass through 2 traffic lights. Note a large WaWa on your right Travel about 1 mile and bear right onto RT 667. Follow RT 667 for 4 miles. At the traffic light for RT 667 and RT 45, the name will change to Cohawkin Road. Continue straight for about another 4 miles. There will be a large cemetery on your left. Turn right onto County House Road. Proceed about 1 mile, the Fire Academy building can be seen on your right. It is the closest building to the road.

**From Route 55:** Exit RT 55 at RT 322 West and follow directions above.

**From NJ Turnpike:** Exit at Exit 2. At the end of the ramp turn left. Follow RT 322 to the next traffic light (NOTE: Kingsway High School is on your far right.) Turn right onto Kings Highway. Proceed north for about 7 miles. Shortly after passing a Heritage convenience store on your left, you will see a white church on your right. Turn right onto Shady Lane. Proceed to stop sign, (County House Road) turn left. You will see the Fire Academy on your right. The building is the closest to the road.

## Hunterdon County Emergency Services Training Center

59 Petticoat Lane, Annandale, NJ 08807, 908-806-5599 NOTE: GPS directions are not accurate

**From I-78 East:** Take Exit 20A Lebanon / Round Valley Rec Area, right turn onto Cokesbury Rd. to Route 22 West. Right turn onto Route 22 West to second traffic light at Petticoat La. Right turn onto Petticoat lane, travel 0.8 miles to HCESTC driveway. Turn left into driveway, to HCESTC sign turn right onto lane to parking lot.

**From I-78 West:** Take Exit 18 Annandale/Lebanon onto Route 22 East to second traffic light left turn lane for Petticoat Lane. Turn left onto Petticoat Lane, go 8/10ths of a mile to HCESTC driveway. Turn left into driveway, to HCESTC sign turn right onto lane to parking lot.

**From US Route 22 East:** Exit at Petticoat Lane and follow directions from above.

**From Route 287 Northbound:** Take Exit 14B to Route 22 West. Proceed on Route 22 West approximately 17 miles and follow directions above.

**From Route 287 Southbound:** Take Exit 21B for I-78 West - Easton PA. Follow I-78 West take Exit 20A Lebanon / Round Valley Rec Area, right turn onto Cokesbury Rd. to Route 22 West. Right turn onto Route 22 West to second traffic light at Petticoat La. Right turn onto Petticoat lane, travel 0.8 miles to HCESTC driveway. Turn left into driveway, to HCESTC sign turn right onto lane to parking lot.

## Kean University

1000 Morris Ave, Union, NJ 07083, 908-737-3060

For classes in Downs Hall, please plan to arrive no later than 8 a.m. to assist with finding parking. If possible, please carpool. Try to use the Vaughn-Eames parking lot near the corner of Morris Ave and North Ave. There are shuttles at other lots if Vaughn-Eames is full. **Do NOT park in the Visitor's Lot!** See our campus map at <https://www.kean.edu/media/campus-map> for more details.

### From US Route 22

**Eastbound:** Drive under Parkway turn right onto exit for Route 82 East. Continue toward Elizabeth. Campus is within 2 miles. Turn right on Green Lane. Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

**Westbound:** Drive under Parkway, keep right and follow signs to Elizabeth (Route 82 East). Turn right on Morris Avenue/ 82 east. Turn right on Green Lane. Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

### From the Garden State Parkway

**Northbound:** Leave Parkway at Exit 140, keep right and follow signs for Route 82 East towards Elizabeth. Turn right on Morris Avenue/82 east. Turn right on Green Lane Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.



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**Southbound:** Leave Parkway at Exit 140-A onto Route 22 West. Keep right and follow signs to Elizabeth (Route 82 East). Turn right on Morris Avenue/82 east. Turn right on Green Lane. Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

## From Routes 1 & 9

**Northbound:** Enter Elizabeth and go around the Bayway circle onto Route 439 West (Elmora Avenue). Continue to Morris Avenue (Route 82 West). Turn left onto Green Lane. Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

**Southbound:** Entering Elizabeth follow signs for Local Traffic (extreme right). Follow signs to North Avenue. Turn right onto North Avenue (Route 439) Turn right onto Route 82 /Morris Avenue. Turn left onto Green Lane. Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

## From The New Jersey Turnpike

**From Exit 13A (Elizabeth):** Follow North Avenue West sign onto route 439. Turn right on Morris Ave/Route 82. Turn left onto Green Lane. Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

**From Exit 14, Take Route 1-9 South:** Entering Elizabeth follow signs for Local Traffic (extreme right). Follow signs to North Avenue. Turn right onto North Avenue (Route 439) Turn right onto Route 82 /Morris Avenue. Turn left onto Green Lane. Make a left at the first traffic light and turn left at the 3 way stop.

## Liberty Science Center

Liberty State Park  
222 Jersey City Boulevard  
Jersey City, NJ 07305

Take the NJ Turnpike to Exit 14C, staying in right-hand lanes at the toll. The exit is immediately after the toll. Take the first right onto Jersey City Boulevard, then make an immediate left to enter the parking lot. Travel time from the exit: under 1 minute.

## Mercer County Fire Academy

(Captain John T. Dempster Sr. Fire Service Training Center)  
350 Lawrence Station Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, 609-799-3245

**NOTE:** Parking is not allowed on the training grounds.

**From NJ Turnpike (above Exit 9):** Take Exit 9 to Route 18 North to Route 1 South. Proceed approximately 18 miles to Quaker Bridge Road. Take Quaker Bridge Road exit. After the Quaker Bridge Mall, proceed .5 mile and turn right onto Lawrence Station Road. Training Center is on the right after approximately .75 mile.

**From NJ turnpike (below Exit 8):** Take Exit 7A to I-195 West. Follow I-195 West to I-295 North. Take exit for Route 1 North. Follow Route 1 North to Quaker Bridge Road. Take Quaker Bridge Road exit. After mall, proceed .5 mile and turn right onto Lawrence Station Road. Training Center is on the right after approximately .75 mile.

## Middlesex County Fire Academy

1001 Fire Academy Dr, Sayreville, NJ 08872, 732-727-0008

### From the North

**Route 9 South:** Cross the Raritan River and take the South Amboy Business District/Parkway South exit. Make a right at light onto Chevalier Drive. Turn left onto Main Street. Take jug handle for Kennedy Drive. At stop sign turn right onto Fire Academy Drive.

**Route 287:** Take 287 south to Route 9 south. Cross over the Raritan River and take the South Amboy Business District/Parkway South exit. Make a right at light onto Chevalier Drive. Turn left onto Main Street. Take jug handle for Kennedy Drive. At stop sign turn right onto Fire Academy Drive.

**New Jersey Turnpike:** Take the NJ Turnpike to exit 11. Follow signs to Route 9 south. Cross over the Raritan River and take the South Amboy Business District/Parkway South exit. Make a right at light onto Chevalier Drive. Turn left onto Main Street. Take jug handle for Kennedy Drive. At stop sign turn right onto Fire Academy Drive.

**Garden State Parkway:** Take the Garden State Parkway South to Exit 124. Make right onto Main St., Sayreville. Make first right turn off of Main St. onto Kennedy Drive. Kennedy Drive will turn into Fire Academy Drive at the first traffic light.

### From the South

**Route 9 North:** Take 35 North/Parkway South exit. Follow signs for Chevalier Drive and Parkway South. Take Chevalier Drive to Main Street. Take jug handle for Kennedy Drive. At stop sign turn right onto Fire Academy Drive.

**Garden State Parkway:** Take the Garden State Parkway North to Exit 125. At end of exit ramp turn left onto Chevalier Drive. Make the second left onto Main St., Sayreville. Take jug handle for Kennedy Drive. At stop sign turn right onto Fire Academy Drive.

**New Jersey Turnpike:** Take the NJ Turnpike to exit 10. Follow signs to 440 east to Route 9 south. Cross over the Raritan River and take the South Amboy Business District/Parkway South exit. Make a right at light onto Chevalier Drive. Turn left onto Main Street. Take jug handle for Kennedy Drive. Turn right onto Fire Academy Drive.

**From Middlesex County Route 535:** Take Route 535 (Cranbury Rd.) east to Main St. in South River. Cross over the Veteran's Memorial Bridge. Proceed to the second traffic light and make a left turn onto Main Street in Sayreville. Proceed to fourth traffic light and turn left onto Fire Academy Drive.

## Monmouth County Fire Academy

1027 Business Route 33 East, Howell, NJ 07728, 732-938-5689

**From NJ Turnpike Southbound:** Take Exit 8, merge onto 133 west, turn on to travel 33 East, can take the 33 Bypass to avoid local and business traffic, approximately 18 miles to the Academy which will be on the left side.

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**From NJ Turnpike Northbound:** Take exit 7A, merge on to I-195 East, stay on about 20 miles to Route 9 North Exit 28B, take Route 9 North for about 6 miles to Route 79 North/South St (Freehold), merge onto Rte 33 East. Take 33 East for approximately 5 miles; Academy is 1/2 mile past Cabin Restaurant on the left.

## Morris County Public Safety Training Academy

500 West Hanover Avenue, Parsippany, NJ 07950, 973-285-2979

**From I-287 Southbound:** Take Exit 36. Bear right off exit to traffic light. Make right onto Ridgedale Avenue. At next traffic light, make left onto East Hanover Avenue. Proceed through six additional traffic lights. At the 7th traffic light, turn right into Academy driveway (Freedom Way). Mileage - 3.5 miles.

**From I-287 Northbound:** Take Exit 36B. Cross back over I-287 and stay to the extreme right. At the traffic light, take yield to the right (Ridgedale Avenue). Turn left at third traffic light (East Hanover Avenue). Proceed through 6 additional traffic lights. At the 7th traffic light, turn right into the Academy driveway (Freedom Way). Mileage - 3.5 miles.

**From Route 24 Westbound:** Take Exit 1A. At first traffic light make right onto Hanover Avenue. Proceed through 8 additional traffic lights. At 9th traffic light, turn right into Academy driveway (Freedom Way). Mileage - 4.5 miles.

**From GSP Northbound:** Take Exit 142 to I-78 East to I-78 West, to I-287 (then follow directions from I-287 Northbound), or Route 24 West (Follow directions from Route 24 Westbound).

**From NJ Turnpike Northbound:** Take I-78 West. To Route 24 West (Then follow directions from Route 24 Westbound).

## Newark Liberty International Airport

1 Conrad Road, Newark, NJ 07114

Administration Building "Building 1"

Room: 2nd Floor Large General Manager's Conference Room

**Via New Jersey Turnpike:** Take Exit 14-14A-14B-14C for I-78 W toward US-1/US-9/Newark Airport. Continue on I-78 West. Use left lane to take the exit toward Port Newark. Take the exit toward Newark Airport. Merge onto Breaster Road. Left onto Conrad Road. Left into Parking Lot for Building 1.

**Via Garden State Parkway:** Take Exit 142A for I-78 East toward NJ Turnpike/Newark international Airport. Stay on I-78 East. Use right two lanes to take Exit 57 for NJ-21 N towards Newark/Newark Airport. Keep left and follow signs for the "North Area". Left onto Brewster Road. Right onto Conrad Road. Left into Parking Lot for Building 1.

## Ocean County Fire & EMS Training Center

200 Volunteer Way, Waretown, NJ 08758, 800-723-2088

**From the North and South:** Take Garden State Parkway North to Exit 69 (Waretown). Turn right onto Route 532 East (Wells Mills Road). Take Wells Mills Road approximately 2.5 miles to Route 9. Turn left onto Route 9 North. Travel Route 9 North approximately 0.6 miles to Volunteer Way. Turn left and follow to the end.

**From the West:** Take Route 70 East to Route 72 East. Take Route 72 East for approximately 16 miles to Route 532 (Wells Mills Road). Turn left onto Route 532 for approximately 8 miles to Route 9. Turn left onto Route 9 North. Travel Route 9 North approximately 0.6 miles to Volunteer Way. Turn left and follow to end.

## Passaic County Community College Public Safety Academy

300 Oldham Road, Wayne, NJ 07470, 973-304-6020

**From the North:** GSP North to Exit 153. Route 3 West to Route 46 West. Make a right onto Union Boulevard (Turns into Union Avenue). Go to Preakness Avenue and make a left onto Preakness Avenue \*Take Preakness Avenue to the very top of the hill. Turn right onto Oldham Road – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy “Kattak Parkway”, on right side, approximately 1.5 miles.

**From the South:** GSP South To Exit 154 onto Route 46 West. Make a right onto Union Boulevard (Turns into Union Avenue). Go to Preakness Avenue and make a left onto Preakness Avenue. Follow the above direction from the \*.

**From Route 80 Westbound:** Take Route 80 West to Exit 56 on the right (Squirrelwood Road, West Paterson). Make a right at end of ramp. Make first left onto Glover Street, Go through first traffic light and over bridge. At second traffic light, turn right onto Totowa Avenue. At first traffic light, turn left onto Preakness Avenue. \* Take Preakness Avenue to the top of the hill. Turn right onto Oldham Road – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy “Kattak Parkway”, on right side approximately 1.5 miles.

**From Route 80 Eastbound:** Take Route 80 East to Exit 54 on the right (Minnisink Road, Totowa). Make left at end of ramp and go back over Route 80 on Minnisink Road. Make first left onto Vreeland Avenue (sign for Route 80 West). At the end of Vreeland Avenue, make a right onto Riverview Drive. Make a right onto Valley Road (Golf Course is on the right) from Riverview Drive. Make a right onto Preakness Avenue from Valley Road. Follow above directions from the \*.

**Going East on Valley Road, Wayne, N.J. (toward Ratzer Road):** Turn right on Preakness Avenue – go to top of hill – turn left on Oldham Road – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy, on right side approximately 1.5 miles.

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**Going West on Valley Road, Wayne, N.J. (toward French Hill Road):** Turn left on Preakness Avenue – go to top of hill – turn left on Oldham Road – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy, on right side “Kattak Parkway,” approximately 1.5 miles.

**Going East on Alps Road, Wayne, N.J.** Make right on Burhwood Avenue, proceed to Valley Road and make a right on Valley Road to Preakness Avenue – turn left – go to top of hill, make a left turn on Oldham Road – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy, on right side approximately 1.5 miles.

**Going West on Alps Road, Wayne, N.J.** Make a left on Birchwood Avenue – proceed to Valley Road – make a right turn on Valley Road – make a left at Preakness Avenue – go to top of hill – make left on Oldham Road – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy, on right side “Kattak Parkway,” approximately 1.5 miles.

**From Route 46:** Exit at Riverview Drive (from East or West) proceed on Riverview Drive to Valley Road – turn right on Valley Road – go to Preakness Avenue – make a right turn on Preakness – make a left turn on Oldham Road – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy, on right side “Kattak Parkway,” approximately 1.5 miles.

**From Route 287 North to Route 80 East:** Exit Minnisink Road – at end of exit make left, go over Route 80. Take next left. Go to end to stop sign. Make a right – straight to Valley Road (can only make a right) Straight to Preakness Avenue – make right. Up to top of hill make left on Oldham Road. – follow Oldham Road to sign for Passaic County Fire Academy, on right side “Kattak Parkway,” approximately 1.5 miles.

## Paulsboro Refinery

600 Billingsport Rd, Paulsboro, NJ 08066

**From the East:** Take Garden State Parkway South to Exit 38B. Exit at 38B for A C Expressway toward Camden. Merge onto Atlantic City Expy W. Keep left at the fork to stay on Atlantic City W. Continue onto NJ- 41 N. Take exit 14A for NJ-42 N/ I-295S. Take exit 18 toward Mt Royal/Clarksboro. Follow Berkley Rd. to Billingsboro Rd in Greenwich Township. Turn right onto Berkley Rd. Turn left onto E Broad St. Turn right onto Billingsport Rd. Pass by Fulton Bank (on the right). Destination will be on the left.

**From the South:** Take I- 295 N. Follow signs for Camden/ Trenton. Take exit 16A toward Paulsboro. Continue on Swedesboro Rd. Drive to Billingsport Rd. Merge onto Swedesboro Rd. Pass by Fulton Bank (on the right). Destination will be on the left.



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**From the North:** Take NJ Tpke South. Take exit 4 toward NJ-73N. Take exit 4 toward NJ-73 N. Keep right, follow signs for NJ-73 N and merge onto NJ-73 N. Use the middle lane to stay on NJ-73 N and follow signs for I-295 S/Del Mem Brg. Slight right to merge onto I-295 S toward Del Mem Brg. Use the right 2 lanes to take the I-295/NJ-42 S exit toward Del Mem Br/ Atlantic City. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for I-295 S. Continue onto I-295 S. Take exit 18 toward Mt Royal/ Clarksboro. Turn right onto Berkley Rd. Turn left onto E Broad St. Turn right onto Billingsport Rd. Pass by Fulton Bank (on the right). Destination will be on the left.

## **Pine Ave Volunteer Fire Company (Cape May County)**

111 E. Pine Ave, Wildwood, NJ 08260

**From the North:** Garden State Parkway North, Take exit 4A (Wildwood/Wildwood Crest). Continue NJ-47 Toward Wildwood/Wildwood Crest. Turn Left of New Jersey Avenue. Continue to Pine Avenue. Turn Right onto Pine Avenue, Destination will be on your left.

**From the West:** NJ-55 South (To end of NJ-55 South). Continue onto NJ-347 South. Merge on NJ-47 South. Turn left onto Courthouse/Dennisville Road. Turn right onto Brighton Road, Merge onto Graden State Parkway South. Continue NJ-47 Toward Wildwood/Wildwood Crest. Turn Left of New Jersey Avenue. Continue to Pine Avenue Turn Right onto Pine Avenue, Destination will be on your left.

## **Salem County Fire Academy**

135 Cemetery Road, Woodstown, NJ 08098, 856-769-3500

**From the North:** Take I-295 South to Exit 4 – Penns Grove Woodstown. Take Route 48 East to Route 40. Turn right on Route 45 where Route 40 and 45 intersect. (Landmarks – WaWa and Shopping Center) 1.5 miles south make a left on Cemetery Road. (Landmarks – County Road Dept. and Veterans Cemetery) Look for signs that say Salem County Emergency Services. The Academy is right next to the Salem County Road Dept.) The Fire Training Center is on the right. (It is a two story brick building with three towers behind it). The entrance is the same as the Salem County Correctional Facility.

**From the East:** Take Route 40 West through Woodstown to traffic light (WaWa on corner), proceed straight through light onto Route 45 South, go approximately 1.5 miles turn left on Cemetery Road. Follow the directions above.

**From South East:** Take Route 49 West to Salem, turn right on to Route 45 North, go approximately 7 miles turn right on Cemetery Road. The Academy is second driveway on right.



## **Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy**

402 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844, 908-725-5070

**From the East:** I-78 West to I-287 South. Take Bridgewater Exit 17 (202/206 South). Take Route 206 South around the Somerville Circle toward Princeton. Travel for approximately 2.5 miles and turn right onto Dukes Parkway West. Travel approximately 1 mile and turn left onto Roycefield Road. Go approximately 0.5 mile and turn left into the Somerset County Public Works facility. Go through the gates and make an immediate right. Follow this road to the Training Academy.

**From the South:** Garden State Parkway or New Jersey Turnpike to I-287 North. Take Exit 14B to Route 22 West. Go approximately 2 miles and take Route 202/206 South. Take Route 206 South around the Somerville Circle toward Princeton. Travel for approximately 2.5 miles and turn right onto Dukes Parkway West. Travel approximately 1 mile and turn left onto Roycefield Road. Go approximately .5 mile and turn left into the Somerset County Public Works facility. Go through the gates and make an immediate right. Follow this road to the Training Academy.

**From the South (via Route 206):** Take Route 206 North onto Hillsborough Township. Travel for approximately 6 miles and take the jug handle for Dukes Parkway West. Travel approximately 1 mile and turn left onto Roycefield Road. Go approximately .5 mile and turn left into the Somerset County Public Works facility.

**From the North:** From I-287 South. Take Bridgewater Exit 17 (202/206 South). Follow the directions from the East.

**From the West:** I-78 East to I-287 South. From I-287 South take Exit 17 (202/206 South). Follow the directions from the East.

## **Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 696**

41 E. Willow St. #43, Millburn, NJ 07041

**From the North:** Take 287 South. Take exit 37 to NJ 24 E. Take the exit to 78 E toward Newark. Take exit 49A to merge onto NJ 124 W/Springfield Ave toward NJ 82/Union/Springfield. Turn right onto Main Street. Turn right onto E. Willow Street. Destination will be on your left

**From the South:** Take the Garden State Parkway North. Take exit 139B toward NJ 82 W/Union.

Turn right onto Chestnut Street. Slight right onto Stuyvesant Avenue. Turn left onto Elmwood Avenue. Turn left onto NJ 82 W/Morris Avenue. Turn right onto Maple Avenue. Slight left onto Main Street. Continue straight to stay on Main Street. Turn right onto E. Willow Street. Destination will be on your left.

## **Sussex County Public Safety Training Academy**

(At the Sussex County Homestead Complex in Frankford Township)

114 Morris Turnpike (Route 655), Newton, NJ 07860, 973-948-7897

# NJ Fire Training Academy Locations

**From Route 206 or Route 94 Northbound:** (Route 206, 94 and 519 merge in Newton). Take Route 206 or 94 to 519 North in Newton (Hayeks Market). Turn onto Route 519 North. Take Route 519 North until the intersection with Route 655 (Morris Turnpike). Go straight through intersection. Fire Academy is approximately 1 mile on the left.

**From I-80 Westbound:** Take I-80 to Route 15 North. Take Route 15 North to intersection with Routes 206 & 565 (Ross' Corner). Take Route 206 North (straight through intersection). Follow Route 206 to Route 519. Left turn on Route 519 South until the intersection with Route 655. Right turn onto Route 655 (Morris Turnpike). Fire Academy is approximately 1 mile on the left.

**From I-80 Eastbound:** Take I-80 to Route 94 North or Route 206 North. Follow directions for Route 206 or Route 94 above.

**From route 23:** Take Route 23 to Route 639 (Sussex Boro - Loomis Ave.). Take Route 639 to Route 565 (McCoys Corner). Route 565 South to Routes 206 & 15 (Ross' Corner). Follow Route 206 North to Route 519. Take Route 519 South to Route 655. Right turn onto Route 655 (Morris Turnpike). Fire Academy is approximately 1 mile on the left.

## Toms River Fire Academy

1780 Church Rd, Toms River, NJ 08753 732-255-4024

### The best option from the North is:

#### *Option 1:*

Exit 89B toward Brick/Lakehurst onto RT-70 West.

Turn right toward New Hampshire Ave/CR-623.

Turn right onto New Hampshire Ave (CR-623).

Continue on New Hampshire Ave (CR-623).

Turn left onto Church Rd (CR-620). About 1.5 miles on Left

#### *Option 2:*

Exit 89A to Toward Brick onto Rt-70 East.

Turn Right onto Shorrock , will turn into Beaverson Blvd.

Make a Right onto Brick Blvd(CR-549), will turn into Hooper Ave.

Make a Right onto Church Road(CR-620) about 1.5 miles on right.

**From the South:** Take the Garden State Parkway North to Exit 83. Take Route 9 (Lakewood Rd) north approximately three miles to Church road turn right follow road east under parkway the training center is on the left approximately one half-mile after parkway.

**From the West:** Take Route 70 East to New Hampshire Ave. Turn right onto New Hampshire Ave travel south for approximately three miles to church road Turn left follow church road under parkway. Academy is on the left in approximately one half mile after parkway.

# NJ Fire Training Academy Locations

## Union County Department of Public Safety Fire/EMS Training Academy

1075 Edward St., Linden, NJ 07036

For students using navigational apps for Union County Fire Academy, you are advised to ONLY use Google Maps. All other apps/software will take you to a different location.

**From Garden State Parkway North:** Take Exit 135 (Clark), bear to the right and follow Brant Ave. to traffic light. Make a left on Westfield Avenue. Follow straight through seven traffic lights onto East Grand Ave. and cross Route 1 & 9. Continue straight onto Barnett St. which will turn into Lower Rd. Continue straight past the Amazon distribution center on your left and turn left onto Avenue C. Academy Main Campus entrance will be 100 yards on the left.

**From Garden State Parkway South:** Take Exit 135 (Clark), follow circle under Parkway and make first right onto Brant Ave. Then follow directions above from Parkway North.

### Routes 1 & 9 North:

Proceed North on Route 1 & 9 past the Union County Resource Recovery Facility in Rahway on the right, continue for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile and turn right onto East Grand Ave. Continue straight onto Barnett St. which will turn into Lower Rd. Continue straight past the Amazon distribution center on the left and turn left onto Avenue C. Academy Main Campus entrance will be 100 yards on the left.

### Routes 1 & 9 South:

Proceed South on Routes 1 & 9 past the Walmart Supercenter in Linden on the right. Drive under the railroad overpass and turn left onto Avenue C. Continue straight on Avenue C for  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, Academy Main Campus entrance is on the right.

## Warren County Fire Academy

1024 Route 57, Washington, NJ 07882, 908-835-2048

**Route 78W:** Take Exit 17. Drive north on Route 31 for 10 miles. Go under railroad bridge; make left at traffic light on Route 57 West. Go 2-3 miles to the Warren County Community College and Public Safety Building entrance. Take left into driveway. Follow road through left curve; make right toward radio tower. Academy is on left in front of the radio tower. **From the South:** Garden State Parkway or New Jersey Turnpike to I-287 North. Take Exit 14B to Route 22 West. Go approximately 2 miles and take Route 202/206 South. Take Route 206 South around the Somerville Circle toward Princeton. Travel for approximately 2.5 miles and turn right onto Dukes Parkway West. Travel approximately 1 mile and turn left onto Roycefield Road. Go approximately .5 mile and turn left into the Somerset County Public Works facility. Go through the gates and make an immediate right. Follow this road to the Training Academy.

**From the South (via Route 206):** Take Route 206 North onto Hillsborough Township. Travel for approximately 6 miles and take the jug handle for Dukes Parkway West. Travel approximately 1 mile and turn left onto Roycefield Road. Go approximately .5 mile and turn left into the Somerset County Public Works facility.

**From the North:** From I-287 South. Take Bridgewater Exit 17 (202/206 South). Follow the directions from the East.

**From the West:** I-78 East to I-287 South. From I-287 South take Exit 17 (202/206 South). Follow the directions from the East.

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