

ALLEGHENY COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY

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**COMMUNITY COLLEGE of ALLEGHENY COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY INSTITUTE**



2025 TRAINING SCHEDULE

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ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Registration Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines

Registration Policy/Procedures

All students must be **pre-registered** for classes at the Allegheny County Fire Academy (ACFA). To plan for facilities and equipment, ACFA needs to know how many students are attending each program. Therefore, the ACFA reserves the right not to accept walk-in students for any program.

Enrollment forms are due at ACFA:

- **No earlier than ninety (90) days from the first day of class, and.**
- **No later than two (2) weeks prior to the start of class.**
- **These deadlines are important to remain between our minimum enrollment and maximum enrollment numbers.**
- **If a class is tied to a certification test (i.e., Fire & Emergency Service Instructor I & II, Fire Officer I & II) an original, completed, and typed or .pdf filled PA State Fire Academy (PSFA) certification application for the appropriate level must also be received at the ACFA no later than three (3) prior to the test date.**
- **If the course is one of the PFSA Academy-On-The-Road (ATOR) and/or Bucks County Community College Public Safety Training & Certification (Bucks) courses, you will be required to also submit an ATOR and/or Bucks application that will be sent to you via e-mail upon the ACFA receiving your ACFA Pre-Registration.**

Enrollment forms can either be dropped off, faxed, mailed, or e-mailed to the ACFA registrar, Patty Martinelli at Patricia.Martinelli@AlleghenyCounty.US or to the address and fax number on the enrollment form. At this point the class roster will be set, and acceptance letters will be sent to all students enrolled in the program. Bring the acceptance letter with you to the first day of class, as this will ensure you a spot if there is any conflict regarding number of students enrolled in a program. Any enrollment forms received after the deadline will be honored on a first-come-first-served basis up to the course limit. By registering beyond the deadline, the student accepts the risk of not being enrolled in the program and being sent home the first day of class.

Courses with prerequisite requirements must have documentation of the prerequisites being met attached at the time the enrollment form is submitted to ACFA. Attached copies of the certificate issued for the prerequisite course will satisfy this requirement. Any enrollment forms received without documentation will be rejected and the student will not be enrolled in the program.

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Testing Accommodations

The ACFA may be able to offer reasonable testing accommodations regarding written exams for individuals with documented disabilities. The student **MUST** contact the ACFA a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to the scheduled test day so that a request for accommodations can be reviewed.

No Show Policy

As program space and funding is limited, the ACFA reserves the right to suspend any student from attending future ACFA classes, who registers for a program and then does not show up for the class. If such “No-Shows” occur as a group from a single fire department the Academy reserves the right to suspend the entire department from attending courses sponsored by ACFA.

Students needing to cancel out of any ACFA program for any reason must do so in writing, prior to the start of the course, to avoid the “No Show” policy sanctions. Cancellations may be done by e-mailing:

FireAcademyCancellations@AlleghenyCounty.US

Chief's Authorization

In authorizing a student to attend classes at ACFA, the Fire Chief **MUST** provide the ACFA with an e-mail address and is certifying that the student:

- Meets the pre-requisite knowledge and abilities to attend the class per the course description.
- Is **MEDICALLY QUALIFIED** to attend the course and can participate in **ALL** evolutions.
- Is covered by the Fire Department's Workers' Compensation Insurance during attendance at the Fire Academy.
- Shall be provided with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and other PPE as dictated by the course description.

Facial Hair Policy/Procedure

To comply with accepted standards National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1403, 1404, 1500 and OSHA Respiratory Protection), PSFA guidelines, and manufactures' guidelines; any program that utilizes SCBA or other respiratory protection will require students registering to be clean-shaven. This means there will be no facial hair anywhere along the jaw line, the chin or under the lower lip that would be in contact with the facepiece. A well-trimmed mustache is permitted. **Any student out of compliance with the policy will be given the option of shaving prior to the start of class or not attending the program.**

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Dress Code Policy

The ACFA is a formidable educational institution that provides a high quality of service to the firefighters in the county and surrounding counties. To keep the highest quality of education at the ACFA, there must be a dress code that is commensurate of the education that is being delivered at this facility. The clothing a student wears to the ACFA can greatly affect the safety and academic focus of that student and the surrounding students. Extreme discretion is advised on the part of the students. **The ACFA staff will become involved in the matter of dress when an individual student exercises poor judgment in his/her mode of dress; that is, the dress interferes with the learning process, constitutes a hazard to the student or others, or is deemed inappropriate for the training setting by the staff and administration.** Safety issues will be addressed with clothing or shoes when seen as dangerous.

- Armbands, buttons, and badges are permissible, as well as clothing bearing slogans, as long as they are not gang related, obscene, libelous, or display items or products that are contrary to the ACFA rules and regulations or interfere with the educational process.
- Objects that are sharp or protruding from the person of a student are prohibited. This specifically includes, but is not limited to spikes on collars, jackets, shoes, and wristbands.
- Duty uniforms are preferred. A few specific classes will require a professional level of dress. For these classes, appropriate dress will be noted in the student's course acceptance letter.
- Shorts, skirts, dresses, pajama pants, and torn-ragged clothing are NOT permitted.
- Trousers and pants are not to sag below the waistline so that bare-midriff, gluteal cleft, and/or underwear are seen.
- Tank-top type jerseys, muscle shirts, sleeveless shirts, halters, off-the shoulder shirts, pajama shirts, and bare midriff tops are prohibited. Shirtsleeves must have a seam and two inches of material that cover the shoulders.
- Utmost discretion is urged with the wearing of see-through or skin-tight apparel and low-cut shirts.
- Students **MUST** wear long-sleeved shirts or sweatshirts in courses requiring protective clothing during live fire evolutions to reduce the risk of thermal injury. It is recommended that this clothing be of natural fibers (cotton, wool, etc.) or of flame restive material, and not of man-made sports type fabric that is designed to wick away perspiration from the body.
- **Hats (including hoods), headbands, and bandanas are not to be worn inside the classroom.**
- Footwear in the classroom must cover the entire foot and be secured to the foot. No slippers, flip-flops, or clogs will be permitted. On the training ground, the footwear must be work boots with safety toe protection or bunker boots.
- Jewelry should be limited as not to interfere with the student's safety or be offensive to others.

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Personal Protective Equipment Inspection Policy

ACFA will have a PPE inspection performed during any program that involves live fire training. The intent of this inspection is to ensure the protection of the student participating in training. Deficiencies in the protective equipment inspected will be noted on the inspection form. Not all deficiencies will prevent the gear from being used in a program. Only if the “NO” box next to “PPE acceptable for use” is checked will the student not be permitted to wear the inspected gear for the **live fire evolution portion** of the program. Gear not acceptable for live fire use may continue to be worn for non-live fire portions of the program. A copy of the gear inspection form shall be sent home with the student for review.

Any Chief Officer with questions or concerns about the gear inspection policy or process should contact a ACFA Staff Instructor.

Program Coordinators

Please use the following list to assist you in directing your inquiries regarding the programs at the Fire Academy. The ACFA telephone numbers are: (724) 935-4634 or (412) 931- 3158

- Non-Suppression Programs and Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Programs

Russell E. Young at Russell.Young@AlleghenyCounty.US or (412) 350-0097

- PA Entry Level Firefighter Training (ELFT), Suppression Programs, and Private Industry Training

Nelson Miller at Nelson.Miller@AlleghenyCounty.US or (412) 350-5921

- Certification and New Instructor Mentoring

Michael Krzeminski at Michael.Krzeminski@AlleghenyCounty.US or (412) 350-2695

- Rescue Programs, and ACFA Facebook Page

Brian Chalfant at Brian.Chalfant@AlleghenyCounty.US or (412) 350-2552

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Materials Fees

Materials Fees are attached to classes where expendable materials are required and necessary for the class (i.e., plywood, books, locks, drywall, etc.). If a class has a Material Fee it must be paid to the appropriate organization prior to the class. Payment must be in the form of check or money order payable to **Allegheny County Treasurer**, except where noted. Cash cannot be accepted.

Registrations received without payment will not be accepted.

- **CHECKS and/or MONEY ORDERS:** Made payable to **Allegheny County Treasurer** must be sent with the registration forms to the Allegheny County Fire Academy prior to the start of class. ***A separate check is required for each class and each student.*** This will facilitate the refund for individual cancellations. **Checks MUST be dated no sooner than ninety (90) prior to the first day of the course.**
- **REFUND POLICY:** Students unable to attend a course must notify the ACFA **BEFORE** the date of the first-class to receive a refund.
- **NO SHOW POLICY:** Students needing to cancel out of any ACFA program for any reason must do so in writing, prior to the first day of the class, to avoid the “No Show” policy sanctions. This may be done by emailing:

FireAcademyCancellations@AlleghenyCounty.US

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Entry Level Firefighter Training Courses

Introduction to the Fire Service (ELIS)

16 Hours **Prerequisites:** *Minimum age of 14 years old at start of class*

This 16-hour course is designed to introduce new firefighters to basic information including an overview of the fire service, fire service organization, firefighter safety, personal protective equipment, and terrorism awareness. This is the first (1) of four (4) courses in the curriculum.

Pre-Class Instructions: Prior to the first day of class, each student **MUST**:

- Have a copy of the textbook: IFSTA “*Essentials of Firefighting, 7th Edition*” (ISBN #: 978-087939657-2 or SKU: 36777) that must remain in the possession of the student throughout the entire course. If your fire department does not have a copy, it is available through the Lancaster County Fireman’s Association (LCFA) at [Essentials of Fire Fighting 7th Edition - Lancaster County Firemen's Association](#). Read Chapters 1, 2, 6 (pages 256-280), 10 (pages 476-484), and 11 (pages 581-596) from the textbook
- Have a notebook, pen, and a #2 pencil.
- Have a set of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) consisting of a helmet, coat, pants, hood, boots, primary eye protection, and gloves.

The student shall receive a copy of the *PA Edition Entry Level Fire Training Skill Sheets* book on the first day of class. This skill sheets book must remain in the possession of the student until the end of the PA ELFT program.

Dress Code: *Although we will discuss our policies and procedures in depth on the first day of class, be advised of the following policies for the first day of class:*

- Closed shoes that cover the entire foot.
- Long pants.
- Shirts must have sleeves.
- No hats, ball caps, etc. shall be worn indoors.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11601	ACFA	Mon and Tues Weekdays Only	6/16 & 6/17	08:00 - 17:00	ACFA Staff
11602	ACFA	Saturdays	7/26 & 8/2	08:00 - 17:00	Allan

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Hazardous Materials Awareness (HMA24)

6 Hours Prerequisites: Minimum Age of 14

This course aims to prepare students who during their normal duties, could encounter an emergency involving hazardous materials/weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or a terrorist/criminal incident. The primary target audiences for this course are the First Responders (fire, rescue, emergency medical, police, etc.) who will witness or discover a hazardous substance/materials release or a terrorist/criminal incident. Students will be trained to initiate an emergency response sequence by notifying the proper authorities of the incident. They shall have sufficient training or have had sufficient experience to objectively demonstrate competency to understand what hazardous substance are, the risks, potential outcomes, the ability to recognize and identify their presence, their role, including site security, safe scene management and how to use the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) during a hazardous materials/WMD or terrorist/criminal emergency. This services as initial training as required under 29 CFR 1910.120 and the educational requirements of NFPA 470, 2022 Edition Standard at the Awareness Level.

Each student shall have a copy of the textbook: IFSTA's *Hazardous Materials for First Responders, 6th Edition* (ISBN #: 978-0-87939-757-9 or IFSTA Item #: 36701) and IFSTA's *Hazardous Materials for First Responders, 6th Edition Course Workbook* (ISBN #: 978-0-87939-802-6 or IFSTA Item #: 36706) that must remain in the possession of the student throughout the entire course. If your fire department does not have a copy, it is available through the Lancaster County Firemen's Association (LCFA) Bookstore at [Hazardous Materials for First Responders, 6th Ed. Manual and Course Workbook pkg - Lancaster County Firemen's Association.](#)

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil and notebook

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11604	ACFA	Wednesday	6/18	08:00 - 15:00	DiGennaro
11605	ACFA	Saturday	8/9	08:00 - 15:00	DiGennaro

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IS-700.B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System

3.5 Hours **Prerequisites:** *None*

This 3.5-hour **on-line** course (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b>) offered by the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency's, (FEMA's) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) provides the student an overview of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The National Incident Management System defines the comprehensive approach guiding the whole community – all levels of government, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and the private sector – to work together seamlessly to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the effects of incidents. The course provides learner with a basic understanding of NIMS concepts, principles, and components.

IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System, (ICS-100)

2 Hours **Prerequisites:** *None*

This 2-hour **on-line** course (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c>) offered by the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency's, (FEMA's) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) introduces the student to the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Taking Action Against Cancer in the Fire and Emergency Services

3 Hours **Prerequisites:** *None*

This 3-hour class will educate firefighters and EMS personnel about their increased risk of developing cancer; encourage actions and behaviors to reduce or prevent exposure to occupational cancer hazards; encourage healthy lifestyle choices to further reduce cancer risk; and provide information about resources available to firefighters, EMS personnel and their families following a cancer diagnosis.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11609	ACFA	Friday	6/20	13:00 – 15:00	DiGennaro
11610	ACFA	Thursday	11/13	18:30 – 21:30	DiGennaro

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AHA Heartsaver® First Aid and Basic Life Support

8 Hours Prerequisites: None Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$25.00

The American Heart Association (AHA) *Heartsaver® First Aid* course trains participants first aid basics for the most common first aid emergencies, including how to recognize them, how to call for help, and how to perform lifesaving skills. This course is designed for anyone with limited or no medical training who needs a course completion card in first aid to meet job, regulatory, or other requirements.

The American Heart Association (AHA) *Basic Life Support* (BLS) course trains participants to promptly recognize several life-threatening emergencies, give high-quality chest compressions, deliver appropriate ventilations and provide early use of an Automated External Defibrillation (AED). This course is designed for personnel who need to know how to perform cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for adults, children, and infants and other basic cardiovascular life support skills in a wide variety of prehospital settings.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11607	ACFA	Saturday	7/11	08:00 – 17:00	Vita

Fire Ground Support (ELFG)

32 Hours Prerequisites: ELIS and HMA

This 32-hour course is designed to introduce new firefighters to fire ground operations including fire behavior, fire extinguishers, water supply, fire hose, ropes, and hazardous materials. This is the second (2) of four (4) courses in the curriculum.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, PPE, SCBA with spare cylinder, 15' of ½" (12mm) static kernmantle rope, and their copy of the *PA Edition Entry Level Fire Training Skill Sheets* book, which was provided the first day of the Introduction to the Fire Service class. This skill sheets book must remain in the possession of the student until the end of the Entry Level Fire Training program.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11611	ACFA	Saturdays	3/1 – 3/22	08:00 - 17:00	Sluzynsky
11612	ACFA	Mon thru Fri Weekdays Only	6/23 – 6/27	08:00 - 17:00	ACFA Staff
11613	ACFA	Saturdays	8/16 – 9/13	08:00 - 17:00	Allan

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Exterior Firefighter (ELEF)

40 Hours Prerequisites: *ELFG and IS-700 and ICS-100. Also, the student must follow the PSFA Facial Hair Policy (i.e., “clean shaven wherever the SCBA face piece touches”) throughout the class.*

This 40 -hour course is designed to introduce new firefighters to exterior fire ground operation including building construction, ladders, communications, protective systems/sprinklers, forcible entry, and fire prevention. This is the third (3) of four (4) courses in the curriculum.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, PPE, SCBA with spare cylinder, and their copy of the *PA Edition Entry Level Fire Training Skill Sheets* book, which was provided the first day of the Introduction to the Fire Service class. This skill sheets book must remain in the possession of the student until the end of the Entry Level Fire Training program.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11614	ACFA	Saturdays	3/29 - 5/10	08:00 - 17:00	Sluzynsky
11615	ACFA	Fri thru Thurs Weekdays Only	6/27 – 7/3	08:00 - 17:00	ACFA Staff
11616	ACFA	Saturdays	9/20 – 10/18	08:00 - 17:00	Allan

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Hazardous Materials Operations (HMO24)

32 Hours Prerequisites: *Minimum age of 16 by first day of class; Also, the student must follow the PSFA Facial Hair Policy (i.e., “clean shaven wherever the SCBA face piece touches”) throughout the class.*

The goal of this program is to provide the emergency responder with the training need to comply with the First Responder Operations Level training identified in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 470, 2022 Edition, The course provides training for first responders that respond to releases or potential releases of hazardous substances as part of the initial response for the purpose of protecting nearby persons, property, and the environment. Personnel are trained to respond in a defensive fashion to contain the release from a safe distance, to keep it from spreading, and prevent exposures. They must understand basic hazard and risk assessment, how to select and use proper personnel protective (PPE) equipment, basic hazardous materials terms, basic control, containment and/or confinement operations within the capabilities or the resources and PPE available, and basic decontamination procedures and termination procedures

Each student shall have a copy of the textbook: IFSTA’s *Hazardous Materials for First Responders, 6th Edition* (ISBN #: 978-0-87939-757-9 or IFSTA Item #: 36701) and IFSTA’s *Hazardous Materials for First Responders, 6th Edition Course Workbook* (ISBN #: 978-0-87939-802-6 or IFSTA Item #: 36706) that must remain in the possession of the student throughout the entire course. If your fire department does not have a copy, it is available through the Lancaster County Firemen’s Association (LCFA) Bookstore at [Hazardous Materials for First Responders, 6th Ed. Manual and Course Workbook pkg - Lancaster County Firemen's Association.](#)

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil and notebook

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11618	ACFA	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs Weekdays Only	7/7 – 7/10	08:00 - 17:00	Kaiser/McDonald
11619	ACFA	Saturdays	7/26 – 8/16	08:00 - 17:00	Klier

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Fire Dynamics: Fundamentals

3 Hours **Prerequisites:** *ELEF*

This 3-hour course provides the firefighter the basic knowledge to reinforce the evidence-based research conducted by Underwriters Laboratories (UL), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and other fire service organizations. This course introduces new terminology related to fire dynamics, legacy verse modern fuel loads, new construction techniques, flow paths, door control, and ventilation that all impact fire ground operations.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11620	ACFA	Saturday	5/3	08:00 – 11:00	TBA
11621	ACFA	Monday	7/21	08:00 – 11:00	ACFA Staff
11622	ACFA	Saturday	10/4	08:00 – 11:00	TBA

Fire Dynamics: Strategy & Tactics with Demonstration

4 Hours **Prerequisites:** *FDF*

This 4-hour course provides the firefighter the basic knowledge of strategy and tactics and how to apply the evidence-based fire research conducted by Underwriters Laboratories (UL), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and other fire service organizations to fire ground operations. This course introduces new terminology related to fire dynamics, ventilation, flow paths, door control, transitional fire attack, basement fires, and new concepts for developing strategy and tactics. Students will also observe fire spread via improper ventilation, flow path identification, and positive pressure ventilation (PPV) using a “doll house” type structure.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11623	ACFA	Saturday	5/3	12:00 – 16:00	TBA
11624	ACFA	Monday	7/21	12:00 – 16:00	ACFA Staff
11625	ACFA	Saturday	10/4	12:00 – 16:00	TBA

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Fire Dynamics: Observation (a.k.a. Flashover)

Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$30.00

8 Hours **Prerequisites:** *Students must be 18 years of age on the first day of class. FDST and ELIF or currently enrolled in one of ACFA's 2025 ELIF courses or FF-I Certification or EBM with live burn and/or SBS. The student must follow the PSFA Facial Hair Policy (i.e., "clean shaven wherever the SCBA face piece touches") throughout the class.*

This course is designed to give the fire fighter the skills and knowledge that are required to recognize and understand the flashover stage of an interior compartment fire and a backdraft event caused by limited ventilation. The primary focus of this course is to give the student a thorough knowledge of flashover and pre-flashover conditions. The goal of this course is to teach the student how to deal with these conditions in a safe and productive manner. The ultimate outcome is to equip fire fighters with the skills to avoid becoming victims of these violent phenomena.

The student will need to provide; PPE and SCBA.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11626	ACFA	Saturday	5/10	08:00 – 17:00	TBA
11627	ACFA	Tuesday	7/22	08:00 – 17:00	ACFA Staff
11628	ACFA	Saturday	10/18	08:00 – 17:00	TBA

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Interior Fire Fighter (ELIF)

Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$60.00

48 Hours **Prerequisites:** *Student must be minimum of 17 years of age on the first day of class and ELEF and HMO. The student shall follow the PSFA Facial Hair Policy (i.e., “clean shaven wherever the SCBA face piece touches”) throughout the course. Students 17 years of age must provide a completed PSFA ACT 155 Permission Form.*

This 48-hour course is designed to introduce new firefighters to interior fire ground operation including nozzles and streams, SCBA, rescue, ventilation, fire suppression, salvage, and firefighter survival. This is the fourth (4) of four (4) courses in the curriculum.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, PPE, SCBA with spare cylinder, and their copy of the *PA Edition Entry Level Fire Training Skill Sheets* book, which was provided the first day of the Introduction to the Fire Service class. This skill sheets book must remain in the possession of the student until the end of the Entry Level Fire Training program.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11629	ACFA	Saturday	3/22 – 5/17	08:00 – 17:00	Allan
11630	ACFA	Wed thru Wed Weekdays only	7/14 – 7/23	08:00 – 17:00	ACFA Staff
11631	ACFA	Saturdays	8/23 – 10/18	08:00 - 17:00	Sluzynsky

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Engine Company Operations I (ECOP)

16 Hours **Prerequisites:** *EBM or ELIF or FF-I Certification*

This 16-hour course provides instruction in the duties and responsibilities of an engine company. Topics include positioning of apparatus, use of attack and back-up lines, search and rescue, and water supply.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, PPE and SCBA with spare cylinder.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11632	ACFA	Thursdays	4/3 – 4/24	18:30 - 22:30	Miller

Fire Dynamics: Fundamentals (FDF)

3 Hours **Prerequisites:** *ELEF*

This 3-hour course provides the firefighter the basic knowledge to reinforce the evidence-based research conducted by Underwriters Laboratories (UL), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and other fire service organizations. This course introduces new terminology related to fire dynamics, legacy verse modern fuel loads, new construction techniques, flow paths, door control, and ventilation that all impact fire ground operations.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11620	ACFA	Saturday	5/3	08:00 – 11:00	TBA
11621	ACFA	Monday	7/21	08:00 – 11:00	ACFA Staff
11622	ACFA	Saturday	10/4	08:00 – 11:00	TBA

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Fire Dynamics: Strategy & Tactics (FDST) with Demonstration

4 Hours **Prerequisites:** *FDF*

This 4-hour course provides the firefighter the basic knowledge of strategy and tactics and how to apply the evidence-based fire research conducted by Underwriters Laboratories (UL), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and other fire service organizations to fire ground operations. This course introduces new terminology related to fire dynamics, ventilation, flow paths, door control, transitional fire attack, basement fires, and new concepts for developing strategy and tactics. Students will also observe fire spread via improper ventilation, flow path identification, and positive pressure ventilation (PPV) using a “doll house” type structure.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

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11623	ACFA	Saturday	5/3	12:00 – 16:00	TBA
11624	ACFA	Monday	7/21	12:00 – 16:00	ACFA Staff
11625	ACFA	Saturday	10/4	12:00 – 16:00	TBA

Fire Dynamics: Observation (a.k.a. Flashover)

Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$30.00

8 Hours **Prerequisites:** *Students must be 18 years of age on the first day of class. FDST and ELIF or FF-I Certification or EBM with live burn and/or SBS. The student must follow the PSFA Facial Hair Policy (i.e., “clean shaven wherever the SCBA face piece touches”) throughout the class.*

This course is designed to give the fire fighter the skills and knowledge that are required to recognize and understand the flashover stage of an interior compartment fire and a backdraft event caused by limited ventilation. The primary focus of this course is to give the student a thorough knowledge of flashover and pre-flashover conditions. The goal of this course is to teach the student how to deal with these conditions in a safe and productive manner. The ultimate outcome is to equip fire fighters with the skills to avoid becoming victims of these violent phenomena.

The student will need to provide; PPE and SCBA.

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11626	ACFA	Saturday	5/10	08:00 – 17:00	TBA
11627	ACFA	Tuesday	7/22	08:00 – 17:00	ACFA Staff
11628	ACFA	Saturday	10/18	08:00 – 17:00	TBA

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Fire Fighter I Prep

Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$15.00

32 Hours Prerequisites: *ELIF or EBM with SBS*

This 32-hour course is designed to help the Fire Fighter in preparing for a Fire Fighter I Certification Exam. This course will cover the referenced textbook and will include the practical skill stations used for Fire Fighter I Certification.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, and current edition of any of the NFPA 1001 compliant textbooks, PPE, and SCBA with spare cylinder.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11633	ACFA	Mondays/Wednesdays/ Saturday	7/16, 7/19, 7/21, 7/28, 7/30 8/6 & 8/11	18:30 - 22:30/ 08:00 – 17:00	Sluzynsky

Fire Fighter II Prep

24 Hours Prerequisites: *ELIF or EBM with SBS or FF –I Certification. Also, the student must follow the PSFA Facial Hair Policy (i.e. “clean shaven wherever the SCBA face piece touches”) throughout the class.*

This 24-hour course is designed to introduce seasoned firefighters to advanced fire ground operations including Building Construction, Fire Safety Surveys/Fire and Life Presentation, Generators, Lighting Equipment, Technical Rescue, Fire Protection Systems, Service Testing of Hose, Combustible Gas and Liquid Fire Control, Foam, Coordinating Fire Ground Operations Communications, and Advanced Origin, Cause and Arson.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, PPE, SCBA with spare cylinder, and their copy of the PA Edition Entry Level Fire Training Skill Sheets book, which was provided the first day of the Introduction to the Fire Service class. This skill sheets book must remain in the possession of the student until the end of the Entry Level Fire Training program. 18:30 - 22:30

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11634	ACFA	Saturdays	5/3, 5/10 & 5/17	08:00 – 17:00	Trebac

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Fire Fighter Survival (SURV)

16 Hours **Prerequisites:** *EBM or ELIF or FF-I Certification*

A physically demanding, comprehensive program dealing with the necessary knowledge and skills relative to rescue procedures needed for self-rescue. Emphasis will be placed on search techniques, communications, accountability/location, and self-rescue procedures. Students must be in adequate physical condition to perform 100% of all practical exercises.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, TOG, SCBA with spare cylinder, PASS device.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11635	ACFA	Sat/Sun	9/6 & 9/7	08:00 – 17:00	Petruzzi

Foam Operations for the Engine Company

8 Hours **Prerequisite:** *ELIF or FF-I Certification or EBM*

If you want to learn more about getting the WHITE STUFF on the RED STUFF. This is the course for you and your company level officers. Designed for Engine Company personnel that want to improve on their foam delivery capabilities. Portable foam appliances will be discussed and flowed including self-educating master stream nozzles and appliances. Review and flowing of a Region 13 foam trailer and the onboard hardware. If available, a station 100 ARFF rig will be reviewed and flowed during the class.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, full PPE with protective glasses.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11690	ACFA	Saturday	6/28	08:00 – 17:00	Miller

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Firefighter Training Courses

Forcible Entry (TFE)

16 Hours **Prerequisites:** *EBM or ELIF or FF-I Certification*

This course will provide the fire fighter with a better understanding of building construction as applies to forcible entry. Also covered will be opening techniques and the use of tools for safe, quick access to a structure.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, TOG, SCBA with spare cylinder, PASS device.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11636	ACFA	Tuesdays/Thursdays	2/27 – 3/13	18:30 - 22:30	Krzeminski
11637	ACFA	Saturdays	9/20 & 9/27	08:00 - 17:00	Krzeminski

AHA Heartsaver® First Aid and Basic Life Support

8 Hours **Prerequisites:** *None* **Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$25.00**

The American Heart Association (AHA) *Heartsaver® First Aid* course trains participants first aid basics for the most common first aid emergencies, including how to recognize them, how to call for help, and how to perform lifesaving skills. This course is designed for anyone with limited or no medical training who needs a course completion card in first aid to meet job, regulatory, or other requirements.

The American Heart Association (AHA) *Basic Life Support (BLS)* course trains participants to promptly recognize several life-threatening emergencies, give high-quality chest compressions, deliver appropriate ventilations and provide early use of an Automated External Defibrillation (AED). This course is designed for personnel who need to know how to perform cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for adults, children, and infants and other basic cardiovascular life support skills in a wide variety of prehospital settings.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11607	ACFA	Friday	7/11	08:00 – 17:00	Vita

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule **Firefighter Training Courses**

Structural Burn Session (SBS) *Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$60.00*
16 Hours **Prerequisites:** *EBM or ELIF or FF-I Certification*

This course will provide the student with a review and application of the techniques used in safe firefighting practices in an actual fire environment. Emphasis is placed on safety for both interior and exterior operations.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, PPE, SCBA, with spare cylinder.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11638	ACFA	Sat/Sun	5/3 & 5/4	08:00 - 17:00	Greenawald
11639	ACFA	Sat/Sun	10/25 & 10/26	08:00 - 17:00	Miller

Structural Fire Rescue (SFR)
16 Hours **Prerequisites:** *EBM or ELIF or FF-I Certification*

This course deals with the philosophy of fire ground rescue, victim handling techniques, search procedures, and the methods of removing victims from above and below grade situations.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, PPE, SCBA with spare cylinder.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11640	ACFA	Tues/Thurs	3/18 – 3/27	18:30 – 22:30	Petruzzi

Taking Action Against Cancer in the Fire and Emergency Services
3 Hours **Prerequisites:** *None*

This 3-hour class will educate firefighters and EMS personnel about their increased risk of developing cancer; encourage actions and behaviors to reduce or prevent exposure to occupational cancer hazards; encourage healthy lifestyle choices to further reduce cancer risk; and provide information about resources available to firefighters, EMS personnel and their families following a cancer diagnosis.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11609	ACFA	Friday	6/20	13:00 – 16:00	DiGennaro
11610	ACFA	Wednesday	11/13	18:30 – 22:30	DiGennaro

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Firefighter Training Courses

Truck Company Operations I (TRCO)

16 Hours Prerequisites: EBM or ELIF or FF-I Certification

Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$25.00

This course will introduce the student to the basic duties of a truck company including hand and power tool operation, search and rescue, and ventilation. Truck company support to the engine company is also covered.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, PPE, SCBA with spare cylinder.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11641	ACFA	Sat/Sun	3/8 & 3/9	8:00 – 5:00	Szpindor

Truck Company Operations II (ATRC)

16 Hours Prerequisites: EBM or ELIF or FF-I Certification

Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$25.00

This course will introduce the student to the basic duties of a truck company including hand and power tool operation, search and rescue, and ventilation. Truck company support to the engine company is also covered.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, PPE, SCBA with spare cylinder.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11642	ACFA	Sat/Sun	8/23 & 8/24	8:00 – 5:00	Szpindor

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Driver/Operator Training Courses

Emergency Vehicle Operator Training (EVOT)

16 Hours **Prerequisites:** *Minimum age of 18 by first day of class and a current & valid PA Driver's License*

A large number of emergency service personnel and civilians are injured and killed each year because of inappropriately driven emergency vehicles. Participants in this course will have the opportunity to gain and/or verify a broad range of competencies associated with the emergency vehicle driving. These competencies include basic understanding of emergency vehicle operations as well as the skills necessary for practical and safe application of driving on a competency course.

The student shall need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, and must provide an emergency vehicle for the practical portion of the class.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11643	ACFA	Saturdays	4/5 & 4/12	08:00 - 17:00	Kaiser
11644	ACFA	Sat/Sun	10/25 & 10/26	08:00 - 17:00	Klier

Pump Operations I (PUOP)

16 Hours **Prerequisites:** *ELFG or EBM and must be a minimum age of 18 by first day of class*

This course provides the fire fighter with an introduction to basic pump construction and theory as well as operating techniques. Emphasis is placed on getting water to the pump, getting water from the pump for hose streams, and prevention of common mistakes in pump operations.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, and PPE.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11645	ACFA	Tuesdays	3/4 – 3/25	18:30 - 22:30	Rex
11646	ACFA	Tuesdays	9/2 – 9/23	18:30 - 22:30	Rex

Pump Operations II (PUOA)

16 Hours **Prerequisites:** *PUOP I*

This course is designed to instruct the student in advanced techniques of operating fire pumps. Topics covered include friction loss, relay pumping, master, and elevated master streams.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, and PPE.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11647	ACFA	Tuesdays	9/30 – 10/21	18:30 - 22:30	Rex

NEW in 2025

Pennsylvania Joint Vehicle Rescue Program Passenger Vehicle Rescue – 24

Formerly known as Basic Vehicle Rescue (BVR) or NFPA-1670 Vehicle Rescue (NVR)

- **Introduction**

The Basic Vehicle Rescue program was originally developed in January 1982. Since then, it has gone through several revisions including the most recent in 2024. In June of 2002, the Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (DOH-BEMS) entered into an agreement to jointly provide vehicle rescue training across the Commonwealth, hence – the Pennsylvania Joint Vehicle Rescue Vehicle Program (PJVRP). This alliance continues, thus providing this cooperatively developed, updated program for the Commonwealth’s emergency responders.

The PJVRP training curriculum for common passenger vehicles is a comprehensive rescue-training program designed to be presented to those emergency service personnel responsible for patient rescue operations on the roadways of Pennsylvania. It is a combination of classroom lectures, discussions, student activities, demonstrations and practical labs which provide each student the opportunity to practice skills taught under the guidance and supervision of a qualified vehicle rescue instructor(s). While not teaching patient care, i.e., medical assessment and treatment, this instructional program should provide rescue personnel with a strong sense of patient-oriented techniques and activities. It is a given that must be understood by all rescuers, that we are performing patient rescue of individuals involved in vehicle crashes, NOT rescuing vehicles from the highways of Pennsylvania.

The program places emphasis upon the development of knowledge and skills to be used by rescue personnel to achieve a safe, efficient, and effective rescue operation.

The PJVRP for Passenger Vehicle Rescue – 24 (PVR-24) is comprised of three separate levels/courses:

1. Passenger Vehicle Rescue Awareness 24 (PVRA24)
2. Passenger Vehicle Rescue Operations 24 (PVRO24)
3. Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician 24 (PVRT24)

By dividing out the program, this allows the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) to determine the level of training an emergency services provider should have for their jurisdiction. These courses comply with the 2021 and 2022 versions of NFPA 1006/2500.

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule

Technical Rescue Courses

• Student Information

Prerequisites: Participants entering the program **MUST** be at least 16 years of age by the first day of class, have completed the FEMA's *ICS 100* & *IS-700*, an approved Hazardous Materials Awareness (HMA) or higher course and/or certification, and at least four hours of training in a recognized Traffic Incident Management (TIM) course.

Prerequisites Resources that may be utilized but not required.

1. FEMA *ICS-100* & *IS-700*: <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>
2. HMA: <https://www.train.org/pa/course/1076417/details>
3. PA TIM: <https://www.train.org/pa/course/1082546/compilation> **OR**
4. National TIM: <https://learning.respondersafety.com/Clusters/National-TIM-Training-Certificate.aspx>

Student registrations shall be done in accordance with and facilitated by the sponsoring Educational Training Agency (ETA) and its requirements for all levels of the PJVR program.

Students are also required to register for the course(s) in the PSFA Acadis Learning Management System (LMS). To do this the student must:

1. Have a FEMA Student Indentation Number (SID). If you don't have a FEMA SID follow this link: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/FEMASID>
2. Have SFA Acadis Portal Access. If you don't have portal access, you will need to go to psfa.acadisonline.com and complete a "Portal Access Request" following this link: <https://psfa.acadisonline.com/acadisviewer/WebForms/Public/DataCollectorList.aspx> When doing so you must have your FEMA SID available.
3. Once you are login to the SFA Acadis view "Available training" under the "Training and Events" link to register for the appropriate course(s). NOTE: The student **MUST also register with the local ETA** sponsoring the course(s) through the ETA's normal registration process.

Students will have a choice on whether they want to:

1. Receive training certificates of completion (diplomas) issued by the ETA
 2. Pursue professional certification through ProBoard/IFSAC with all the associated fees
 3. Pursue professional certification through DOH-BEMS with all the associated fees.
- NOTE: Students who seek a DOH Vehicle Rescue Technician certification **MUST** complete all three (3) joint program courses and successfully pass the national certification test for each level.

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Students must declare if they are proceeding with professional certification at the first session of PVRA24. **Once declared the student is NOT able to change within the training process or testing.** For students who will test for the national certification levels (i.e., Awareness/Operations and/or Technician), the PSFA certification application must be completed and submitted to the sponsoring ETA

The student **MUST** have a copy of the textbook: Jones & Bartlett's *Vehicle Rescue and Extrication: Principles and Practice, Revised 2nd edition* (ISBN:9781284245622) that must remain in the possession of the student throughout the course(s).

Students will be provided a copy of the PA SFA/BEMS *Skills Book for the Joint Rescue Program for Passenger Vehicle Rescue – 24 Awareness, Operations, and Technician Levels*. It must remain in the possession of the student until the end of the PA Joint Rescue Program for Passenger Vehicle Rescue – 24 programs. This is similar to the PA SFA *Entry Level Fire Training Skills Sheets* book.

The student shall receive a copy of the *Functional Position Description for State Rescue Technician* and sign off that they are competent to complete the knowledge and skills required.

Students who have completed previous courses in passenger vehicle rescue from 2015 to present, shall meet the following for admission:

1. Those who demonstrate proof of NFPA-1670 Vehicle Rescue Awareness (NVRA) certificate of training or DOH/ProBoard/IFSAC certification, are eligible to enter the PVRO24 course provided they meet the other prerequisites.
2. Those who demonstrate proof of NFPA-1670 Vehicle Rescue Operations (NVRO) certificate of training or DOH/ProBoard/IFSAC certification, are eligible to enter the PVRT24 provided they meet the other prerequisites.
3. Individuals who have the original Basic Vehicle Rescue Technician (BVRT) certification from the DOH, prior to 2015 shall need to begin the PVR program from the beginning.

• **Testing**

Students shall be required to:

1. Successfully complete 100% of the skills required in the PA SFA/BEMS *Skills Book for the Joint Rescue Program for Passenger Vehicle Rescue – 24 Awareness, Operations, and Technician Levels* for each course/level taken.
2. **AND** successfully complete a written examination, to be generated by the PSFA for each course/level taken, with a score of 70% or greater and within three (3) attempts.
3. While not included in the total class hours, the student will need to complete assigned reading and self-directed study of the textbook in order to be able to meet the objectives of the program and to successfully complete written and practical skills testing.

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If student requires testing accommodations to successfully complete the competencies and tasks required of them in the PVR-24 programs, they can apply for reasonable accommodations if the student has a disability. To do so, the student shall notify the instructor and/or ETA prior to the start of class or on the first day of class as it may take a minimum twenty (20) days to process the request for accommodations so they can be directed to the appropriate avenue.

Passenger Vehicle Rescue Awareness - 24 (PVRA24)

Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$100.00

16 Hours **Prerequisites:** *Students **MUST** be at least 16-years of age by the first day of class; ICS-100; IS-700; an approved, or higher, HMA or HMAR course or certification that is less than one (1) year old; a minimum of a 4-hour course of training in a recognized TIM course.*

Prerequisites Resources that may be utilized but not required.

1. FEMA ICS-100 & IS-700: <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>
2. HMA: <https://www.train.org/pa/course/1076417/details>
3. PA TIM: <https://www.train.org/pa/course/1082546/compilation> **OR**
4. National TIM: <https://learning.respondersafety.com/Clusters/National-TIM-Training-Certificate.aspx>

The course goal is to provide the student with the knowledge, skill, and values necessary to respond to a common passenger vehicle crash/rescue incident and function as a technical rescuer at the awareness level in accordance with NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications. This 16-hour course will provide basic awareness-level knowledge and skills as they pertain to vehicle rescue incidents. Topics include Commonwealth and nationally recognized professional standards, qualifications, and Job Performance Requirements (JPR) for technical rescuers as they pertain to common passenger vehicles. A functional understanding of accident scene size-up, incident command, and resource management will enable the student to operate safely at a vehicle crash/rescue scene. Hazard identification and risk assessment skills to enable the student to support an Incident Action Plan (IAP) and effect mitigation procedures towards a successful vehicle rescue operation. Finally, the student will develop a familiarity with the inspection, application and operation of common passenger vehicle rescue tools and equipment.

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Technical Rescue Courses

The student **MUST** have:

1. A copy of the textbook: Jones & Bartlett's *Vehicle Rescue and Extrication: Principles and Practice, Revised 2nd edition* (ISBN:9781284245622). that must remain in the possession of the student throughout the course
2. A PA OSFC/BEMS *Vehicle Extrication Skills Sheet Book*, that will be issued at the first day of class and remain with the student throughout the program
3. Pen/pencil and notebook suitable for classroom/field use
4. Complete set of personal protective equipment (PPE) consisting of:
 - a. NFPA 1971 compliant helmet, coat, pants, & footwear
 - b. ANSI Z87.1 rated eye protection
 - c. Hearing protection
 - d. ANSI III or greater rated reflective highway safety vest
 - e. NFPA 1981 compliant SCBA

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11649	ACFA	Mon/Wed	3/3 – 3/12	18:30 – 22:30	Hartman
11650	ACFA	Tues/Thurs	9/9 – 9/18	18:30 – 22:30	Medred

Passenger Vehicle Rescue Operations - 24 (PVRO24)

Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$100.00

28 Hours **Prerequisites:** *The students entering the program **MUST** be at least 16-years of age by the first day of class; ICS-100; IS-700; TIM; PVRA24 or NVRO or ProBoard/IFSAC certification of NFPA 1006 PVRA or VM-I level or higher; current approved first aid or PA DOH/BEMS EMS provider certification; current approved CPR/AED certification; current approved HMO training or NFPA 1072 or 472 or 470 Operations certification that is less than one (1) year old.*

The goal of this course is to provide the student with the knowledge, skills and values necessary to respond to common passenger vehicle crash/rescue incidents and function as a technical rescuer at the operations level in accordance with NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescue Professional Qualifications. This 28-hour course will provide basic, operations-level knowledge and skills as they pertain to common passenger vehicle rescue incidents. Topics will include vehicle anatomy and supplemental restraint systems, vehicle stabilization, limited patient access and management techniques as well as the influence of advanced technology associated with newer vehicles on rescue operations. The course concludes with a review of the processes leading to termination of the vehicle rescue incident and post-incident analysis.

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Technical Rescue Courses

The student **MUST** have:

1. A copy of the textbook: Jones & Bartlett's *Vehicle Rescue and Extrication: Principles and Practice, Revised 2nd edition* (ISBN:9781284245622). This textbook must remain in the possession of the student throughout the course
2. A PA OSFC/BEMS *Vehicle Extrication Skills Sheet Book*, that will be issued at the first day of class and remain with the student throughout the program
3. Pen/pencil and notebook suitable for classroom/field use
4. Complete set of personal protective equipment (PPE) consisting of:
 - a. NFPA 1971 compliant helmet, coat, pants, & footwear
 - b. ANSI Z87.1 rated eye protection
 - c. Hearing protection
 - d. ANSI III or greater rated reflective highway safety vest

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11651	ACFA	Mon/Wed	3/17 – 4/7	18:30 – 22:30	Hartman
11652	ACFA	Tues/Thurs	9/23 – 10/14	18:30 – 22:30	Medred

Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician - 24 (PVRT24)

Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$100.00

16 Hours **Prerequisites:** *The students entering the program **MUST** be at least 16-years of age by the first day of class; ICS-100; IS-700; TIM; PVRO24 or NVRO or ProBoard/IFSAC certification of NFPA 1006 PVRO or VM-I level or higher; current approved first aid or PA DOH/BEMS EMS provider certification; current approved CPR/AED certification; current approved HMO training or NFPA 1072 or 472 or 470 Operations certification that is less than one (1) year old.*

The course goal is to provide the student with the knowledge, skill, and values necessary to respond to a common passenger vehicle crash/rescue incident and function as a technical rescuer at the awareness level in accordance with NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications. This 16-hour course will provide advanced, technician-level knowledge and skills as they pertain to common passenger vehicle rescue incidents. Topics will include advanced patient access and disentanglement techniques in addition to rescue techniques for occupants entrapped under a vehicle. The course will also include one or more integrated exercises that will allow each student, while working as a member of a group, to access, disentangle, package, and extricate one or more patients from a common passenger vehicle accident scenario.

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Technical Rescue Courses

The student **MUST** have:

1. A copy of the textbook: Jones & Bartlett's *Vehicle Rescue and Extrication: Principles and Practice, Revised 2nd edition* (ISBN:9781284245622). This textbook must remain in the possession of the student throughout the course
2. A PA OSFC/BEMS *Vehicle Extrication Skills Sheet Book*, that will be issued at the first day of class and remain with the student throughout the program
3. Pen/pencil and notebook suitable for classroom/field use
4. Complete set of personal protective equipment (PPE) consisting of:
 - a. NFPA 1971 compliant helmet, coat, pants, & footwear
 - b. ANSI Z87.1 rated eye protection
 - c. Hearing protection
 - d. ANSI III or greater rated reflective highway safety vest

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11653	ACFA	Mon/Wed	4/9 – 4/21	18:30 – 22:30	Hartman
11654	ACFA	Tues/Thurs	10/16 – 10/28	18:30 – 22:30	Medred

Special Vehicle Rescue (SVR)

Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$100.00

16 Hours Prerequisites: DHVR or BVRT or BVRC or NVRO or PVRT24

This course will prepare the student who is knowledgeable in basic vehicle rescue operations to deal with large scale vehicle accidents in a safe, effective, patient-oriented manner.

The student will need to provide; A notebook, pen or pencil, complete set of PPE consisting of helmet, gloves, footwear per either NFPA 1951 or NFPA 1971, eye protection per ANSI Z87.1, and hearing protection.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11655	McGann & Chester Carnegie Yard	Sat/Sun	10/4 & 10/5 Test - TBA	08:00 – 17:00	Kline

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule

Technical Rescue Courses

Confined Space Rescue (CSR)

16 Hours **Prerequisites:** *RORE and REPR or DHBR and a minimum of age 18 on the first day of class*

Students will learn a plan of operations, tolls, manpower and manipulation skills required to perform safe removal of victims from limited space confinement. Emphasis is placed on safety and the psychological effects of confined space rescue. Students will participate in team rescue scenarios.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, helmet with chinstrap, clean leather gloves, and work or hiking type boots. Structural PPE is NOT acceptable. Students may supply additional personal, or department owned equipment, but all such equipment is subject to inspection and/or rejection by the instructors prior to use.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11648	ACFA	Sat/Sun	4/12 & 4/13	8:00 – 17:00	Porter

NFPA 1006 – Rope Rescue Awareness

20 Hours **Prerequisites:** *None*

This course will cover the JPRs for Chapter 5 of NFPA 1006-2021, Sections 5.1 and portions of 5.2. The student will learn about rope construction, various types of hardware and their functions, rope rescue specific PPE, knots-hitches-bends, mechanical advantage, and patient packaging for a rope rescue scenario. This course will consist of 4 hours of lecture and 16 hours of hands-on skills. At the conclusion of the course the student will be capable of functioning as part of a team for a low angle rope rescue.

The student will need to provide; a helmet; clean leather gloves (not structural firefighting or vehicle rescue gloves; a rescue harness, if available.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11656	ACFA	Thurs/Sat/Sun	4/24 4/26 & 4/27	18:30 – 22:30/ 08:00 – 17:00	Butterfield

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Technical Rescue Courses

NFPA 1006 – Rope Rescue Operations

Working the Rescue Course Fee: \$200.00

20 Hours Prerequisites: *Rope 1006 Awareness or ROBR*

This course will cover the JPRs for Chapter 5 of NFPA 1006-2021, Sections 5.2. This course will consist of 4 hours of lecture and 16 hours of hands-on skills. At the conclusion of the course the student will be capable of functioning as part of a team for both low angle and high angle rope rescue.

The student will need to provide; a technical rescue helmet; rope rescue gloves; a Class 3 rescue harness, if available.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11657	ACFA	Thurs/Sat/Sun	5/29 5/30 & 6/1	18:30 – 22:30/ 08:00 – 17:00	Butterfield

NFPA 1006 – Rope Rescue Technician

Working the Rescue Course Fee: \$200.00

20 Hours Prerequisites: *Rope 1006 Operations or RORE & RORA and a minimum of age 18 on the first day of class*

This course will cover the JPRs for Chapter 5 of NFPA 1006-2021, Sections 5.3. This course will consist of 4 hours of lecture and 16 hours of hands-on skills. At the conclusion of the course the student will be capable of functioning as part of a team for technical high angle rope rescue.

The student will need to provide; a technical rescue helmet; rope rescue gloves; a Class 3 rescue harness, if available.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11658	ACFA	Tues/Sat/Sun	6/17 6/21 & 6/22	18:30 – 22:30/ 08:00 – 17:00	Butterfield

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Technical Rescue Courses

Structural Collapse Operations Level I (SCOA)

4 Hours **Prerequisites:** *ELIS or IST or EMR or EMT*

This course will familiarize students with operations at the scene of a structural collapse. It prepares them to function effectively during the first stages of such an emergency, and if necessary, effectively integrated with specialized Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams, activities. Situation assessment, location and using available resources and personnel safety are stressed.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11659	ACFA	Wednesday	3/12	18:30 - 22:30	Porter

Structural Collapse Operations Level II (SCOF)

Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$100.00

16 Hours **Prerequisites:** *SCOA and a minimum age of 18 on the first day of class*

This course gives rescue personnel the knowledge and skills to operate effectively at incidents involving the collapse of light frame and heavy wall structures. The course contains considerable hands –on instruction in situation assessment, emergency shoring and stabilization, breaching building materials and patient packaging and extrication.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, helmet with chinstrap, clean leather gloves, and work or hiking type boots. Structural PPE is NOT acceptable. Students may supply additional personal, or department owned equipment, but all such equipment is subject to inspection and/or rejection by the instructors prior to use.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11660	ACFA	Sat/Sun	3/15 & 3/16	08:00 - 17:00	Porter

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Technical Rescue Courses

Trench Rescue Awareness (TRRA)

4 Hours **Prerequisites:** *None*

Students will be able to perform size up and control hazards at a trench emergency. The student will be able to recognize the general hazards associated with trench and excavation emergencies and procedures necessary to evaluate these hazards. They will learn how to identify the resources necessary to conduct safe, effective trench and excavation emergency operations, as well as how to develop and implement procedures to activate the emergency response system and manage the site. Additional topics will include typical trench and excavation collapse patterns, secondary collapse conditions, hazards of shifting soil and procedures for rapid, non-entry extrication.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11661	ACFA	Wednesday	4/23	18:30 - 22:30	Fitzpatrick

Trench Rescue Operations (TRRE)*Allegheny County Treasurer Materials Fee: \$100.00*

16 Hours **Prerequisites:** *ELIS or IST or EMR or higher or equivalent discipline-specific training in occupational safety and a minimum of 18 years of age on the first day of class.*

This 16-hour course will introduce the student to the knowledge and skills necessary to perform complex rescue operations safely and effectively in collapsed trench excavations. Course work will include practical drills and demonstration in simulated trench excavations.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, helmet with chinstrap, clean leather gloves, and work or hiking type boots. Structural PPE is NOT acceptable. Students may supply additional personal, or department owned equipment, but all such equipment is subject to inspection and/or rejection by the instructors prior to use.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11662	ACFA	Sat/Sun	4/26 & 4/27	08:00 - 17:00	Fitzpatrick

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule
Technical Rescue Courses

Water Rescue for the First Responder Awareness Level – NFPA 1670 Awareness Level (WRFR-A)

3 Hours *Prerequisites: A minimum of 18 years of age on the first day of class*

The program goal is to will familiarize the rescuer with the proper procedures used in water rescue. This is a classroom course is for anyone who may respond to a water emergency. Topics include scene assessment, activation of the emergency response system, evaluation of potential and existing water hazards, scene management, rescue vs recovery, and personal safety measures.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11663	ACFA	Thursday	3/13	18:30 - 21:30	Butterfield

Water Rescue and Emergency Response – NPFA 1670 Operations Level (WRER)

Working the Rescue Course Fee: \$100.00

16 Hours *Prerequisite: Minimum of age 18 on the first day of class; Able to swim and meet the PFBC Swim Standard Guidelines for curriculum.*

The program goals are to familiarize the rescuer with the proper procedures used in basic water safety and safe boat handling; having the rescuer demonstrate a proficiency in water rescue relative to individual capabilities; and provide the rescuer with competency in dealing with on-the-water emergencies.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly outfitted water rescue helmet, and proper PPE (i.e., dry suit, water rescue boots, etc.).

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11664	ACFA	Sat/Sun	3/29 & 3/30	08:00 – 17:00	Butterfield

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Technical Rescue Courses

Emergency Boat Operations & Rescue – NFPA 1670 Technician Level (EBOR)

Working the Rescue Course Fee: \$100.00

16 Hours **Prerequisite:** *WRER and PA Basic Boating Certificate or NASBLA approved equivalent.*

Classroom and practical hands-on training in boat selection, recommended equipment, boat-handling, moving-water tactics, and boat-rescue techniques. Course meets NFPA 1670 technician level guidelines.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly outfitted water rescue helmet, and proper PPE (i.e., dry suit, water rescue boots, etc.).

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11665	ACFA	Sat/Sun	10/11 & 10/12	08:00 – 17:00	Butterfield

Advanced Line Systems Rescue – NFPA 1670 Technician Level (ALSR)

Working the Rescue Course Fee: \$100.00

16 Hours **Prerequisite:** *WRER*

This program includes classroom and practical hands-on training. Students learn to select the appropriate line system for the situation, establish and operate the system, effect the rescue or recovery, and to tear down the system. Subjects include line and hardware equipment, knots, and advanced line systems techniques.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly outfitted water rescue helmet, and proper PPE (i.e., dry suit, water rescue boots, etc.).

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11667	ACFA	Sat/Sun	11/8 & 11/9	08:00 – 17:00	Butterfield

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Hazardous Materials Courses

Hazardous Materials Awareness (HMA24)

6 Hours Prerequisites: Minimum Age of 14

This course aims to prepare students who during their normal duties, could encounter an emergency involving hazardous materials/weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or a terrorist/criminal incident. The primary target audiences for this course are the First Responders (fire, rescue, emergency medical, police, etc.) who will witness or discover a hazardous substance/materials release or a terrorist/criminal incident. Students will be trained to initiate an emergency response sequence by notifying the proper authorities of the incident. They shall have sufficient training or have had sufficient experience to objectively demonstrate competency to understand what hazardous substance are, the risks, potential outcomes, the ability to recognize and identify their presence, their role, including site security, safe scene management and how to use the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) during a hazardous materials/WMD or terrorist/criminal emergency. This services as initial training as required under 29 CFR 1910.120 and the educational requirements of NFPA 470, 2022 Edition Standard at the Awareness Level.

Each student shall have a copy of the textbook: IFSTA's *Hazardous Materials for First Responders, 6th Edition* (ISBN #: 978-0-87939-757-9 or IFSTA Item #: 36701) and IFSTA's *Hazardous Materials for First Responders, 6th Edition Course Workbook* (ISBN #: 978-0-87939-802-6 or IFSTA Item #: 36706) that must remain in the possession of the student throughout the entire course. If your fire department does not have a copy, it is available through the Lancaster County Firemen's Association (LCFA) Bookstore at [Hazardous Materials for First Responders, 6th Ed. Manual and Course Workbook pkg - Lancaster County Firemen's Association.](#)

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil and notebook

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11604	ACFA	Wednesday	6/18	08:00 - 15:00	DiGennaro
11605	ACFA	Saturday	8/9	08:00 - 15:00	DiGennaro

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule **Hazardous Materials Courses**

Hazardous Materials Operations (HMO24)

32 Hours **Prerequisites:** *Minimum age of 16 by first day of class; the student must follow the PSFA Facial Hair Policy (i.e., “clean shaven wherever the SCBA face piece touches”) throughout the class.*

The goal of this program is to provide the emergency responder with the training need to comply with the First Responder Operations Level training identified in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 470, 2022 Edition, The course provides training for first responders that respond to releases or potential releases of hazardous substances as part of the initial response for the purpose of protecting nearby persons, property, and the environment. Personnel are trained to respond in a defensive fashion to contain the release from a safe distance, to keep it from spreading, and prevent exposures. They must understand basic hazard and risk assessment, how to select and use proper personnel protective (PPE) equipment, basic hazardous materials terms, basic control, containment and/or confinement operations within the capabilities or the resources and PPE available, and basic decontamination procedures and termination procedures

Each student shall have a copy of the textbook: IFSTA’s *Hazardous Materials for First Responders, 6th Edition* (ISBN #: 978-0-87939-757-9 or IFSTA Item #: 36701) and IFSTA’s *Hazardous Materials for First Responders, 6th Edition Course Workbook* (ISBN #: 978-0-87939-802-6 or IFSTA Item #: 36706) that must remain in the possession of the student throughout the entire course. If your fire department does not have a copy, it is available through the Lancaster County Firemen’s Association (LCFA) Bookstore at [Hazardous Materials for First Responders, 6th Ed. Manual and Course Workbook pkg - Lancaster County Firemen's Association.](#)

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil and notebook

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11618	ACFA	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs Weekdays Only	7/7 – 7/10	08:00 - 17:00	Kaiser/McDonald
11619	ACFA	Saturdays	7/26 – 8/16	08:00 - 17:00	Klier

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Hazardous Materials Courses

Hazmat Operations Refresher - Identify Potential Hazards and Containers (HMOR24-A)

6 Hours **Prerequisites:** *HMOJB or HMO24 or ProBoard/IFSAC certification to the NFPA 472 or 1072 Operations Level; Minimum age of 16 by first day of class; Also, the student must follow the PSFA Facial Hair Policy (i.e. “clean shaven wherever the SCBA face piece touches”) throughout the class.*

The goal of this course is to provide the emergency responder with the training needed to comply with the First Responder Operations Level training identified in NFPA 470, 2022 Edition Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Standard for Responders and OSHA 29CFR 1910.120. This 6-hour course provides refresher training for first responders that respond to releases or potential releases of hazardous substances as part of the initial response for the purpose of protecting nearby persons, property, and the environment. Personnel are trained to respond in a defensive fashion to contain the release from a safe distance, to keep it from spreading, and to protect exposures. They must understand basic hazard and risk assessment, how to select and use proper personal protective equipment (PPE), basic hazardous materials terms, basic control, containment and/or confinement operations within the capabilities of the resources and PPE available, and basic decontamination and termination procedures.

This course covers two (2) chapters in the textbook, IFSTA’s *Hazardous Materials for First Responders, Sixth Edition* Chapter 4, *Identify Potential Hazards*, and Chapter 5, *Identify Potential Hazards – Containers*.

After the required classroom course work is completed, the students will participate in supervised drills in hazardous materials emergency response materials, either skill sheets or additional Mission-Specific training. These options are provided as a-la-cart menu selection to refresh/introduce on one of the following mission specific subject areas: (1) Air Monitoring; (2) Product Control; (2) Mass Decontamination; (4) Technical Decontamination; and (5) Victim Rescue and Recovery or (6) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). A written test is optional and one (1) skill sheet for the chosen Mission Specific Option and the combined Hazardous Materials Identification (PSFA ERG/SDS) worksheet is **REQUIRED** to be completed for this refresher course.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, and job function appropriate PPE & respiratory protection. The PSFA Facial Hair Policy will be enforced for those using respiratory protection.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11670	ACFA	Saturday	10/18	08:00 - 15:00	Klier

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Hazardous Materials Courses

Response to Chemical Suicide Incidents: Awareness

1 Hours Prerequisite: HMO or HMOR

This 1-hour course is designed by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and Pennsylvania State Fire Academy local level instructors to educate firefighters, emergency medical services, law enforcement, and first responders such as hazardous materials (HazMat) responders on the challenges and tactics of responding to chemical suicide incidents. Chemical suicides involve the use of lethal toxic gases generated by intentionally mixing common household chemicals in a confined space such as a car, bathroom, or closet. Published research and media reporting have documented both inhalation and transdermal absorption injuries to first responders resulting from responses to chemical suicide incidents. These injuries involved inconsistent use of personal protective equipment (PPE). This course will cover the potential incident health and safety hazards associated with response to chemical suicides, hazard assessment, metering and PPE selection, as well as additional resources and considerations for chemical suicide incidents.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, and notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11671	ACFA	Saturday	3/1	8:00 – 9:00	Attwood/ DiGennaro
11672	ACFA	Saturday	9/13	8:00 – 9:00	Attwood/ DiGennaro

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Hazardous Materials Courses

Response to Chemical Suicide Incidents: Operations

3 Hours **Prerequisite:** *Response to Chemical Suicide Incidents: Awareness*

This 3-hour course is designed by Pennsylvania State Fire Academy local level instructors and others will allow students to apply what they learned in the *Response to Chemical Suicide Incidents: Awareness* course. This includes a hands-on evolution by Pennsylvania State Fire Academy local level instructors where students will respond to a chemical suicide incident, emphasizing the information discussed in the previous course. This will include hazard assessment, metering, and PPE selection. The course will also involve mitigating the training incident with law enforcement and medical examiner personnel so students can understand their roles and requirements for these unique incidents. Actual Hydrogen Sulfide gas will be utilized during the practical evolution.

The student will need to provide, job function appropriate PPE & respiratory protection. Students will also be required to provide a completed Pennsylvania State Fire Academy Personal Protective Equipment checklist and a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Inspection Checklists. Students who do not provide the checklists, or whose PPE and/or SCBA are not currently valid, will not be allowed to participate in this course.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11673	ACFA	Saturday	3/1	9:00 – 12:00	Attwood/ DiGennaro
11674	ACFA	Saturday	9/13	9:00 – 12:00	Attwood/ DiGennaro

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule
Officer/Command Courses

Fire Company Officer I – NFPA 1021 with ProBoard Certification through Bucks County Community College Department of Public Safety Training & Certification

Allegheny County Treasurer Certification Fee: \$200.00

40 Hours Prerequisites: Minimum Age of 18; FF-II; FSI-I or FESI-I

This course will provide the student with a basic knowledge of management principles in a fire/rescue organization. Topics of discussion will include management style, communication modes, leadership, organizational structure, pre-planning, health and safety and legal aspects for a fire officer. Successful completion of the program requires proficiency demonstration in written practical skills and a multiple-choice examination.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil and notebook; computer with internet access is recommended; and the textbook: IFSTA's *Fire and Emergency Services Company Officer, 5th Edition*

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11677	ACFA	Sat/Sun	03/09 & 03/09 03/22 & 03/23 Test & Skills 03/27	08:00 - 19:00	Davis

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Officer/Command Courses

Fire Company Officer II – NFPA 1021 with ProBoard Certification through Bucks County Community College Department of Public Safety Training & Certification

Allegheny County Treasurer Certification Fee: \$200.00

40 Hours **Prerequisites:** *Minimum Age of 18; FO-I; FSI-I or FESI-I*

This course continues to reinforce the job performance requirements of the Fire Company Officer I, while examining critical issues in leadership, human resources, instructing, community interaction, and finances. Topics will include basic investigation techniques, operational plans, and communicating in the written medium. Successful completion of the program requires proficiency demonstration in written practical skills and multiple choice examination.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil and notebook; computer with internet access is recommended; and the textbook: IFSTA's *Fire and Emergency Services Company Officer, 5th Edition*

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11678	ACFA	Sat/Sun	10/18 & 10/19 11/1 & 11/2 Test and Skills 11/15	08:00 - 19:00	Jones

ICS Tabletop Exercises

8 Hours **Prerequisites:** *None*

Are you ready? So, you have just been elected as new line officer for your company – are you ready to make the decisions of an incident commander? Your chief can not be at every call and that white helmet or shield with bugles means that you are in charge. Are you ready? Maybe you have been chief for a long time, but with less fires. When is the last time that you served as incident commander of a working incident? Are you ready for your next call? This class is for you – it will help you get ready by setting up detailed scenarios with Tabletop Models. You will be asked to perform size up, recognize hazards, assign resources, address changing and dynamic situations, and feel the pressure of command all while remaining in the classroom.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11680	ACFA	Saturday	12/6	08:00 – 17:00	Krzeminski

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule **Officer/Command Courses**

National Fire Academy (NFA) Incident Safety Officer (ISO)

16 Hours *Prerequisites: NICS-FS or NICS-EMS or ICS, and HMO*

This course focuses on the duties of the person who finds himself or herself in the role of the responding safety officer at the scene of an incident. It is an incident-specific, scene-oriented course designed to teach what a safety officer on the scene needs to know and can do, using scenarios to convey instructional points. Students should be experienced company officers, familiar with safety issues, the ICS, Haz-Mat Management, and applicable NFPA standards and federal regulations. Certification can be voluntarily obtained at the end of the program.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11681	ACFA	Sat/Sun	3/15 & 3/16	08:00 – 17:00	Kaiser

Introduction to Fire Officership (INFO)

16 Hours *Prerequisites: EBM or ELIF, or FF-I Certification*

This course is designed for new line officers or as a refresher for experienced ones, will give the student a basic overview of fire ground officer responsibilities, personnel issues, fire ground operations, and the development of a sound and effective administrative and fire ground organizational structure.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11682	ACFA	Tues/Thurs/Sat	11/11, 11/13 & 11/22	18:30 - 2:30/ 8:00 – 5:00	Krzeminski/ Kaiser

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule **Officer/Command Courses**

Advanced Fire Police (FIPA)

16 Hours Prerequisites: FIPO or BFPO

This course expands on the knowledge, skills and abilities presented in the Basic Fire Police curriculum and provides fire police officers with more advanced training for leadership positions within fire police organizations. This course provides instructional review of the laws pertaining to fire police powers and the expected duties of a fire police officer to include health and safety and legal aspects of performance. Fire Police Officers will also be taught how to deal with people, how to manage incident response and leadership qualities. Tabletop scenarios will be presented to reinforce the lessons introduced regarding incident management and response.

Each student should have a copy of the textbook: “*Advanced Fire Police Student Manual – Fall 2015*” that must remain in the possession of the student throughout the entire course. The manual is copyrighted and cannot be reproduced without permission from the PA State Fire Academy. The Somerset/Cambria County Fire Police Association has the rights to duplicate and distribute this manual for courses. If your fire department does not have a copy, it is available through them at: <http://www.scfpasn.com/> For those students that are unable to obtain a copy through their fire department, the ACFA will LOAN the student a copy of the text book that must be returned upon completion of the class. If the textbook is no returned or damaged beyond operability the student/fire department will be charged for the replacement of the textbook.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11676	ACFA	Sat/Sun	11/15 & 11/16	08:00 – 17:00	DiGennaro

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule Instructor/Evaluator Courses

Fire and Emergency Services Instructor II (FESI-II) with Certification

Allegheny County Treasurer Certification Fee: \$100.00
40 Hours plus online assignments *Prerequisites: 18 years of age. A computer with reliable internet access is required for out of class assignments. Experience with word processing and presentation applications (such as Microsoft Word and PowerPoint) is strongly recommended. Class size limited to twenty (20) Students.*

A completed current PSFA FESI-II certification application must also be received at the ACFA no later than three (3) weeks prior to the start of class. The application must be typed or .pdf filled, with actual signatures.

Note: Students completing the EMLL course immediately prior to this course may enroll, however FESI-II certification will be dependent on your successful completion of the FESI-I certification.

Course Description: This course will expand on your FESI-I knowledge and skills to help you lead an instructional team, safely manage training sessions, and coordinate training program delivery. Students will develop a safety training plan and continue their lesson planning and student and instructor evaluation abilities. Students will present a training safety case study and participate in a team-teaching exercise.

EMLL and FESI-II certification is required for application to become a PSFA Local Level instructor for live fire training programs (suppression instructor).

Required textbook: IFSTA, *Fire and Emergency Services Instructor*, 9th edition. ISBN: 978-0-87939-441-7.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11684	ACFA	Sat/Sun Every Other Weekend	9/27 & 9/28 10/11 & 10/12 10/23 - Written & Skills Turn In	08:00-17:00	Skertich

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule **Instructor/Evaluator Courses**

“NEW” PSFA Evaluator Training Workshop

Prerequisites: MUST have five (5) years’ experience (from age 18) in an applicable emergency services field or in the specialty area to be evaluated; MUST be nationally certified (Pro-Board and/or IFSAC) at the level seeking to evaluate a NFPA Level

Are you interested in becoming a certification evaluator for the PA State Fire Academy’s Certification Program? At this time, there are not any New Evaluator Training Workshop programs scheduled. However, the PSFA is receiving requests for people interested in attending one. The PSFA Certification Staff is looking for individuals interested in becoming certification evaluators. Individuals attending this program learn the appropriate techniques to evaluate candidates during skill performance testing. Emphasis is on professionalism, conduct, and quality testing will be stressed. To be notified of the New Evaluator Training Workshop Program(s) once scheduled or have any questions, please contact the Certification Program at the PA State Fire Academy, 1150 Riverside DR, Lewistown, PA 17044, Phone: (800) 459-4096, if you have any questions or concerns.

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule **Seminars**

It's Okay not to be Okay

3 Hours **Prerequisites:** *None*

This 3-hour course will cover interactive training program on breaking the longstanding norm of not discussing mental health and wellness in the emergency services. During this program, students will learn about traumatic events and the body's reaction to them, how to manage some of the feelings that come from these events, as well as when and how to seek help. We will also discuss everyday life events and feelings, and how to help fellow first responders. Last, students will learn that it's ok that you are not feeling okay.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11693	ACFA	Wednesday	9/17	18:30 - 21:30	Greiser

Landing Zone Safety (Sponsored by STAT MedEvac)

3 Hours **Prerequisites:** *None but need a minimum of fifteen (15) students for the course to run.*

This course will cover when to place a STAT MedEvac aircraft on standby, request STAT to the scene, how to set up a landing zone and communicate with the aircraft. The class will also cover patient packaging and safe landing procedures.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11694	ACFA	TBA	TBA	18:30 - 21:30	STAT MedEvac Staff

Natural Gas Emergencies Awareness (Sponsored by Peoples Natural Gas)

2 Hours **Prerequisites:** *None*

This course will be a 2-hours of classroom training. Students will learn the basics of natural gas and incident control techniques.

The student will need to provide; pen/pencil, notebook, PPE, SCBA with spare cylinder.

Course Number:	Location:	Day/s of Week:	Dates:	Times:	Instructor:
11696	ACFA	Wednesday	3/19	18:30 - 20:30	Repasky
11697	ACFA	Wednesday	9/24	18:30 - 20:30	Repasky

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule

Seminars

ACES-FA	Allegheny County Emergency Services Fire Academy
ACFA	Allegheny County Fire Academy
AED	Automatic External Defibrillator
AEER	Alternative Energy Emergency Response
AELA	Aerial Apparatus Practices
AELX	Aerial Apparatus Practices Extended
AFPO	Advanced Fire Police Officer
AHA	American Heart Association
ALSR	Advanced Line Systems Rescue
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
AOTR	Academy-On-The-Road
AHJ	Authority Having Judication
ATRC	Truck Company Operations II
BEMS	Bureau of EMS
BFPO	Basic Fire Police Officer
BRES	Bus Rescue
BUCKS	Bucks County Community College Public Safety Training & Certification
BVR	Basic Vehicle Rescue
BVRA	Basic Vehicle Rescue Awareness
BVRC	Basic Vehicle Rescue Complete
BVRO	Basic Vehicle Rescue Operations
BVRT	Basic Vehicle Rescue Technician
CCAC	Community College of Allegheny County
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CSR	Confined Space Rescue
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DOH	Department of Health
DHSV	Special Vehicle Rescue
EBM	Essential Basic Modules
EBOR	Emergency Boat Operations & Rescue
ECOP	Engine Company Operations
ELAF	Entry Level Advanced Firefighter
ELFG	Entry Level Fire Ground Support
ELFT	Entry Level Firefighter Training
ELIF	Entry Level Interior Firefighter
ELIS	Entry Level Intro to Fire Service
EMLL	Educational Methodology for Local Level Instructors
EMS	Emergency Medical Service
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ETA	Educational Training Agency
EVDT	Emergency Vehicle Driver's Training

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule

Seminars

EVOT	Emergency Vehicle Operator Training
FDF	Fire Dynamics: Fundamentals
FDST	Fire Dynamics: Strategies & Tactics
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FESI	Fire & Emergency Services Instructor
FO	Fire Company Officer
HMA	Hazardous Materials Awareness
HMAR	Hazardous Materials Awareness Refresher
HMO	Hazardous Materials Operations
HMOR	Hazardous Materials Operations Refresher
HSO	Health & Safety Officer
IAFF	International Association of Fire Fighters
ICS	Incident Command System
ICS-100	Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100
ICS-200	Basic Incident Command Systems for Initial Response
ICS-300	Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
ICS-400	Advanced ICS – Complex Incidents
IFSAC	International Fire Service Accreditation Congress
IFSTA	International Fire Service Training Association
IMS	Incident Management System
INFO	Introduction to Fire Officership
IRER	Ice Rescue & Emergency Response
IS-700.b	An Introduction to the National Incident Management System
ISBSR	Ice Safety – Basic Survival & Rescue
ISO	Incident Safety Officer
IST	Introduction to Safety and Training
JPR	Job Performance Requirement
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
LODD	Line of Duty Death
LRV	Light Rail Vehicles
MSA	Minimum Standard of Accreditation
NFA	National Fire Academy
NFFF	National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
NFPA	National Fire Protections Association
NFIRS	National Fire Incident Reporting System
NICS-EMS	NIMS ICS for EMS
NICS-FS	NIMS ICS for the Fire Service
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NVR	NFOA Vehicle Rescue
NVRA	NFPA Vehicle Rescue Awareness
NVRO	NFPA Vehicle Rescue Operations

ACFA 2025 Training Schedule

Seminars

OSFC	Office of the State Fire Commissioner
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Association
PBFTA	Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire Training Academy
PJPVR	PA Joint Passenger Vehicle Rescue
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PSFA	Pennsylvania State Fire Academy
PUOA	Pump Operations II
PUOP	Pump Operations I
PVR	Passenger Vehicle Rescue
PVRA	Passenger Vehicle Rescue Awareness
PVRO	Passenger Vehicle Rescue Operations
PVRT	Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician
RITC	Rapid Intervention Teams
REPR	Respiratory Protection
ROBR	Basic Rigging for Rope Rescue
RORA	Rope/High Angle Rescue II
RORE	Rope/High Angle Rescue I
SBS	Structural Burn Session
SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
SCOA	Structural Collapse Operations – Level I
SCOF	Structural Collapse Operations – Level II
SFR	Structural Fire Rescue
SID	Student Identification Number
SPAFS	Solar Panel Awareness for the Fire Service
SURV	Firefighter Survival
TBA	To Be Announced
TFE	Forcible Entry
TIM	Traffic Incident Management
TRCO	Truck Company Operations I
TRRA	Trench Rescue Awareness
TRRE	Trench Rescue
TOG	Turn Out Gear
UC	Unified Command
USCG	United States Coast Guard
VM	Vehicle & Machinery
WMD	Weapon of Mass Destruction
WRER	Water Rescue & Emergency Response
WRFR-A	Water Rescue for the First Responder