

Rhode Island Fire Instructors Association

## *National Fire Academy Weekend*

*July 12 – July 14, 2024*



*Rhode  
Island*

*South  
Carolina*

*Kentucky*

The NFA State Weekend offers firefighters the opportunity to experience the National Fire Academy's educational offerings and share in the many amenities that the National Fire Academy has to offer. Students spend two days in the classroom sharing and learning new subject materials.

***This year the weekend is not only Rhode Island and South Carolina students: we are welcoming Kentucky students, too!***

On Saturday evening a short memorial service is held at the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial to honor Rhode Island's fallen firefighters. Firefighters can network and meet new friends from the Kentucky and South Carolina Fire Services at the Friday evening social, the meals and in the recreation centers. It's a full weekend experience that will leave you with a positive outlook. The National Fire Academy is everyone's fire academy. All firefighters should take advantage of it and enjoy the experience.

# Rhode Island National Fire Academy Weekend

## *Agenda*

- All meals will be provided from Friday evening through Sunday lunch.
- Lodging is provided for Friday and Saturday nights.
- **Mandatory Orientation Session:** Friday 7 p.m. in the building “J” auditorium. Immediately after orientation, a social will be held with members from the South Carolina Fire Service.
- Saturday class hours 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday classes hours 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday evening, a special Fallen Firefighters Memorial will be held after class.
- An NFA Weekend Golf shirt will be provided.

## *2024 Application Process*

1. A completed RIFA application and Money Order, Dept. Check or P.O. Number must be received by **May 19, 2024**.
2. Applications will NOT BE ACCEPTED without payment or dept. PO#. **Generous donations by the RIAFC Foundation & RISFFL** will be applied to pay most of the fee for R.I. students. All out of state students will need to pay the whole fee.
3. *Payment: RI - \$ 50, or \$150 out of state, must be made to:*  
**RI Fire Instructors' Association (NOT Fire Academy)**
4. Please submit completed RIFA application and payment to:  
*Rhode Island State Fire Academy  
NFA Weekend  
4 Green Lane, Exeter, RI 02822*
5. You will be notified by email from the RIFA of which class selection you received on or before May 23, 2024, **THEN** (not before please) you will submit the on-line NFA application. **The ‘endorser’ will be the Academy’s Secretary/Clerk (Breanna.Palazzo@dbr.ri.gov), not your Chief please!** NFA Applications must be filled out **COMPLETELY** online. Students must obtain a FEMA Student Identification Number (SID) first.
6. Failure to submit the NFA online application will cause a room not being reserved for you by the NFA.

***Failure to follow directions WILL cause problems with your application.***

# Course Offerings

## Rhode Island - South Carolina - Kentucky

### National Fire Academy Weekend

- (W0322) ICS for Structural Collapse Incidents
- (W0458) Preparations for Initial Company Operations
- (W0520) Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Within Communities
- (W0521) Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change
- (W0610) Wildland Urban Interface FF for the Structural Company Officer
- (W0648) Leadership in Supervision: Frameworks to Success
- (W0729) Incident Safety Officer
- (W0761) New Fire Chief: Administrative Issues
- (W0770) Fire Investigation: First Responders

#### **Prerequisite for on-campus classes**

All students **must complete** Incident Command System ICS-100 and ICS-200 levels (on-line training) **before arriving** for on-campus class. If you have completed them ON-LINE previously, you don't have to do it again.



## **Two-Day Course Descriptions**

### **W0322 Incident Command System for Structural Collapse Incidents**

Fire officers gain an understanding of command operations at structural collapse incidents including response operations, basic command procedures and Incident Command System (ICS) organizational structure.

### **W0458 Preparation for Initial Company Operations**

Better understanding of the role and responsibilities of Company Officers (COs) in preparing their company for incident operations and to clarify the transition from firefighter to CO and the new roles relating to leadership and safety. This course is designed for COs, acting COs or senior firefighters responsible for the management of a single fire company at an emergency incident, including those officers who are responsible for company readiness, personnel safety and leadership as it relates to company operation.

### **W0520 Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Within Communities**

Gain an understanding of a variety of ideas, peoples and cultures and the skills for effective leadership when confronting adaptive challenges presented by diverse internal and external communities.

### **W0521 Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership to Facilitate Adaptive Change**

Develop an understanding of skills associated with exercising leadership to resolve adaptive problems (those problems where the solution is either unknown or requires significant change, or both).

### **W0610 Wildland Urban Interface Firefighting for the Structural Company Officer**

The objective of this 2-day course is to provide fire service authority figures understanding about operational activities and safety concerns for structural Company Officers assigned to a wildland urban interface (WUI) incident, including command and control issues of WUI firefighting.

### **W0648 Leadership in Supervision: Frameworks to Success**

Supervisors learn leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively, including professionalism, resilience, emotional intelligence, and situational awareness.

### **W0729 Incident Safety Officer**

Learn the details of the safety officer's role and responsibilities at emergency responses to all-hazards types of situations, with focus on operations within an Incident Command System (ICS).

### **W0761 New Fire Chief: Administrative Issues**

The primary audience is newly appointed fire chiefs in volunteer, combination, or career departments, as well as emergency medical services (EMS) chiefs. The secondary audience is department leaders and current officers who may become fire chiefs, as well as local government administrators and elected officials who are involved in the administration of a fire department or EMS.

### **W0770 Fire Investigation: First Responders**

Review the basics of fire chemistry and develop an understanding of the role of the first responder in relation to fire suppression & investigation, including evidence identification & preservation.

## Travel Arrangements

You must make your own travel arrangements for the trip. Driving time is typically 8 hours from Rhode Island. Air travel can be arranged to either Reagan National Airport or Baltimore-Washington International Airport. You will be responsible for providing your own transportation to NFA if you wish to fly.

Transportation costs are the responsibility of the student or his/her organization and will not be reimbursed by the National Fire Academy or the Rhode Island Fire Instructors Association. Be sure to arrive at the NFA by 3 p.m. on Friday to check into the dormitory and attend the 7 p.m. orientation session.

### **NFA No-Show Policy**

It is the policy of the National Fire Academy that persons who fail to show up for class and have not canceled their enrollment will be suspended from attending NFA courses for a period of two years.



# R.I. National Fire Academy Weekend Application

Please print clearly

Name	
Address	
City, State	
Zip Code	
Your Phone	
Your Preferred E-Mail	
Department Name	
Paid/Volunteer/Call	
First Course Selection	
Second Course Selection	
Third Course Selection	
Shirt Size	

**NOTE: MAIL this application with M.O./dept. check for \$50 (out of state \$150) or dept. PO# by 5/19/24 to:** RI Fire Academy - NFA Weekend 4 Green Lane Exeter, RI 02822

Generously, the R.I. Fire Chief's Assoc. is covering \$50 p/p of the cost for R.I. firefighters' This year, the R.I. State Firefighters League is also donating \$50 p/p for all R.I. attendees.

**Do NOT fill out online NFA application UNTIL notified of your course selection as determined by the RIFA on or before 5/23/24.**

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