



Florida State Fire College News
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Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service

October 13, 2006 at the Florida State Fire College



On Friday, October 13, 2006, Florida will gather at the Florida State Fire College to honor the firefighters that gave their lives in the line of duty. Four members of Florida's fire service will be added to the memorial this year: Dennis Bottge, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue; Henry Hobbs, Division of Forestry; Karl "Klif" Kramer, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department; and Frank Kucera, Seminole County Fire Rescue. Please join us as we remember our firefighters and their families. Honor Guards interested in participating call Angie Cain at 352-369-2818 for more information

LIVE FIRE TRAINING INSTRUCTOR I

at the Florida State Fire College

OCTOBER 23 – 26, 2006

and

NOVEMBER 6 – 9, 2006

Contact Karen Collins at Marion County Adult Education at 352-671-7200 for registration information.

Meetings at FSFC

Joint Council of Fire and Emergency Services, October 12, 2006

Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council, October 13, 2006

FFIRS Panel, October 13, 2006



Great Florida Fire School

Avon Park
Nov 8 – 12, 2006

<http://greatfloridafireschool.org>

Northwest Florida Volunteer Firefighter Weekend
Dec. 8 – 10, 2006

All volunteer firefighters in Florida are welcome to attend and there is no cost for the courses. Schedule, course descriptions, location maps, and motel/hotel information at <http://vvfd.valp.org> Sponsored by Valparaiso VFD, the Florida State Fire College with the Florida Fire and Emergency Services Foundation.

NEW SAFETY RESOURCES

There are new additions to the Florida Firefighter Safety and Health Resource website including a link NIOSH's Fire Fighter Safety and Survival Knowledge Quizzes, NIOSH Protecting Workers From Avian Influenza, Seatbelt Use, Vehicle Safety in bad weather (like hurricanes) and more. <http://www.fldfs.com/sfm/bfst/SafetyHealth/SafetyResrcs.htm>

LIVE FIRE TRAINING LAW IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2006

The Live Fire Training laws went into effect January 1, 2006. A handout explaining the law and rules can be downloaded at www.fldfs.com/sfm; page down to "LIVE FIRE TRAINING INFORMATION REGARDING F.S. 633.821 AND PROPOSED RULES 69A-37.404 AND 69A-37.405 as of DEC. 29, 2005". The full text can be found at the same site; page down to the Firefighters Occupational Safety and Health Act and go to 633.821 (6). **The rules to implement the law are finalized.** Fire departments and training centers conducting live fire training in acquired structures and permanent training props must follow 633.821 (6) requiring compliance to NFPA 1402 "Guide to Building Fire Service Training Centers" and 1403 "Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions" with the exceptions listed in the law. Be aware that 62-256.700(4) "Open Burning for the Training of Firefighters" is currently in effect and is included in the above "December" download. **Training Centers with credentialed instructors are now offering the full 40 hour course to be a Live Fire Training Instructor and the 16 hour Live Fire Adjunct Instructor.**

QUESTIONS (there may be a test on this)

If you have any questions regarding certifications or examinations, please send e-mail to standards@fldfs.com .

If you have questions about classes or the Florida State Fire College, email firecollege@fldfs.com.

For questions regarding the Firefighter Occupational Safety and Health program, email FireFighterSafety@fldfs.com

FCDICE Class: Training is now being offered for the online registration system. This 4-hour CEU bearing class will show students and providers how to apply and register for classes, apply for examinations and renew certifications using the online system. Upcoming classes at FSFC: October 5, 2006 Course ID#19202 and November 16, 2006, Course ID#19216. Register online.

The FCDICE training “roadshow” is heading your way. If you are interested in hosting a class in your area, please contact Susan Schell or Charlie Brush at 352-369-2800.

FINGERPRINT CARD PROCESSING HAS CHANGED. You are now required to pay fingerprint processing fees online at www.fldfsprints.com or by calling 888-717-5699. The process to obtain a fingerprint card and having your fingerprints taken remains the same. Mail your completed fingerprint card to the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training after payment has been made. Upon confirmation of payment and receipt of your fingerprint card, BFST will forward it to FDLE for processing. For more information you can contact the Standards Division.

NOT NEW BUT YOU NEED TO KNOW

INSTRUCTOR OR INSPECTOR RENEWALS: Certification renewal can now be completed online at www.floridastatefirecollege.org. Please verify your personal profile information and CEU status. REMEMBER if the class and CEUs were not entered by the provider, they won't appear in this folder, and you will have to include copies of the certificates/transcripts. Certificates should show the hours, approval number, and instructor name and number on them. You can send the certificates or transcripts as attachments with the online renewal form.

Any courses being offered for CEUs in the state should be using the electronic system. You should check with the provider of the training to assure the information is being submitted so that you receive appropriate credit.

A LIST: Get class announcements, notices of meetings and hearings, special notices, and other important information sent directly to your e-mail. Send an e-mail to fsfc-alist@fldfs.com requesting to be added to the list. Include your e-mail address, your name, fire department, mailing address, and phone number.

COURSES UNDER DEVELOPMENT (Additional information will be available soon)

- Rapid Intervention Training is currently being developed by the Florida State Fire College, Marion County Technical and Adult Education Center and Marion County Fire Rescue.
- The 104-Hour Haz-Mat Tech bridge course is currently being developed with SERC Training Committee's approval. Pre-requisite: Old Hazardous Materials I and II courses.
- The Hydraulics and Apparatus courses are currently being reviewed by committee. The current program allows the use of the IFSTA text and formulas.

FOGs TURN ORANGE

The new edition of the Florida Field Operations Guide has been issued through the Regional Coordinators for the State Emergency Response Plan of the Florida Fire Chief's Association. The new editions are orange; the past two were green. If you don't have one on your truck ask your FD where it is. The FOGs have a great deal of information that will help for deployments and “big” events. Training for the new FOG is on CD and is available upon request. Call 352-369-2800

TEST RESULTS, REGISTRATION, AND RECORDS ARE ONLINE AT www.floridastatefirecollege.org

Updates to the Fire College Credentialing System (FCDICE) are being implemented incrementally. All fire service members should take full advantage of this system including registering for classes, reserving a dorm, buying books, tracking of CEU's, etc. If you have applied to take a test, or are waiting for the results, check your message tabs for your application approval status or your test score.

First time users: If you have never signed into the system, your initial sign-on will be: ff***** (with the asterisk representing your social security number) and the word “password” as your initial password. If you do not remember your sign-on information, on the login page, select “Update your existing profile”. Make sure you update your mailing address, which is your official address for any mailings from us (certificates, correspondence, etc.). Remember, if you have problems you may call the fire college staff for assistance at 352-369-2800.