

Volunteer Week 2026 @ FSFC March 13 – 15, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BFST 1301 – Fire Service Hydraulics

This course and the exams are based on NFPA 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver / Operator Professional Qualifications and may lead to certifications. This course is designed for the firefighter who wishes to advance to the next level of his/her career.

NOTE: Students must bring gloves, hardhat and proper attire for fire stream operations exercises.

BFST 2720 – Company Officer

This course is designed to provide the student with an understanding of being a company officer through various areas of knowledge as well as solving the varied problems and situations they will be required to manage effectively in today's ever-changing fire service. The curriculum includes a review of fire department organization and administration, management theory, leadership, communications, motivation and group dynamics

BFST 1740 – Fire Service Course Delivery

The curriculum draws from many recognized authorities in exploring the methods and mechanics of imparting information and adult learning principles. The course emphasizes techniques which have wide application in teach situations, as well as devices for specific training areas. The course also stresses measuring teaching effectiveness, and the use of media and visual aids.

Emergency Medical Responder

The Emergency Medical Responder course prepares the EMR student to provide prehospital assessment and care for patients of all ages with a variety of medical conditions and traumatic injuries. Areas of study include an introduction to emergency medical services systems, roles and responsibilities of EMRs, anatomy and physiology, medical emergencies, trauma, and special considerations for working in the prehospital setting,

NFA18616 – I 300 Intermediate Incident Management System

The goal of this professional development course, ICS 300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents, is to provide training on and resources for overall incident management skills for personnel who require intermediate application of the Incident Command System (ICS).

NOTE: ICS 100, 200, and Incident Command System (ICS)-100-level and ICS-200-level training. Preferred courses are available through NFA Online.

FL 212 – Wildland Fire Chain Saws

The course lessons provide introduction to the function, maintenance, and use of internal combustion engine-powered chain saws and their tactical wildland fire application. Field exercises support entry level training for firefighters with little or no previous experience in operating a chain saw by providing hands-on cutting experience in surroundings similar to fireline situations.

Live Fire Training

Live fire training evolutions are conducted in accordance with NFPA 1403. Students must have completed minimum job performance requirements for FFI NFPA1001 to participate in the evolutions. Subjects include safety, fire behavior, portable extinguishers, personal protective equipment (PPE), ladders, fire hose, appliances, and streams, overhaul, water supply, ventilation, forcible entry, and building construction. Documentation of required training must be provided to participate. Evolutions included are Fire Extinguisher, Structure Fire (At Grade), Structure Fire (Above Grade), Structure Fire (Below Grade), Stacked/Piles Class A, Passenger Vehicle, and Trash Container. NOTE: Students must have full PPE for Structural Firefighting, including an air pack with mask.

DOT EVOC

The DOT EVOC syllabus for fire apparatus includes a comprehensive curriculum designed to ensure that emergency vehicle operators are well-prepared to handle the complexities of emergency vehicle operation. The syllabus covers a range of topics, including legal aspects of ambulance operation, communications responsibilities, ambulance types and operation, ambulance readiness, navigation and route planning, normal and high-risk driving situations, and safety considerations. It is important for operators to understand these aspects to ensure the safe and efficient delivery of emergency medical services.

Auto Extrication

This auto extrication course includes the following topics:

Vehicle Anatomy: Understanding the structural components of vehicles, including the "A" post, "B" post, and "C" post, which are critical for disentangling victims.

Safety Hazards: Identifying potential safety hazards at the scene of an auto accident and implementing safety measures to protect both victims and rescuers.

Extrication Tools: Learning to use various auto extrication tools, such as hydraulic and mechanical tools, and understanding their proper use. Incident Command: Developing an Incident Command System for an auto accident, including how to establish safety zones and manage the scene. Practical Exercises: Engaging in hands-on exercises to demonstrate the use of tools, access and disentangle victims, and prepare for packaging and removal.

These topics are designed to equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to safely extricate victims from vehicles in emergency situations.

Wildland Field Day (S130) Instructor Led

The course is a blended training combining an Online Training (OLT) component and an Instructor-Led Training (ILT) component. The Instructor Led component of the course consists of a hands-on incident exercise. This practical training is essential for reinforcing the knowledge gained from the online modules. During the incident exercise, students will be evaluated using the S-130 Student Evaluation Task Sheet. This task sheet is a key component of the qualification process, enabling instructors to observe, measure, and document their performance. The online portion must be complete, and documentation provided to participate in the course. The online portion can be found at <https://www.wildlandfirelearningportal.net>. The OLT should take 13 hours to complete. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is required.

FF I Task Book Sign Offs

The standard of firefighter training as required by Florida State Statute 633 and Florida Administrative Codes 69A-37 and 69A-62 to be a Volunteer Firefighter is the completion of Part 1 of the State of Florida Minimum Standards Course. The Firefighter I curriculum includes practical skill development. Completion of the practical skills is demonstrated by completion of a Firefighter I Practical Skill Task Book. Skill achievement is validated by both a primary and secondary instructor's approval once the student meets the objectives. In addition to completion of the required practical skills, all students are required to participate in live fire training scenarios coordinated by a certified Live Fire Training Instructor. Students who meet all combined objectives receive a Certificate of Completion – Volunteer Firefighter 191 Hours.

UF Large Animal Rescue Awareness

Awareness Level Training: This foundational course covers the need for animal technical rescue, resources to activate, scene safety, and common techniques and tools used in responses. The training is recognized for 8 hours of Continuing Education credit from the Florida State Fire College and has been approved by the Florida Department of Emergency Management.