



**PUTNAM COUNTY BUREAU OF  
EMERGENCY SERVICES  
TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT**



**Course #1: Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations with HazMat First Responder Op**

	Monday	Wednesday	Saturday
February		19	
March	2, 9, 16, 23, 30	4, 11, 18, 25	7, 14, 21, 28
April	6, 13, 20, 27	1, 8, 22, 29	4, 18

**Course #2: SCBA/Interior Firefighting Operations**

May	4, 11, 18	6, 13, 20, 27	2, 9, 16, 30
June		3, 10	6, 13

**Class Starts: Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> @  
1830 hrs at the FTC**

**Description: Course #1: Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations with HMFRO:** This course prepares new firefighters to operate in the exterior or non-IDLH areas of the fire scene. Students participate in learning events covering firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE), self-contained breathing apparatus inspection and cylinder changing, fire department communications, building construction and fire behavior, modern fire control research, portable fire extinguishers, rope and knot tying, ground ladders, forcible entry, tactical ventilation theory, water supply, hose and fire streams, loss control, orientation to fire origin and cause determination, fire prevention and life safety initiatives, confined space awareness, overview of first aid and buddy care, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations.

**Course Homework:** Participants must attain current Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification; complete the FEMA NIMS 700a and ICS-100.b on-line courses (see links below), and complete 9 home fire department skills in order to receive a BEFO completion certificate. Student must also complete each take home quiz as assigned. <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.b> AND <http://www.training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.a>

**Course #2: SCBA/Interior Firefighting Operations:** This course prepares new BEFO graduates to operate as Interior Structural firefighters or in IDLH areas of the fire scene. Students participate in learning events covering firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE), self-contained breathing apparatus donning, doffing and use, SCBA air management and SCBA emergencies, basic firefighter survival techniques, modern fire control methods, building fire search and victim removal techniques, firefighter survival skills, tactical ventilation techniques and basic power saw operation, forcible entry techniques, hose line advancement, vehicle and wildland firefighting theory, vehicle firefighting techniques, coordinated structure fire interior attack and transitional fire attack, and coordinated initial company operations.

**Firefighter Survival:** Based on Chief John Salka’s “Get Out Alive” program, this program is designed for self-rescue and rescue of trapped firefighters. Course content will enable firefighters to recognize the types of events encountered on the fire ground that contribute to firefighter disorientation and/or entrapment, to have knowledge of what is necessary to ensure their safety and that of their partners or crew members, and perform self-rescue techniques when disoriented, separated, or when needing to exit a structure in an emergency. This course requires students to perform a number of practical evolutions with self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). This course includes the National Fire Academy Calling the Mayday.

**Course Textbook: IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations 6th Edition.** Student’s success relies on the student’s completion of the assigned readings. (Electronic version of the book is available thru [r1.ifsta.org](http://r1.ifsta.org))

**Target audience:** Entry-Level firefighter

**Full PPE is required for Course #1**

**Full PPE with SCBA with spare cylinder are required for Course #2 and Firefighter Survival.**

**New York State Authorization form is MANDATORY for Admission to class**

1. 10 Homework skills to be signed off by home FD: NYS Skill Sheets 2-I-1; 2-I-2; 6-I-8 & 9; 8-I-1; 10-I-1; 11-I-1; 11-I-2; 12-I-1; 15-I-10 & 14 (optional); 15-I-11 & 14 (optional)
2. Students required to complete CPR, I-100.b, and IS-700.a prior to end of segment 1 to receive BEFO w/ HMFRO course completion certificate
3. Reading assignments to be completed before class listed.
4. Take home quizzes are due at session following issue.