COURSE INFORMATION

1. **Personal Protective Equipment & Portable Fire Extinguishers - 21 Hours**
   - Class begins at 6:00 PM on Friday.
   - Approved for junior fire fighters with proper paperwork.
   - This class will present the firefighter with the function of each article of protective equipment, the leading cause of death of firefighters, and the hazardous environment regarding the use of protective equipment. Information will cover use, maintenance, donning, care and handling of SCBA.
   - The Portable Fire Extinguisher class will present the firefighter with the proper use of portable extinguishers and the demonstration of the actual extinguishment of a Class A and B fire. This class will allow the student to complete the objectives related to portable extinguishers for Level I.
   - Equipment: Full turnout gear, SCBA & spare bottle. SCBA bottles must have current hydro-test date
   - Instructor(s): Darrel Decker, NCDOI Certified Instructor • Brian King, NCDOI Certified Instructor

2. **FIRE ALARMS & COMMUNICATIONS - FFI & II - 15 Hours**
   - Class begins at 7:00 PM on Friday.
   - Approved for junior fire fighters with proper paperwork.
   - This class will present the firefighter candidate with the proper use of communication equipment and the procedures for receiving any type of alarm and will provide understanding of policies and procedures concerning the ordering and transmitting of multiple alarms and the action to be taken upon receipt of these signals.
   - Instructor(s): Keith Allen, NCDOI Certified Instructor

3. **VENTILATION – FFI & II - 21 Hours**
   - Class begins at 6:00 PM on Friday.
   - This class presents the firefighter candidate with the principles of ventilation, the types of ventilation and tools needed to perform ventilation to various types of roofs. The student will learn the use and need for automatic venting devices, the methods for ventilating basements, the use of forced ventilation and the considerations that must be made when ventilating a structure.
   - Equipment: Full turnout gear, SCBA & spare bottle. SCBA bottles must have current hydro-test date
   - Instructor(s): Richard McWilliams, NCDOI Certified Instructor

4. **NC RIT RAPID INTERVENTION TEAMS - 16 Hours**
   - Class begins at 9:00 AM Saturday.
   - This will be a team based large area search and Rapid Intervention Team course. The class will be focused on team continuity with the class broken down into companies (teams) and all training evolutions will be conducted by the company. This class will be physically demanding, will teach the students the limitations of their equipment, and will make you look at your response from a different perspective. This class involves classroom and hands-on instruction on accountability systems and rescuing firefighters from hazardous situations.
   - Note: Must meet minimum age requirements (18 years of age or older), and not a current high school student.
   - Equipment: Full turnout gear required, SCBA and extra bottle.
   - Instructor(s): Aaron Williams, NCDOI Certified Instructor

5. **Fire Officer Level I - 36 Hours**
   - Class begins at 6:00 PM Thursday.
   - The Fire Officer I program is designed for the firefighter or fire officer who is preparing to, or entering the middle management level of his/her department. The purpose of this course is to meet or exceed the requirements of NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications for Fire Officer I successful completion of the course materials and associated performance objectives.

6. **Hazardous Materials Level I Responder - 38 hours**
   - Class begins at 6:00 PM Thursday.
   - Approved for junior fire fighters with proper paperwork.
   - This class meets OSFM training requirement for the Hazardous Materials Level One Responder credential. Course content includes lecture and practical exercises needed to perform the following tasks safely and effectively: (1) Implement standard operating procedures in the current edition of the DOT Emergency Response Guidebook; (2) Analyze a hazardous materials/WMD incident; (3) Plan an initial response to a hazardous materials/WMD incident; (4) Implement the planned response for a hazardous materials/WMD incident; (5) Evaluate the progress of the actions taken at a hazardous materials/WMD incident. This class includes practical and written exams for OSFM certification credit.
   - Instructor(s): Michael Easley, NCDOI Certified Instructor • Herry Angelopoulos, NCDOI Certified Instructor

7. **Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations (NFA) - 18 Hours**
   - Class begins at 7:00 PM on Friday.
   - This course is designed for the firefighter or fire officer that will be establishing strategy and tactics on structure fires. The class will cover training, pre-planning, fire flows, leaders, scene management, decision making, and Engine Company and truck company operations. On Sunday there will be a tabletop operation allowing the student to apply what the student has learned in class. All activities and scenarios used in this course are based on structure fires, utilizing small group, scenario driven exercises that incorporate chapter topics as they are covered.
   - Instructor(s): Kevin McArthur, NCDOI Certified Instructor & NFA Qualified Instructor
COURSE INFORMATION

TECHNICAL RESCUE CERTIFICATION

8. TR VMR Stabilization and Extrication - 15 Hours
Class begins at 6:00 PM on Friday • Approved for junior fire fighters with proper paperwork.
This class will present new technologies in vehicle devices which present hazards for rescue personnel such as vehicle construction, crumple zones, bumper systems, air bags, side impact protection systems. The construction of buses, and the problems posed to rescuers, will be discussed. Access points, structural components, fuel, and emergency exits will also be discussed. Features of machinery, which may pose obstacles to rescuers, to include tractors, forklifts, crawlers and other heavy machinery will be covered. Victim removal from this type of equipment will be addressed.
Equipment: Full PPE
Instructor(s): David Bredlove, NCDOI Certified Instructor

9. TR VMR Vehicle Anatomy - 9 Hours
Class begins at 8:00 AM Sunday • Approved for junior fire fighters with proper paperwork.
This class will present the Technical Rescue vehicle anatomy and introduce new technologies in vehicle devices which present hazards for rescue personnel. Topics included in this course are: vehicle construction, crumple zones, bumper systems, air bags, side impact protection systems, new vehicle innovations, propulsion systems, passive safety systems and active safety systems. Suggestions on how to cope with innovative vehicles to safely mitigate a modern vehicle rescue will also be discussed.
Equipment: Full PPE
Instructor(s): David Bredlove, NCDOI Certified Instructor

10. TR Agriculture Rescue - 30 Hours
Class begins at 1:00 PM Friday
The purpose of this course is to train fire, rescue and emergency services personnel how to deal with agricultural emergencies. Students will become familiar with emergencies involving grain bins and silos, agricultural chemicals and pesticides; and farm equipment. Extrication techniques will be reviewed and demonstrated. Practical exercises on Saturday and Sunday will be held off campus. Class size is limited.
Equipment: Helmet, coveralls, gloves, eye protection, boots (turnout gear)
Instructor(s): Ernie Stroud, NCDOI Certified Instructor

11. TR Wilderness Rescue Navigation and Survival - 21 Hours
Class begins at 6:00 PM Friday
This class will present the Technical Rescue basics of navigation and tracking. Students will learn how to navigate using a map and compass. During the tracking component the student will learn how to recognize the signs left by a lost victim and then the tactics used to follow them. This course includes an overnight survival trip.
Equipment: Compass, search pack, hiking boots and all other items needed for the student to be outside for the majority of the weekend.
Instructor(s): Wike Graham NCDOI Certified Instructor

DRIVER/OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

12. Pumps Service Testing - 15 Hours
Class begins at 7:00 PM Friday
This training is directed to fire department personnel who will be performing service tests on fire service pumps, pump operators, and their supervisors. Students will examine the purpose of testing pump apparatus, especially as related to NFPA standards and insurance evaluation organizations. They will also learn methods of documenting the results of these tests using examples of forms and charts. Layout and setup of the test equipment, preparation of the apparatus for the test, and required testing devices are reviewed. The culmination of the course is the actual testing of a pumping apparatus in a practical exercise.
Instructor(s): Roy Brian NCDOI Certified Instructor

13. EVU Trailer Towing - 12 Hours
Class begins at 7:00 PM Friday
Designed to meet the growing number of fire and rescue organizations that are operating trailers to meet the mission of their department. By completing this training course, personnel will become proficient in the skills of hooking, pulling and backing a trailer of the size and weight that their department's needs require. Topics to be covered include: knowing if your vehicle has the capacity to tow a trailer, different size receivers and balls, proper use of safety chains, proper hook up of electrical brakes, extra distance required when attempting to stop with a heavy trailer, importance of proper balance when loading a trailer, tire ratings and ply, tongue weight, trailer weight and towing capacity of your vehicle are some of the things to be covered as well as an obstacle course designed to place the driver in normal but difficult positions that must be maneuvered through. Also cover is proper maintenance of trailer and tow vehicles as well as discussion on various components and systems available on the market today. This course is aimed at reducing injuries to fire and rescue personnel during trailer operations.
Equipment: Minimum of Bunker coat and Helmet
Instructor(s): Wayne Pruett, NCDOI Certified Instructor
COURSE INFORMATION

EMS CERTIFICATION
14 Pre-Hospital Trauma Live Support - 16 Hours
Class begins at 8:00 AM Saturday
The Trauma First Response class is a two-day continuing education course that teaches the principles of Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) to non-EMS practitioners, including first responders, police officers, firefighters, rescue personnel and safety officers. It helps them prepare to care for trauma patients while serving as part of a transport team or awaiting a transport provider.

SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION CLASSES
15 S-212 Chainsaw Safety Class (NWCG Certified) - 24 Hours
Class begins at 8:00 AM Thursday
The class 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, providing hands-on cutting experience in surroundings similar to fire line situations.
Equipment: safety glasses, leather work gloves, clothes should be appropriate for outdoor situations.
Instructor(s): Michael Forbis, NWCG Certified Instructor

16 S-215 Wildland Urban Interface (NWCG Certified) - 24 Hours
Class begins at 8:00 AM Thursday • Approved for junior fire fighters with proper paperwork
This class is designed to assist structure and wildland firefighters who will be making tactical decisions when confronting wildland fire that threatens life, property, and improvements in the wildland/urban interface. Instructional units include interface awareness, size-up, initial strategy and incident action plan, structure trage, structure protection tactics, incident action plan assessment and update, follow-up and public relations, and firefighter safety in the interface. This course will be taught to the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) standards. An outdoor exercise is planned as part of the class.
Equipment: Appropriate clothing for outdoor exercise
Instructor(s): John Reese, NWCG Certified Instructor

17 ATV Level II Rescue - 21 Hours
Class begins at 7:00 PM Friday • Approved for junior fire fighters with proper paperwork.
This class is designed for the experienced ATV operator involved in fire, search, and rescue services. Major emphasis will be placed on operator safety and the safety of others on the scene. Classroom lecture and an in-field practical will include: use of ATV’s in rescue situations, helpful techniques for using ATV’s and trailers for rescue and patient transport in a wildland setting. Other topics covered: transporting equipment, proper towing techniques, winch use, and maneuvering in rough terrain. Practical exercises on Saturday, Saturday night, and Sunday will be held off campus.
Required Equipment: ATV with racks, riding gear to include boots, helmet, gloves and eye protection.
Instructor(s): Stephen “Tank” Townsend, Captain of Training Division, Hickory FD

Note: This class will be held at the Jackson County Rescue Squad Building and the Wayehutta ATV Wilderness adventure area.
Students will register in the classroom. The Jackson County Rescue Squad is located at 400 Community Services Road, Sylva, NC 28779

18 Small Aircraft Crash Rescue (ARFF) - 16 Hours
Class begins at 8:00 AM Saturday
This class consists of classroom and hands-on training on the fire ground. The first day will consist of lectures that will cover aircraft rescue and firefighting in a broad view along with a focus on general aviation aircraft and the hazards of dealing with emergencies of the type of aircraft. Day two will begin on the training ground where students will get an up close look at a small general aviation aircraft. Students will learn proper approach procedures, stabilization of the aircraft, securing the aircraft with a proper shutdown, and several techniques for removal of victims
Students must meet minimum age requirements (18 years of age or older).
NFPA 1403 guidelines will be followed, including facial hair guidelines.
Note: Requires Chief signature on registration and Chief’s Affirmation Form.
Equipment: Full turnout gear required, SCBA and extra bottle. SCBA bottles must have current hydro-test date.
Instructor(s): Various Instructors Specialized in Small Engine Aircraft Emergencies from CCCC and SCC
COURSE INFORMATION

EMS CERTIFICATION

19 Emergency Incident Rehabilitation/Incident Safety Officer - 21 Hours
Class begins at 6:00 PM Friday
Emergency Incident Rehabilitation is a result of mandate NFPA 1584. This course teaches the responder to effectively perform responder rehabilitation on an emergency scene, and at emergency training sites. This is a combination classroom and practical skills class. Participants will learn the reasons for the mandate, how to effectively start rehab program for their departments, and will learn techniques for proper administration of the program. Responder Rehab program is ideal for chief officers, safety officers, first responders, EMT’s Paramedics and SMAT members. The ISO is designed to address the role of fire/county safety officer, this class will study how the safety officer’s job relates to the fire/rescue profession. An outdoor exercise is planned as part of the class.
Equipment: Appropriate clothing for outdoor exercises.

20 Heavy Vehicle Familiarization & Extrication - 16 Hours
Class begins at 6:00 AM Saturday
Students will gain insight into working within the confines of the truck cab and sleeper units of commercial road tractors. Students will also gain insight into the mechanical working of over the road trucks, such as braking systems, suspension systems, fuel systems, auxiliary generators and their uses as well as the air conditioning systems of refrigeration units and hydraulic systems associated with various types of trucks and trailers. The student will also be given hands-on practical experience in extrication and stabilization methods on these larger vehicles.
Equipment: Full PPE appropriate for vehicle extrication.
Instructor(s): Bradley Henderson, NCDOT Certified Instructor • Herb “Gator” Robinson, NCDOT Certified Instructor

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