


Northampton Community College

Introduction to the Fire Service (LEVEL 1 ELIS)
HazMat Awareness
Fireground Support (LEVEL 2 ELFG)
Exterior Firefighter (LEVEL 3 ELEF)
HazMat Operations

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Class Hours: *Weeknights 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM - Weekends 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM*
Course Location: Northampton County Fire School - *UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED*
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Required Textbook: *IFSTA – Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations, Sixth Edition and Pennsylvania Edition Entry Level Fire Training Skills Sheets Book*

Course objectives and outcomes:

Student learning outcomes for Essentials of Firefighting and Emergency Response based on core threads that are tied to the program outcomes include:

- LEVEL 1 – How to safely respond to, return from, and operate during fire department emergencies
- LEVEL 2 – Learn task-specific training involving non suppression activities
- LEVEL 3 – Learn skills required to perform exterior fire ground operations

Specific Essentials of Firefighting and Emergency Response Learning Objectives from the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy aligning with the recommendations of the National Fire Prevention Agency

With successful completion of this course, the student will be able to understand, perform and demonstrate competency of all objectives as stated and outlined in the assigned chapters per the *IFSTA – Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations, Sixth Edition* textbook. Also be certified in the first three modules of Essentials of Firefighting: Level 1 Introduction to the Fire Service (ELIS); Level 2 Fireground Support (ELFG); Level 3 Exterior Fire Fighter (ELEF).

Methods of Evaluation

1. Written Exams on materials covered in lectures.

2. Practical Skills evaluations: Competency Skill is Pass / Fail
3. Comprehensive Final Exam. ***Retests for just cause or failure will not exceed 2 tries***

Passing grade is 70% for written exams and demonstration of competency by adequate performance of skill sets, per PA State Fire Academy Entry Level Fire Training Skills Sheets. Student is required to successfully pass the written and practical assessments.

Grades will be earned on total point basis with a percentage breakdown as follows:

94 --100 = A	83 -- 86 = B	73 -- 76 = C
90 -- 93 = A-	80 -- 82 = B-	70 -- 72 = C-
87 -- 89 = B+	77 -- 79 = C+	69 & Below = F

ALL SKILL SETS ARE PASS / FAIL

* All examinations and practical skill sets will be in correlation with the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy curriculum

Attendance requirements:

Maximum amount of time that can be missed will be **10%** of each individual Level. The student is responsible to complete all reading and study guide assignments regardless of absence.

STUDENT QUALIFICATIONS AND STUDENT SUPPLIED MATERIALS

1. (a) The student must be fourteen (14) years of age prior to the first day of the class for Hazmat Awareness and Levels 1 through 3.
(b) The student must be sixteen (16) years of age prior to the first day of the class For Hazmat Operations.
2. The student must show that he/she is insured against accidental injury.
3. The student is responsible to provide his/her own personal protective clothes and equipment.

The following minimum gear is required:

- a. Helmet, fire type (or equivalent) with full impact suspension and liner.
- b. Coat, fire type, with all liners in place.
- c. Pants, fire type, with all liners in place.
- d. Boots, fire type, rubber or leather. Boots must have steel toes and steel insole.
- e. Eye protection, full goggles or wraparound safety glasses are required. Helmet shields alone are not acceptable as eye protection.
- f. Fire type gloves of leather or Kevlar construction.
- g. Hearing protection, either earplugs or full coverage ear protectors.
- h. Notebook and writing implement for both the classroom and the field portions of the course.
- i. NFPA Compliant self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for Level 2, Level 3 and HazMat Ops

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NOTE: ALL WEEKDAY CLASSES ARE FROM 1830 HOURS TO 2230 HOURS

ALL WEEKEND CLASSES ARE FROM 0800 HOURS TO 1700 HOURS

Date & Time	Course & Topics
ELIS – LEVEL 1	PREREQUISITE - None
Thursday 07/29	PPE (Ch 6) / FF Safety & Work Area (Ch 2) / Tools & Lighting (Ch 11)
Sunday 08/01	AM – Tools & Lighting (Ch 11) (continued) / Orientation & Fire Service History (Ch 1)
	PM- Skills – PPE / Skills Tools & Lighting, / Skills Apparatus & Work Area
Thursday 08/05	Written Test (25 Questions)
HAZMAT AWARENESS	PREREQUISITE - None
Sunday 08/08	HazMat Awareness / Written Test
ELFG- LEVEL 2	PREREQUISITES – ELIS and HazMat AWARENESS
Sunday 08/15	AM - Communications (Ch 3) w/Skills PM - Rope & Knots (Ch 8)
Thursday 08/19	Fire Behavior (CH 5) / Fire Hose (Ch 15) / Water Supply (Ch 14 & 15)
Sunday 08/22	AM - SCBA (Ch 6) / Building Construction (Ch 4) PM - Skills Hose Rolls & Inspection / Hose Loads & Hose Lays / Water Supply
Thursday 08/26	AM – Skill Cascade / SCBA Ops / Ropes & Knots (practice)
Sunday 08/29	AM – Skills Ropes & Knots / Skills Water Supply / Skills SCBA Ops / PM - Written Test (50 Questions)
LABOR DAY WEEK END	NO CLASS SUNDAY 09/02 AND THURSDAY 09/05
ELEF – LEVEL 3	PREREQUISITES – ELFG, ICS 100b and IC 700a
Thursday 09/09	Fire Streams (Ch 16) / Hose Advancement (CH 15) / SCBA (Ch 6)
Sunday 09/12	AM - Ladder (Ch 12) / SCBA Donning PM – Skills 1 ¾ Hose Ops / Skills 2 ½ Hose Ops & 2 ½ Burst Hose / Advance Dry Hose on ladder
Thursday 09/16	Extinguishers (Ch 7) / Fire Behavior (Ch 5)
Sunday 09/19	AM – SCBA Donning / Extinguishers Skills – Class A / B / C PM - Ladder practice –Roof w/Tools / 24’ w/ Hose / 35’ w/ Rescue
Thursday 09/23	Forcible Entry (Ch 11) / Building Construction (Ch 4) /
Sunday 09/26	AM – Skills SCBA Donning / Ladder practice –Roof / 24’ / 35’ PM – Hose Advancement Division 1 / Division 2 Dry Hose off ladder/ Dry Hose line on Ladder
Thursday 09/30	Skills - Forcible Entry Door & Lock / Skills Force Window / Skills Breach Wall

Sunday 10/03	AM – Ladders Skills Roof /Tools / 24’ w/ Hose / 35’ w/ Rescue / <i>Ladder Play Ground</i>
	PM –Hose Advancement Skills Division 1 / Division2 stand pipe stair / Charged Hose line on Ladder
Thursday 10/07	Written Test (75 Questions)
HAZMAT OPERATIONS	<i>PREREQUISITE – HAZMAT AWARENESS</i>
Sunday 10/10	Intro & Overview (Ch1) / Properties & Effects (Ch2) / Recognition & Identification (Ch3)
Thursday 10/14	Potential Harm (Ch4) / Implement Response (Ch5) / PPE (Ch8) / Product Control (Ch12)
Sunday 10/17	Skills: Absorption, Adsorption, Divert, Dike, Retention. Overflow & Underflow Dams, Vapor Dispersion Vapor Suppression, Don & Doff PPE, Dilution <i>The Scene Control and Implement a response skills are part of skill stations 1, 2, 3 & 4.</i>
Thursday 10/20	Written Test (50 Questions) <i>Remediation</i>