

CRAWFORD-VENANGO COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION



September 7 & 8, 2024

Stat MedEvac Class:

September 28 & 29, 2024

Class location varies and is listed under each class.

Cooperating Resources:

Crawford & Venango County Commissioners

Crawford County EMA

STAT MedEvac

Crawford County Firemen's Association

Venango County Firemen's Association

Butler County Community College

Pennsylvania State Fire Academy Local Level

Northwestern R.E.C. Co-op

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Registration:

Registration fees must accompany the registration form and must be received by **August 19, 2024**. Any late registrations will be assessed a \$20.00 charge. All courses will be filled on a first come basis. Each registration **MUST** include a second choice course selection. The Fire School Committee reserves the right to cancel any course prior to the start time. All registration fees must be paid in advance or on Saturday morning, or student **WILL NOT** be allowed in class.

Fees - includes lunch:

- Fire School Weekend **OR** STAT MedEvac Weekend.....\$60
- Fire School Weekend **AND** STAT MedEvac weekend.....\$100
- Late Fee.....\$20

Make checks payable to:

Crawford-Venango Counties Fire School

Mail checks and registration to:

David Darling, Registration Secretary
11790 Oakmere Pl.
Conneaut Lake, Pa. 16316
email: bears1338@gmail.com

Chief's Authorization:

- In authorizing a student to attend the school, the Chief certifies that the student:
- A. Meets the qualifications/requirements to attend.
 - B. Has working papers
 - C. Is covered by his/her company's workman's compensation while attending this training.
 - D. T.O.G. and equipment used meets N.F.P.A. or O.S.H.A. Standards.



- **NO Facial hair permitted in classes using SCBA.**
- **NO Alcoholic beverages permitted on fire school grounds during class times.**
- **NO Refunds will be made unless both class choices are cancelled.**
- **All registration fees must be paid in advance or on Saturday morning, or students WILL NOT be allowed in class.**
- **Be sure to include an active e-mail address. No confirmations are sent back to fire departments. If you don't hear from the fire school by e-mail or phone you have received your 1st choice.**
- **The fire school committee reserves the right to remove any disruptive or uncooperative student from class, without refunding a department's site fee for that student.**



Fire School weekend will be September 7 & 8, 2024 and the STAT MedEvac weekend will be held on September 28 & 29, 2024.

Should a student wish to register for both weekends, the fee will be \$100 for both weekends. Registrations must be submitted at the same time.

Normal registration fees of \$60 per person applies for each weekend if submitted separately.

Fire School Weekend will follow the guidance and recommendations of the PA Department of Health, Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), PA State Fire Academy and Butler County Community College. We ask that you be respectful of the other students, instructors, staff and committee members as we continue our COVID-19 journey.

For more information contact Sam Firster, Director
814-673-1278 or email: samc455@yahoo.com



Introduction to Basic Firemanship

16 Hours

This course is designed to cover the subjects in which an individual will encounter in the fire service. It also will introduce the student to skills they will be required to perform as a firefighter. Class will also include Electrical Emergencies and Introduction to Safety and the Training System. A Butler County certificate will be issued.

STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/Pencil, TOG Required both days
SCBA Required both days

CLASS LIMIT: 30 students

INSTRUCTOR: Jim Pratt
*** Firefighters 14 and up may attend ***
NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED

**Direct Report to Crawford County Fairgrounds located at
13291 Dickson Road, Meadville, PA 16335**



Pump Operations I (PUOP)

16 Hours

This course provides the firefighter with an introduction to basic pump construction and theory, as well as operating techniques. Emphasis is placed on getting water to the pump, getting water from the pump for hose streams and prevention of common mistakes in pump operations.

PRE-REQUISITES: ELFG or EBM

CLASS LIMIT: 30 students

STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/Pencil, notebook & TOG

INSTRUCTOR: Jim Wetzel

**Direct Report to Franklin Professional Building located at
150 Prospect Ave., Suite 204, Franklin, PA 16323**

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814-673-1278 or email: samc455@yahoo.com



Emergency Vehicle Operator Training (EVOT)

16 Hours

A large number of emergency service personnel and civilians are injured and killed each year as a result of inappropriately driven emergency vehicles. Participants in this course will have the opportunity to gain and/or verify a broad range of competencies associated with the emergency vehicle driving. These competencies include basic understanding of emergency vehicle operations as well as the skills necessary for practical and safe application of driving on a competency course.

- PRE-REQUISITES:** Must be 18 years old on first day of class & possess a valid drivers license
- CLASS LIMIT:** 24 students
- STUDENT NEEDS:** Pen/Pencil and notebook
- INSTRUCTOR:** Dave Watkins
- CON-ED:** 16 Hours EMSVO

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Truck Company Operations (TRCO)

16 Hours

Truck companies, regardless of whether they arrive on an aerial device, squad, or engine, are the "combat engineers" of fire attack operations. This course, for experienced firefighters, will introduce the student to the basic concept of truck company operations and duties, including organizing the delivery of truck company services, selection and use of key tools, advanced ventilation and forcible entry theory and practices, search and rescue, and other fire attack support functions.

- PRE-REQUISITES:** ELIF or EBM or FF I certification
- CLASS LIMIT:** 30 students
- STUDENT NEEDS:** Pen/Pencil, notebook, TOG and SCBA with spare cylinder.
- INSTRUCTOR:** Joe Crotty

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Firefighter Survival (SURV)

16 Hours

This course is a physically demanding, comprehensive program dealing with the necessary knowledge and skills relative to rescue procedures needed for self rescue. Emphasis will be placed on search techniques, communications, accountability/location and self rescue procedures. Student must be physically able to crawl, climb and descend ladders, slide on rope and SUPPORT OWN BODY WEIGHT

WHILE HANGING BY ARMS.

PRE-REQUISITES: ELIF or EBM or FFI
Recommended RITC, SFR and ICS.

CLASS LIMIT: 24 Students

STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/pencil, TOG, SCBA and a spare cylinder

INSTRUCTOR: Derek Long

NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED

**Direct Report to Pleasantville VFD located at
157 W. State St, Pleasantville, PA 16341**



Highway Incident Scene Safety and Traffic Management (HSTC)

16 Hours

The primary target audiences for this course are Fire, Fire Police, rescue, EMS and law enforcement personnel who command, respond to or work at highway incidents.

Allied professionals such as transportation / highway maintenance and emergency management personnel can also benefit from attendance. Students will learn how to adapt the same safety and traffic control principles used to establish work zones in the highway construction and maintenance industries. They will be shown ways of applying these principles, using limited equipment and staffing, to enhance safety at emergency incidents on streets and highways. Topics covered include scene assessment, risk management, regulatory issues of temporary traffic control, necessary equipment, flagging, and personnel safety procedures. Practical exercises are included that let students apply what they have learned to "real world" incident scenarios.

PRE-REQUISITES: ELIS

CLASS LIMIT: 30 students

STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/Pencil and notebook, outdoor clothing suitable to the climate; including sturdy work boots & leather (non-fire) work gloves

INSTRUCTOR: Jerry DiGennaro

CON-ED: 0 Hours Clinical Patient Care and
8.5 Hours Other

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Advanced Structure Burn Session (SBS)

19 Hours

This course will provide the student with a review and application of the techniques used in safe firefighting practices in an actual fire environment. Emphasis is placed on safety for both interior and exterior operations.

- PRE-REQUISITES:** ELIF or EBM or FF I certification. COPY OF CERTIFICATE FOR 1 OF THE PRE-REQUISITES TO BE SENT WITH REGISTRATION
- CLASS LIMIT:** 24 students
- STUDENT NEEDS:** TOG and SCBA with spare cylinder
- INSTRUCTOR:** Rick Robie

**FRIDAY,
SATURDAY
AND SUNDAY**

NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED

**Direct Report FRIDAY NIGHT (1800hr to 2100hrs),
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY to Conneaut Lake Volunteer Fire Station 2
located at 10833 PA-18, Conneaut Lake, PA 16316**



Incident Safety Officer (ISO)

16 Hours

This course is designed for fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responders who may be designated by the Incident Commander (IC) as an ISO while working within an Incident Command System (ICS). These assignments may occur during firefighting, EMS, special-operations-type incidents, and training evolutions. This course is an incident-specific, scenario-oriented course designed to teach students what an ISO needs to know at an incident.

- PRE-REQUISITE:** Haz-Mat Operations level
- CLASS LIMIT:** 30 students
- STUDENT NEEDS:** Pen/Pencil and notebook
- INSTRUCTOR:** Kip Hayford
- CON-ED:** 5.5 Hours

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Arson Detection for the First Responder (ADFR)

16 Hours

This course covers topics which fire fighting personnel must be familiar with in order to facilitate cause and origin determination and possible subsequent investigation of intentionally set fires.

- PRE-REQUISITE:** ELIS
- CLASS LIMIT:** 30 students
- STUDENT NEEDS:** Pen/pencil and notebook,
- INSTRUCTOR:** Greg Agosti

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Advanced Trench Rescue

16 Hours

This course will continue the student to the knowledge's and skills necessary to safely and effectively perform complex rescue operations in collapsed trench excavations. Course work will include practical drills and demonstration in simulated trench excavations, including "L" and "T" trenches. A Butler County certificate will be issued.



- PRE-REQUISITES:** Trench Rescue Operations (TRRE)
- CLASS LIMIT:** 30 students
- STUDENT NEEDS:** Pen/Pencil, hard hat or helmet, work boots (steel toe preferred), eye protection, gloves, appropriate work clothes
- INSTRUCTOR:** Greg Dinko
- CON-ED:** 2 Hours Clinical Patient Care and 3.5 Hour Other

**Direct Report SATURDAY to 2nd floor Council Chambers
@ Oil City City Hall located at
21 Seneca Street Oil City, PA 16301 - Parking @ Old Hotel
and SUNDAY to Oil City Garage located at
1 Regan Drive Oil City, PA 16301 - Parking on site**

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STAT MedEvac & Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group Overnight Wilderness Challenge

16 Hours

Is your team of four up for an overnight challenge in the wilderness? In the morning you will learn about the wilderness and how to survive. In the afternoon you will move out into the woods and practice what you learned. After dinner, you will move to the woods and setup for an overnight stay. There will be three categories: Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. Depending upon the category you choose will dictate the challenges you will face.

PRE-REQUISITE: Physical ability to work in rough terrain and hills in various weather conditions.

STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/Pencil, work gloves, long sleeve shirt, long pants (military pants, tactical pants, jeans), leather work or hiking boots, rain gear, compass, GPS if you have one, headlamp, spare change of clothes. (Dress accordingly for the outside evolutions)

INSTRUCTOR: Mike Shaffer

CON-ED: Applied for to obtain as many CPC hours as possible

**Direct Report to Custaloga Town Scout Reservation located at
7 Boy Scout Lane, Carlton, PA 16311**

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The following are IMPORTANT changes to the 2024 Fire School:

- 1.) NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED in classes #1, #4, #5 & #7.
- 2.) Class sizes are limited to 30 students. The fire school committee has the right to limit the number of students per department.
- 3.) Classes #3, #5 & #7, are limited to 24 students.
- 4.) Class rosters will be filled from your applications, from the top to the bottom.
- 5.) Your name will be on the certificate as it appears on the application form. Make sure the spelling is CORRECT and LEGIBLE.
- 6.) **STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR CLASSES Classes #4 & #7 MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF THEIR CERTIFICATE FOR ONE OF THE PREREQUISITES LISTED. THIS COPY MUST BE SENT ALONG WITH THE REGISTRATION.**
- 7.) **Be sure to include an active e-mail address, receipts will be e-mailed for Relief Association documentation purposes.**



Fire/HazMat Prerequisite Abbreviations

BVRC.....	Basic Vehicle Rescue: 48 Hours
BVRT.....	Basic Vehicle Rescue Technician
EBM.....	PA Essentials of Fire Fighting: 88 Hours
ELIF.....	Interior Firefighter
ELIS.....	Introduction to Fire Service
FF1.....	Fire Fighter 1
HMO.....	Current Hazardous Materials Operations
HMOR.....	Current HazMat Operations Refresher
NIMS ICS.....	Incident Command System /NIMS for the Fire Service
NVRO.....	NFPA Vehicle Rescue Operations
RITC.....	Rapid Intervention Teams
SCBA.....	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
SFR.....	Structural Fire Rescue
SURV.....	Firefighter Survival
TOG.....	Turn-Out Gear



September 7 & 8, 2024
Stat MedEvac Class:
September 28 & 29, 2024

Class Times:

Saturday 0800-1700 hours

Sunday 0800-1700 hours

Site Fees:

Fire School Weekend **OR**

STAT MedEvac Weekend.....\$60

Fire School Weekend **AND**

STAT MedEvac weekend.....\$100

Late Fee.....\$20

Make checks payable to:

Crawford-Venango Counties Fire School

NO SHOW • NO REFUND • NO EXCUSES

Last day to register: August 19, 2024

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***Camping available at the Crawford County Fairgrounds
& the Cambridge Springs Carnival grounds.***

**Enter the Crawford County Fairgrounds through
Gate #1 located off of Dickson Road.
Watch signs for parking locations.**

**Monitor the Crawford/Venango Counties Fire School
Facebook and Crawford/Venango Fire School
website www.crawfordvenangofire.org
for class updates.**

**T-shirts and snacks will be available
for sale during fire school weekend.**

**If you have not been contacted by Fire School,
you received your 1st class choice.
Confirmations are not sent out.**

Crawford-Venango Counties Fire School Application

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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS August 19, 2024

Department Name: _____

Names to be **PRINTED** and **LEGIBLE** as they are to be on the certificate.
For class choices - use **ONLY** the **NUMBER** of the class.

----- ALL APPLICANTS MUST SELECT (2) CHOICES -----
(And you will ONLY get a refund, if you choose 2 classes and both classes are cancelled.)

Name of Applicant:	Fire School Class Choice:		STAT Class	Jr. Fireman?: (yes or no)	Age:
	1st	2nd			

If you need space for more names, feel free to attach another page to this.

I hereby certify that those listed above are active firemen in our department, meet the class pre-requisites and are covered by our department insurance.

STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR CLASSES 4 & 7 MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF THEIR CERTIFICATE FOR ONE OF THE PREREQUISITES LISTED. THIS COPY MUST BE SENT ALONG WITH THE REGISTRATION.

Fire Chief's Name (print): _____

Fire Chief's Name (sign): _____

Fire Chief's phone number: _____

Fire Chief's active email address: _____

Date: _____

• Total Number of persons attending _____ @ \$60 ea. = \$ _____
• Total Number of persons attending _____ @ \$100 ea. = \$ _____
• Late Fee (will be assessed after the deadline) _____ @ \$20 ea. = \$ _____
Total amount remitted = \$ _____
<i>Receipts will be mailed to the e-mail address listed above for Relief Association documentation purposes.</i>

Enter check number, how paid by below:

Relief check # _____ Fire Dept. check# _____ M.O.# _____

**Make all checks out to:
Crawford-Venango Counties Fire School**

Send application and check to: Crawford-Venango Counties Fire School

David Darling, Registration Secretary

11790 Oakmere Pl.

Conneaut Lake, Pa. 16316

email: bears1338@gmail.com



Crawford-Venango Counties Fire School '24 Classes

Class #	Course Name	Instructor
#1	Introduction to Basic Firemanship	Jim Pratt
#2	Pump Operations I (PUOP)	Jim Wetzel
#3	Emergency Vehicle Operator Training (EVOT)	Dave Watkins
#4	Truck Company Operations (TRCO)	Joe Crotty
#5	Firefighter Survival	Derek Long
#6	Highway Incident Scene Safety and Traffic Management (HSTC)	Jerry DiGennaro
#7	Advanced Structure Burn Session (SBS)	Rick Robie
#8	Incident Safety Officer	Kip Hayford
#9	Arson Detection for the First Responder (ADFR)	Greg Agosti
#10	Advanced Trench Rescue (TRRE)	Greg Dinko
#11	STAT MedEvac & Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group Overnight Wilderness Challenge (Sept. 28 & 29)	Mike Shaffer

You **MUST** read the **attached brochure** pertaining to **ALL** class prerequisites and any special instructions regarding each specific class.

You **MUST** use the above class numbers when registering for choice #1 & #2.