



CRAWFORD-VENANGO COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION



September 6 & 7, 2025

Stat MedEvac Class:

September 13, 2025

TO APPLY ONLINE, PLEASE GO TO:

<https://crawfordvenangofire.org/apply>



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.



Registration:

Registration fees must accompany the registration form and must be received by **August 18, 2025**. 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.

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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.



September 6 & 7, 2025
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September 13, 2025

Class Times:

Saturday 0800-1700 hours
 Sunday 0800-1700 hours

Site Fees:

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NO SHOW • NO REFUND • NO EXCUSES

Last day to register: August 18, 2025

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

***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.**

The following are **IMPORTANT** changes to the 2025 Fire School:

- 1.) NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED in classes #1, #2, #3, #4, & #9.
- 2.) Class sizes are limited to 30 students. The fire school committee has the right to limit the number of students per department.
- 3.) Class #6 is 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 #3 & #9 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

BCN.....Principles of Building Construction - Noncombustible
 BCP.....Principles of Building Construction - Combustible
 CSR.....Confined Space Rescue
 EBM.....PA Essentials of Fire Fighting: 88 Hours
 ELFG..... Fireground Support (Entry Level)
 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
 RITC..... Rapid Intervention Teams
 SCBA..... Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
 SCOA.....Structural Collapse Operations Level 1
 SFR.....Structural Fire Rescue
 SURV..... Firefighter Survival
 TOG..... Turn-Out Gear



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 & SCBA required both days**
CLASS LIMIT: 30 students
INSTRUCTOR: Allen Clark
** Firefighters 14 and up may attend **
NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED

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



Intro to the Fire Service:

16 Hours

Mod 1 Essential of Firefighting (ELIS)

This entry level course is designed to introduce new firefighters to basic information including an overview of the fire service, fire service history, it's mission and organization, firefighter safety, personal protective equipment, tools, communications, work areas, and backing apparatus. This is the first of four levels (courses) in the curriculum.

PRE-REQUISITE: 14 years of age
CLASS LIMIT: 30 students
STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/Pencil, **TOG & SCBA required both days**
INSTRUCTOR: Noel Bartlett
NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED

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Structure Burn Session (SBS)

16 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: 30 students

STUDENT NEEDS: TOG and SCBA with spare cylinder

INSTRUCTOR: Jim Pratt

NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED

Direct Report to
32276 Humes Hill Rd., Cambridge Springs, PA 16403



Aerial Apparatus Practices (AELA)

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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**Fire School weekend will be September 6 & 7, 2025 and the
STAT MedEvac weekend will be held on September 13, 2025.**

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.

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Stat MedEvac SAR Class: September 13

STAT MedEvac • Rocky Grove • NWPA SAR 18 Hours Pine Creek SAR • Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group

NEW FOR THIS YEAR, we have 3 primary tracks:

Medical Track: Traumatic crush injuries, mastering shock, allergies & altitude illnesses, ALS in austere conditions & K9 first aid.

Rescue Track: Ropes & knots, preparing for a wilderness response, basic rope systems, patient packaging, wilderness survival.

Search Track: Cal Topo, intro to lost person behavior, drone operations, human remains detection, area K-9 search & training search.

Saturday Night: Map & navigation followed by a night navigation & scavenger hunt

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 and /or GPS if you have one, head or hand light

INSTRUCTOR: Mike Shaffer

CON-ED: Through UPMC Northern Tier Prehospital

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

Campers: Camp will open Friday, September 12th @ 18:00

Doors open: Saturday, September 13th @ 0800 Dining Hall

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Pump Operations II (PUOA)

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; must be 18 years old on first day of class

CLASS LIMIT: 30 students

STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/Pencil, notebook & TOG

INSTRUCTOR: John Eckel

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



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 and possess a valid drivers license

CLASS LIMIT: 24 students

STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/Pencil and notebook

INSTRUCTOR: David Watkins

CON-ED: 16 Hours EMSVO

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Basic Fire Police (BFPO)

16 Hours

This course provides instruction on the proper method to be appointed, the laws pertaining to fire police, fire police powers and the expected duties of a new fire police officer.

PRE-REQUISITES:

ELIS or equivalent discipline-specific training in occupational safety

CLASS LIMIT:

30 students

STUDENT NEEDS:

Pen/Pencil, notebook, Basic Fire Police manual and PPE to include head protection, vest, whistle, badge, proper footwear, flashlight & gloves

INSTRUCTOR:

Cindy Girona

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Foam Firefighting Technician (NFFT)

16 Hours

The use of Foam in fire fighting. THE NEW FOAM NOW ON THE MARKET. HOW TO APPLY FOAM PROPERLY.

PRE-REQUISITE:

ELIF or EBM

CLASS LIMIT:

30 Students

STUDENT NEEDS:

TOG, pen/pencil and paper

INSTRUCTOR:

Rick Robie

**Direct Report to Crawford-Venango Fire School Grounds
located at the intersection of
Ridge Rd. and Center St. Ent. Cambridge Springs, PA 16403**

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Rapid Intervention Crew Exercises (RICE)

16 Hours

This is a practical exercise course teaching the actual operations performed by Rapid Intervention Teams and the techniques used to complete rescues of downed personnel. Because of today's contents in buildings, construction techniques and environment; we are seeing more and more hostile fire events, earlier collapses and other situations that can trap, injure or kill our own. Come learn the techniques to rescue them. Student should be proficient in interior fire operations, especially in search and rescue techniques. A Butler County certificate will be issued.

PRE-REQUISITE:

MANDATORY ELIF, EBM or FFI Certification

Recommended: RITC, SFR, ICS and SURV

CLASS LIMIT:

30 Students

STUDENT NEEDS:

Pen/pencil, TOG, SCBA and a spare cylinder

INSTRUCTOR:

Derek Long

NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED

**Direct Report to Cooperstown VFD located at
152 N. Main Street, Cooperstown, PA 16317**



Structural Collapse Operations (SCOF)

16 Hours

Proper techniques on how to safely secure entry. Also how to crib and support access area.

PRE-REQUISITE:

CSR or BCN or BCP and SCOA

CLASS LIMIT:

24 Students

STUDENT NEEDS:

Pen/pencil, notebook

Students' supplies for Sunday will be covered at Saturday's Class

INSTRUCTOR:

Greg Dinko

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