



CRAWFORD-VENANGO COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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**Register for two separate classes:
a Saturday OR a Sunday**

September 12-13, 2026

TO APPLY ONLINE, PLEASE GO TO:

<https://crawfordvenangofire.org/apply>



Location: CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

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, 2026**. 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:

8 Hour Class.....\$40
16 Hour Class.....\$60
Late Fee.....\$20

Make checks payable to:

Crawford/Venango Fire School

Mail checks and registration to:

Brandon Firster
159 Brenner Road
Titusville, PA 16354
Email: cvfireschool@outlook.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.



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Class Times:

Saturday 0800-1700 hours

Sunday 0800-1700 hours

Site Fees:

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16 Hour Class.....\$60

Late Fee.....\$20

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NO SHOW • NO REFUND • NO EXCUSES

Last day to register: August 18, 2026

Contact Justin Sullivan, 814-795-6015,
or cvfireschool@outlook.com

Camping available at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

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 2026 Fire School:

- 1.) NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED in classes #2, #3, & #5.
- 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 #8 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 #2 & #3 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



Rescue Task Force:

8 Hours

Basic Tactical Skills for Response to Violence

(Saturday OR Sunday available)

This course is designed for any and every responder that will respond to incidents of mass violence. This course will cover the integrated response from fire, law enforcement, and EMS. This will be a fast paced, hands on training covering scene safety, working with law enforcement, basic and advanced patient care, patient evacuation, and ICS. No EMS experience necessary. This is for everyone. Students need to be physically fit as course will include multiple live scenarios.

EMS Con Ed Credits available

STUDENT NEEDS:	Pen/Pencil, notebook
CLASS LIMIT:	30 students
INSTRUCTORS:	Derek Long and Mike Shaffer



Trengine Company:

8 Hours

Truck Company Ops for Engines

(Saturday OR Sunday available)

Are you an "Engine Company" coming to the scene to perform traditional "Truck Company" work. If so then this class is tailored to you. This 8 hour class will be designed to give you the skills you need to perform "Truck" work arriving to a fire scene on an "Engine"

STUDENT NEEDS:	Pen/Pencil, notebook, TOG & SCBA with spare cylinder
PRE-REQUISITE:	ELIF or EBM or FF1
CLASS LIMIT:	30 students
INSTRUCTOR:	Joe Crotty

NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED





The Engine Company Playbook (Saturday OR Sunday available)

8 Hours

This is a shortened version of the 16 hour Engine Company Operations. Designed for more hands-on training with topics to include apparatus, attack lines, back-up lines, search and rescue, and water supply.

STUDENT NEEDS: TOG and SCBA with spare cylinder

PRE-REQUISITES: ELIF or EBM or FFI

CLASS LIMIT: 30 students

INSTRUCTOR: Rick Robie

NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED



Power Up: Responding to Modern Energy Emergencies (Saturday OR Sunday available)

8 Hours

This course is a custom Crawford/Venango Fire School course, designed to equip first responders with some basic and practical information and training in dealing with modern energy sources. Topics include: Electrical, Carbon Monoxide, Electric Vehicles, Solar, etc.

STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/Pencil, notebook

CLASS LIMIT: 30 students

INSTRUCTOR: Brian Risavi



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Intro to Basic Firemanship

16 Hours

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

STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/Pencil, TOG required both days.
SCBA required Sunday only.

INSTRUCTOR: Derek Thompson

****Firefighters age 14 and up may attend****

NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED



Basic Rigging for Rope Rescue

16 Hours

Students in this course will be introduced to rope, rope hardware, and basic haul systems, which can be used in various aspects of rescue. The intent of this course is to provide rope and basic rigging experience for anyone interested in rope rescue, but particularly those who do not want to, or are unable to rappel.

STUDENT NEEDS:

PRE-REQUISITES:

Pen/Pencil and notebook

Helmet with chin strap, eye protection,
clean leather or work gloves, work or hiking
boots, outdoor work clothing or coveralls,
and a Class III Harness.

***FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT GEAR IS NOT
APPROPRIATE FOR THIS CLASS.***

***(Helmet face shields ARE NOT
suitable eye protection)***

INSTRUCTOR:

Jim Pratt

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Rural Fireground Water Movement

16 Hours

This course introduces the student to the basic methods of water movement in the rural area for firefighting. Tanker trucks and large diameter hose are utilized. Safe, efficient, and recommended methods are discussed, demonstrated, and practiced.

STUDENT NEEDS:	Pen/Pencil, notebook, and TOG
PRE-REQUISITES:	ELIS
CLASS LIMIT:	30 students
INSTRUCTORS:	John Eckel and Jim Wetzel



Legal Aspects for Fire Police (LAFP)

16 Hours

This is MUST have course for all emergency services personnel performing any type of Fire Police activity. In today's society we have become more liable to litigation than ever before, as evidenced by the number of lawsuits filed in PA against fire and ambulance departments. The object of this course is to give you a working knowledge of the various statutes, case law decisions, and ordinances that directly the operations of fire police personnel.

STUDENT NEEDS:	Pen/pencil, notebook, Department SOPs/SOGs, By-Laws, or Constitution
PRE-REQUISITE:	None
CLASS LIMIT:	30 Students
INSTRUCTOR:	Jerry DiGennaro

Emergency Vehicle Driver Training (EVDT)

16 Hours

A large number of emergency service personnel and civilians are injured and killed every year as the 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 emergency vehicle driving. These competencies include basic understanding of emergency vehicle operations as well as the skills necessary for practical and safe operation of driving on a competency course.

EMS Con Ed Credits available

STUDENT NEEDS:	Pen/Pencil and notebook
PRE-REQUISITES:	Student must be 18 years of age on first day of class and possess a valid drivers license.
CLASS LIMIT:	24 students
INSTRUCTOR:	Doc Watkins

Mass Casualty Class

16 Hours

This class is designed for Fire, EMS, and Law enforcement personnel. This course trains first responders, EMS, and hospital staff on how to manage disaster scenarios where the number of patients temporarily overwhelms available resources. This class will include live practical evolutions. EMS Con-Ed Credits available

STUDENT NEEDS:	Pen/pencil, notebook Students' supplies for Sunday will be covered at Saturday's Class
CLASS LIMIT:	30 Students
INSTRUCTOR:	Gerard Glock

Crawford-Venango Counties Fire School Application

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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS August 18, 2026

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 canceled.)

Name of Applicant:	Fire School Class Choice:		SAT. OR SUN.?	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 Classes #2 & #3 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 16 Hour Classes _____ @\$60 ea. =\$ _____
- Total Number of 8 Hour Classes _____ @\$40 ea.=\$ _____
- Late Fee (will be assessed after the deadline) _____ @\$20 ea. =\$ _____

Total amount remitted =\$ _____

Receipts will be mailed to the e-mail address listed above for Relief Association documentation purposes.

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: Brandon Firster
159 Brenner Road
Titusville, PA 16354
Email: cvfireschool@outlook.com



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Crawford-Venango Counties Fire School '26 Classes

Class #	Course Name	Instructor(s)
#1	Rescue Task Force: Basic Tactical Skills for Response to Violence	Derek Long and Mike Shaffer
#2	Trengine Company: Truck Company Ops for Engines	Joe Crotty
#3	The Engine Company Playbook	Rick Robie
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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.