

Command and Control for Company-Level Operations W0296

Delivery type

2-day on-campus

ACE recommendation

There is not an American Council on Education credit recommendation for this course.

"Command and Control for the Company Officer" is a 2-day course intended to provide a practical application of knowledge and skills for company officers or those aspiring for that next level.

"Command and Control for the Company Officer" builds on the following topics discussed in the online self-study course Q0891, "Foundations of Leadership and Operations for the Company Officer":

- Defining the company officer.
- Preplanning.
- Managing incidents.
- Operational communications.
- Safety.

Selection criteria

The target audience consists of:

- Newly appointed company officers.
- Firefighters who perform company officer responsibilities.
- Firefighters pursuing company officer roles in the future.
- Current company officers who want to review their understanding of leadership and operations relevant to their roles.

Prerequisites

Incident Command System (ICS)-100-level and ICS-200-level training. Preferred courses are Q0462 and Q0463, available through NFA Online. Chief's signature attests that the applicant has completed this required training.

Q0891, Foundations of Leadership and Operations for the Company Officer, available through NFA Online.

Incident Command System and Resource Management for the Fire Service W0376

Delivery type

2-day on-campus

Continuing education units

1.6

ACE recommendation

In the lower-division baccalaureate degree category, 1 semester hour in public safety.

This 2-day course will provide students with an understanding of the Incident Command System (ICS) and resource management for the fire service and their application in both emergency and nonemergency situations.

This course addresses the need for an ICS, an overview of the structure and flexibility of ICS, an understanding of the command skills necessary to function effectively in an ICS structure, and the need to effectively manage your resources.

This course meets the requirements of ICS-100 and ICS-200.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus

Course Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0376.pdf

Selection criteria

All first responders with responsibilities to use, deploy, implement and/or function within ICS and resource management.

Prerequisites

ICS-100-level and ICS-200-level training. Preferred courses are Q0462 and Q0463, available through NFA Online. Chief's signature attests that the applicant has completed this required training.

Introduction to NFIRS 5.0 W0497

Delivery type

2-day on-campus

Continuing education units

1.3

ACE recommendation

In the upper-division baccalaureate degree category, 1 semester hour in fire protection, fire science, fire administration, public administration, emergency management, homeland security or emergency medical services.

This 2-day course teaches students how to use standardized forms to achieve uniformity in their incident and activity reporting. This training program is designed specifically to support local fire service organizations, and it will assist them in providing data both to their management and to decision-makers, as well as to their state uniform fire reporting system.

At a local level, National Fire Incident Reporting System data can be used to:

- Describe a community's fire problem.
- Support budget requests and improve decision-making for allocation of resources.
- Assist in planning for future fire protection.
- Help identify opportunities for scheduling nonemergency activities.
- Evaluate code enforcement programs.
- Identify target audiences for public fire education programs.
- Support requests from grant-making organizations and alternative funding sources to fund department programs and priorities.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus

Course syllabus:https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0497.pdf

Selection criteria

New, current and potential users of a fire department or state uniform reporting system.

Members of local or state fire service organizations responsible for documenting incidents and/or incident data collection.

Prerequisites

Incident Command System (ICS)-100-level and ICS-200-level training. Preferred courses are Q0462 and Q0463, available through NFA Online. Chief's signature attests that the applicant has completed this required training.

Executive Skill Series: Exercising Leadership Ethically W0523

Delivery type

2-day on-campus

Continuing education units

1.2

ACE recommendation

In the lower-division baccalaureate degree category, 1 semester hour in ethics or critical decision-making.

This 2-day course provides students with the ability to recognize ethical dilemmas in the context of their environments, apply a decision model to resolve these dilemmas, render ethical decisions, and defend under scrutiny the resulting decisions that were made in an effort to resolve these dilemmas.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus

Instructions to Download Student Manual: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0523.pdf

Course Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0523.pdf

Selection criteria

The primary target audience is fire and emergency service personnel in positions of authority (executive-level officers) who have an opportunity to exercise leadership.

Note: Participants must be minimally assigned to a supervisory-level position (for example, a Company Officer).

Prerequisites

Incident Command System (ICS)-100-level and ICS-200-level training. Preferred courses are Q0462 and Q0463, available through NFA Online. Chief's signature attests that the applicant has completed this required training.

Shaping the Future W0602

Delivery type

2-day on-campus

Continuing education units

1.4

ACE recommendation

Pending (ACE Review): In the lower-division baccalaureate degree category, 1 semester hour in fire service administration, public administration, emergency management or emergency medical services.

Course only available to on-campus weekend program students.

This 2-day course is designed to assist first- and second-level supervisors and Company Officers (COs) in developing knowledge and skills in contemporary approaches to organizational problem-solving.

Topics include:

- Use of creative approaches to identifying trends within their organizations.
- Applying problem-solving methodologies.
- The importance and application of continuous improvement within organizations.
- How to quantify problems and solutions.
- Factors in organizational and individual resistance to change.
- Strategies for implementing change.
- The course incorporates facilitated, student-centered methodologies, including lecture, small and large group activities, and individual assessments.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus

Instructions to Download Student Manual: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0602.pdf

Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0602.pdf

Selection criteria

First- and second-level supervisors and COs who are upwardly mobile within their organizations and whose department head wishes to prepare them for increased managerial responsibility.

Administrative officers who are responsible for significant staff functions within the organization and who report directly to top management.

Emergency service workers assigned to positions with decision-making responsibilities.

Prerequisites

Incident Command System (ICS)-100-level and ICS-200-level training. Preferred courses are Q0462 and Q0463, available through NFA Online. Chief's signature attests that the applicant has completed this required training.

Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking W0647

Delivery type

2-day on-campus

Continuing education units

1.5

ACE recommendation

In the lower-division baccalaureate degree category, 1 semester hour in critical thinking and innovation. This 2-day course provides the supervisor with the conceptual foundation and framework for success in leadership roles by exploring creative, analytical, political and critical thinking perspectives. The course addresses skills needed for assessing situations from multiple perspectives, making critical decisions, fostering creativity and innovation, and using persuasion.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus

Instructions to Download Student Manual: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0647.pdf

Course Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0647.pdf

Selection criteria

The primary target audience for this course are those individuals who are at the first-line level of supervision. For purposes of student selection, first-line level is considered to be those at the Company Officer or Unit (fire prevention, fire education, communications, EMS, etc.) Supervisor level.

More specifically, primary selection criteria are as follows:

- First-line supervisors in fire and EMS organizations.
- Fire and EMS personnel due for promotion/appointment to a first-line supervisory position within 18 months.
- Fire and EMS personnel who are regularly assigned acting supervisory positions.
- Fire and EMS personnel currently enrolled in the National Fire Academy Managing Officer Program will be provided priority selection.

The secondary target audiences are fire and EMS personnel at the first-line management level (Chief Officer or above). Students at this level may be given consideration on a space-available basis.

Prerequisites

Incident Command System (ICS)-100-level and ICS-200-level training. Preferred courses are Q0462 and Q0463, available through NFA Online. Chief's signature attests that the applicant has completed this required training.

Incident Safety Officer W0729

Delivery type

2-day on-campus

Continuing education units

1.6

ACE recommendation

In the lower-division baccalaureate degree category, 1 semester hour in occupational health and safety, fire science safety, or fire administration.

This 2-day course examines the Safety Officer's role at emergency responses. A specific focus on operations within an Incident Command System (ICS) as a Safety Officer is a main theme. Response to all-hazards types of situations will be emphasized.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus

Instructions to Download Student Manual: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0729.pdf

Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0729.pdf

Selection criteria

Individuals who have a Safety Officer responsibility at emergency operation situations.

Individuals attending this course should have a working knowledge of ICS as taught by the National Fire Academy, building construction principles, hazardous materials management, applicable National Fire Protection Association guidelines, and federal regulations.

Prerequisites

ICS-100-level and ICS-200-level training. Preferred courses are Q462 and Q463 available through NFA Online. Chief's signature attests that the applicant has completed required training.

Fire Investigation: Fire as a Weapon W0756

Delivery type

2-day on-campus

Continuing education units

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ACE recommendation

There is not an American Council on Education credit recommendation for this course.

This course was developed to aid first responders in understanding and recognizing how fire can be used as a weapon against people and/or property. This course should also help first responders and investigators understand why a person would choose to use fire as a weapon, as well as creating awareness of the types of information fire investigators may need from fire and emergency services personnel.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus

Instructions to download the Student Manual: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0770.pdf

Course Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0770.pdf

Selection criteria

Fire and emergency services personnel who respond to fires or might conduct preliminary investigations into the origin and cause of fires.

Prerequisites

There is no required prerequisite, but W0770: Fire Investigation: First Responder is recommended.

Fire Investigation: First Responders W0770

Delivery type

2-day on-campus

Continuing education units

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ACE recommendation

In the lower-division baccalaureate degree category, 1 semester hour in public safety administration.

This 2-day course presents a basic overview of a fire investigation for the first responder. Students will review the basics of fire chemistry and develop an understanding of the role of the first responder in relation to fire suppression and fire investigation.

The course will stress the importance of fire scene awareness, evidence identification, preservation and the basics of a fire investigation. Students will develop an appreciation for the convergence of suppression, investigation, science and law.

Pre-course materials and course syllabus

Instructions to download the Student Manual: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/pcm/BYOD_0770.pdf

Course Syllabus: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/ax/syll/syllabus_w0770.pdf

Selection criteria

Fire and emergency services personnel who respond to fires or might conduct preliminary investigations into the origin and cause of fires.

Prerequisites

Incident Command System (ICS)-100-level and ICS-200-level training. Preferred courses are Q462 and Q463 available through NFA Online. Chief's signature attests that the applicant has completed required training.

Registration Information

Online Registration/Payment –

Online NFA Application (Link will be provided upon approval from the state in your email class confirmation.)

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