

COLUMBIA COUNTY
Firefighter I
Learning Agreement

NYS Firefighter I is designed to prepare entry level firefighters to respond to emergencies. This course is designed to accomplish the objectives of NFPA 1001 and NFPA 472 and trains the entry level firefighter as an interior structural firefighter in accordance with OSHA regulations 1910.156 Fire Brigade Standard, 1910.134 Respiratory Standard, 1910.120 Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials, 1910.146 Confined Space Entry Standard and 1910.147 Control of Hazardous Energy Standard.

This course is 104 hours in length, which is broken up into #29 lessons which will be accomplished in night and weekend sessions. Tests and measurements are a necessary element in the learning process.

Student Attendance:

Sessions must be attended. In the event of an unavoidable absence, the student shall notify the lead instructor. The student may have to make up the class in order to pass the course.

Student Obligations:

Students are provided with a copy of the Firefighter I outline. Students shall have completed the required reading and be prepared for unit tests and to participate in class discussions. All student shall bring with them to class: personal protective equipment, writing instrument and paper unless otherwise indicated by the instructor. Students shall complete the NIMS700 (IS-700.A) self-study course and provide proof of completion to the instructor prior to the completion of the course. The IS-700.A course is accessed at <http://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.a>. Students are required to have previously completed or to complete Basic First Aid and CPR classes prior to the completion of the course. Two additional four (4) hour sessions will be provided during the course schedule for those students who need the two (2) classes.

Written Exams:

All students will be given at least two (2) written exams. The midterm is conducted in lesson #13 and the final exam at the end of the course. Both exams require a passing grade of 70% or better. All students must pass both exams to receive credit for the course. If a student fails any of the written tests, they will be allowed to re-test at the convenience of the instructor or during another Firefighter I class.

Practical Skills Evaluations:

All students will be taught skills during various times during the program. Each student is expected to pass all skills test. If a student fails a skill, the instructor may elect to provide a make-up for that particular skill.

Physical Fitness:

All students must be fit enough to safely complete skills. Students must have been determined to be fit for firefighting and must have received a fit test for the equipment they are using in the course. Students will be training in an IDLH atmosphere during the course.

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

Judgment:

- Makes reasonable, safe decisions when attempting to accomplish a task or solve a problem
- Is courteous and respectful
- Handles interpersonal conflicts effectively

Communication:

- Uses appropriate tone of voice
- Articulates in a clear, logical and understandable manner
- Displays Confidence
- Is persuasive and makes a positive impression
- Demonstrates appropriate non-verbal communication techniques

Teamwork:

- Effectively works with others in order to accomplish tasks or solve problems
- Offers help to team members when needed
- Consistently demonstrates safe practices for self and others

Problem Solving:

- Approaches problems in a safe, logical, and well thought out fashion
- Seeks pro-active solutions to problems

Initiative/Motivation/Work Ethic:

- Accomplishes tasks or goals without being ordered, coerced or motivated by others
- Demonstrates desire for personal and professional development
- Accomplishes tasks or goals with a "safety first" attitude
- Takes on additional tasks or duties
- Actively seeks academic and technical knowledge for self improvement
- Is reliable in following safety practices in all situations

Adaptability/Stress Management:

- Remains calm in stressful situations
- Adapts behavior in order to deal with changing situations in a safe manner
- Adapts behavior in order to accomplish individual and or/organizational goals
- Recognizes symptoms of stress in self and seeks to deal with stress appropriately

Integrity:

- Is sincere and honest when dealing with others
- Keeps commitments
- Respects personal property of others/their departments
- Portrays professional image in speech, action and appearance
- Obeys all policies of the Office of Fire Prevention & Control and the hosting agency

I have read and understand the agreement as written above.

Print Name

Sign Name

Date