

CRAWFORD-VENANGO COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION



September 9 & 10, 2023

**Stat MedEvac Class:
October 7 & 8, 2023**

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 21, 2023**. 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 Oakmont 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 9 & 10, 2023 and the
STAT MedEvac weekend will be held on October 7 & 8, 2023.**

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.



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 on Sunday only

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***

For more information contact Bob Wimer, Director
814-336-9050 or email: wimer@windstream.net



Rural Fireground Water Movement (RFWM) 16 Hours

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

PRE-REQUISITES: ELIS
CLASS LIMIT: 30 students
STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/Pencil, notebook & TOG
INSTRUCTOR: John Eckel

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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: Dave Watkins
CON-ED: 16 Hours EMSVO

***Direct Report to Greenwood Fire & Rescue located at
15444 PA-285, Conneaut Lake, PA 16316***

For more information contact Bob Wimer, Director
814-758-0585 or email: wimer@windstream.net

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 FFI certification and current HMO or HMOR.
COPY OF CERTIFICATE FOR 1 OF THE PREREQUISITES AND
HAZMAT TO BE SENT WITH REGISTRATION

CLASS LIMIT: 30 students

STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/Pencil, notebook, TOG and SCBA with spare cylinder.

INSTRUCTOR: Joe Crotty


NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED

***Direct Report to Cambridge Springs VFD located at
302 Venango Avenue, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403***



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***

For more information contact Bob Wimer, Director
814-758-0585 or email: wimer@windstream.net



Flammable Liquids Firefighting

16 Hours

Students in this course will be introduced to the basic fire chemistry and characteristics of flammable and combustible liquids. Including the difference between polar and non-polar products. It will also review the different types of extinguishing agents to be utilized for flammable and combustible liquids. Including setting up a foam eductor, different types of foam, foam nozzles and proper application techniques using dry chemicals, water, and foam on live fire situations.

PRE-REQUISITES: ELIF or EBM or FFI certification and current HMO or HMOR.
COPY OF CERTIFICATE FOR 1 OF THE PREREQUISITES AND
HAZMAT TO BE SENT WITH REGISTRATION

CLASS LIMIT: 24 students

STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/Pencil, notebook, TOG and SCBA with spare cylinder

INSTRUCTOR: Rick Robie

NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED

**Direct Report to Crawford/Venango Fire School Grounds located
across from 24817 Ridge Road, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403**



Street Survival for Emergency Personnel (SSEP) 16 Hours

Emergency Responders have become targets of violence, even as they respond to offer help in a fire or emergency situation. Your safety and that of your crew is the most important concern during an emergency situation. Unfortunately, not everyone wants our help and some actually want to harm us. Learn methods to improve your chances in this increasingly violent society. Target audience for this course is emergency responders such as EMT's, paramedics, or first responders, and firefighters who have direct responsibility for providing emergency medical care.

PRE-REQUISITE: None

CLASS LIMIT: 30 students

STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/Pencil, notebook, and comfortable clothes

INSTRUCTOR: Ed Gnoth

CON-ED: 16 Hours

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Trench Rescue (TRRE)

16 Hours

This course will introduce the student to the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and effectively perform complex rescue operations in collapsed trench excavations. Course work will include practical drills and demonstrations in simulated trench excavations.

PRE-REQUISITES: ELIS or equivalent
disciple-specific training
in occupational safety

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: 5.5 Hours



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



Legal Aspects for the Fire Service (LAFS)

16 Hours

This is a **must** course for all emergency services personnel. In today's society we have become more vulnerable to litigation than ever before, as evidenced by the number of lawsuits filed in PA against fire departments and ambulance services. The object of this course is to give you a working knowledge of the various statutes, case law decisions and ordinances that directly affect the operation of volunteer fire, rescue, or ambulance organizations. The class is structured so as to help you understand the general legal ramifications of your office, as well as your fire department's basic operations. Decisions are made, at the scene of an emergency, not only by officers, but by non-officers as well and these decisions will be subject to close scrutiny if a lawsuit is filed by some unhappy third party. In this day and age, one must be able to protect oneself on the fire ground legally, as well as physically.

PRE-REQUISITE: None

CLASS LIMIT: 30 students

STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/pencil, notebook, department SOP's, by-laws,
and constitution

INSTRUCTOR: Kim Houser

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Vehicle Rescue Refresher & Technology Update 16 Hours

This course is intended for personnel who have already taken vehicle rescue in the past. To give a needed review of the concepts of vehicle rescue, and an awareness of the new vehicle designs and technology, new tool design and technology, and new disentanglement techniques to deal with the air bag locations. A Butler County certificate will be issued.

PRE-REQUISITE: NVRO or equivalent, BVRT or BVRC
CLASS LIMIT: 30 students
STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/Pencil, notebook, PPE to include helmet, gloves, TOG or Extrication Gear, steel toe boots and protective eyewear
INSTRUCTOR: Scott Rooker

***Direct Report to Cochran VFD located at
113 Adams Street, Cochran, PA 16314***



11 Things a Fire Officer Must Know to be Successful

16 Hours

This course is specifically designed to help the new or current Brigade or Line Officer or Administrative Officer to be successful as they begin or continue their term or appointment as an Officer. This course will reinforce and introduce the legal requirements, relationship building, management disciplines, leadership skills, planning and other essential requirements to be successful. This is a break from the normal leadership classes. You will be given the basic knowledge and tools you need to become an effective leader in the fire service.

PRE-REQUISITE: Student should be a Brigade or Line Officer
CLASS LIMIT: 30 Students
STUDENT NEEDS: Pen/pencil and notebook
INSTRUCTOR: JC Tedorski

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Fireground/Emergency Scene Rehab

16 Hours

This course will review Fire Ground Medical Monitoring vs. Rehabilitation, establishing a department REHAB operating guideline and reviewing LODD/Critical Incident scene management. On Sunday, the class will be performing REHAB at other fire school classes.

PRE-REQUISITE:

None

STUDENT NEEDS:

Pen/Pencil, notebook, and PPE (work boots, eye, hand, and head protection)

CLASS LIMIT:

30 Students

INSTRUCTOR:

Ben Hart

CON-ED:

EMS con-ed has been applied for to obtain as many CPC hours as possible

**Direct Report to Venango VFD located at
21486 Meadville Street, Venango, PA 16440**



Stat MedEvac Class: October 7 & 8, 2023



STAT MedEvac & Allegheny Mountain

16 Hours

Rescue Group Overnight Wilderness Challenge

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**

For more information contact Bob Wimer, Director
814-758-0585 or email: wimer@windstream.net

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 Oakmont PL.

Conneaut Lake, PA 16316

email: bears1338@gmail.com



Crawford-Venango Counties Fire School '23 Classes

Class #	Course Name	Instructor
#1	Introduction to Basic Firemanship	Jim Pratt
#2	Rural Fireground Water Movement (RFWM)	John Eckel
#3	Emergency Vehicle Operator Training (EVOT)	Dave Watkins
#4	Truck Company Operations (TRCO)	Joe Crotty
#5	Rapid Intervention Crew Exercises (RICE)	Derek Long
#6	Flammable Liquids Firefighting	Rick Robie
#7	Street Survival for Emergency Personnel (SSEP)	Ed Gnoth
#8	Trench Rescue (TRRE)	Greg Dinko
#9	Legal Aspects for the Fire Service (LAFS)	Kim Houser
#10	Vehicle Rescue Refresher & Technology Update	Scott Rooker
#11	11 Things a Fire Officer Must Know to be Successful	JC Tedorski
#12	Fireground/Emergency Scene Rehab	Ben Hart
#13	STAT MedEvac & Allegheny Mountain Rescue Group Overnight Wilderness Challenge (Oct. 7 & 8)	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.

Crawford-Venango Counties Fire School Application

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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS August 21, 2023

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**-----

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 & 6 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 =\$ _____

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

The following are IMPORTANT changes to the 2023 Fire School:

- 1.) NO FACIAL HAIR PERMITTED in classes #1, #4, #5 & #6.
- 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 & #6 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 & #6 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

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September 9 & 10, 2023

Stat MedEvac Class:

October 7 & 8, 2023

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 21, 2023

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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.**