

# 2021 Fire On The Plains



## A HANDS-ON TRAINING EVENT

Sterling, Colorado

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*Train like your life depends on it!*

## A Hands-on Training Event for all Experience Levels

Fire on the Plains is a collaborative effort to bring cost effective, high quality, hands-on training to the first responders of the eastern plains of Colorado. This year we have re-tooled some of our offerings and added a few that folks have requested. We are also collaborating with Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colorado this year.

This event is designed to provide basic skills introduction to newer firefighters as well as giving the seasoned firefighter the ability to explore new concepts. Each session will provide the opportunity for students to work on specific Job Performance Requirements (JPR) for certification maintenance.

This year we offer firefighter and the driver/operator training as well as many specialty classes in both the wildland and structural worlds. Students can choose from several multiday, full day, 4-hour and 2-hour sessions. The student may pick and choose which sessions they wish to attend. Students may attend for the entire weekend or just one day.

Meals are included in the price of tuition.

**This year's event is shaping up to be bigger and better than last years. Sign up early to get into the sessions you are interested in!**

**Please pass this brochure on far and wide. As this event grows, we will work to tailor it to the needs of the first responder community!**

As call volumes increase and volunteers and budgets decrease, there is an ever present need for training that is cost effective, and provides responders with the most up to date information possible.

Fire on the Plains is committed to making firefighters safer, smarter, and more effective through high quality, low cost training.

The planning committee strives to ensure we are providing the training you need. As such, we are always looking for feedback and ideas on how we can make this event better each year.

If you have ideas for a class or feedback, feel free to speak with one of the staff during the event or contact Don Distefano with the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control at [don.distefano@state.co.us](mailto:don.distefano@state.co.us).

Thank you FOTP Planning Committee.

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## Tuition

You may register for all 3 days, or any combination that fits your needs! Do not overlap sessions. Call or email if you have any questions.

<b>S-211 Class (Fri-Sun)</b>	<b>\$195.00</b>
<b>S130/190 (Fri and Sat)</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>
<b>Full Weekend (3-days, Fri-Sun)</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>
<b>Friday Only</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>Saturday Only</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Sunday Only</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>

*Tuition includes meals*

## Registration

- register online at [www.CWFIMA.org](http://www.CWFIMA.org).
- Payment can be made via credit card or check.
- Questions, please contact Wendy Fischer at 970-759-9610 or via email at [wfischer@cwfima.org](mailto:wfischer@cwfima.org)

## ID Required

As part of the statewide responder credentialing initiative, we will be tracking students by utilizing the Salamander and Rapid Tag system. Please bring a valid driver's license with you for check in. Don't have a license, no worries, bring any photo ID and we will make it work.

## INFORMATION

This year's event will be held at Northeastern Junior College (NJC) located at 100 Colorado Ave, Sterling, Colorado. Several sessions will also be held at the Sterling Fire Department training grounds located at 103 S. Sugar Mill Rd. Student transportation will be provided from NJC to the training grounds. There are several hotels located in Sterling and NJC may provide dormitory rooms at reduced rates. As we get closer to the event we will update lodging information.

Several sessions will require personal protective equipment (PPE), these sessions and the required PPE are noted in this brochure. The student is responsible for bringing the correct PPE to class. PPE must be in good repair and capable of protecting the wearer. Some sessions require the use of an SCBA. The student must bring an SCBA with 2 extra cylinders. We will have the ability to refill cylinders, but there may be a long turnaround time so plan accordingly.

**PLEASE NOTE: Beards and other facial hair that comes into contact with the seal of the SCBA mask is not permitted. Please come clean shaven if you will be wearing an SCBA. No goatees or long sideburns will be allowed in live fire training scenarios.**

### Waiver and Affidavit

When you register online, you will be able to view and print the Colorado DFPC Informed Consent Form. This is REQUIRED for anyone taking a live fire session. This form requires a signature from your Fire Chief. Please print the form, get it signed, and fax or email prior to training.



## Firefighter Track

### Live Fire / Hose Management (4-hour)

This is a live fire session. The room and contents fire is the basic bread and butter for firefighters. Unfortunately, we still don't get enough practice on these fires. We will utilize the DFPC Mobile Live Fire Training Unit to safely practice hose movement and teamwork for making an interior attack.

*Bunker gear and SCBA required for this session.*

### SCBA Skills / Survival Maze (4-hour)

You can never have enough practice with your SCBA. This session will cover the basics of SCBA survival skills as well as delve into some more advanced techniques to get out of a sticky situation. Students will need to navigate several props designed to challenge your ability to survive.

*Bunker gear and SCBA required for this session.*

### RIT / Self-Rescue (4-hour)

When we or one of our own gets into trouble, a routine call can quickly become a nightmare. What is worse is when we don't anticipate and train for such an event the nightmare has a high probability of becoming a tragedy. This highly interactive session is designed to prepare the firefighters to quickly and safely perform the rescue of a firefighter in trouble.

*Bunker gear and SCBA required for this session.*

### Forcible Entry (4-hour)

Forcible Entry is an essential skill in the fire service. Firefighters should be able to size-up and effectively force the door to gain access. This class breaks down the challenges that locks, reinforced doors and other security measures pose to firefighters. The hands-on session places strong emphasis on forcing inward-swinging doors with the "irons".

*Bunker gear required for this session.*

## Hotel Options

- Comfort Inn & Suites  
**(We are in the process of finalizing a group block for FOTP, more details to follow in registration confirmation emails)**

**2020 Leisure Lane, Sterling, CO 80751**

**(970) 526-6850**

- North Sterling State Park Information  
[North Sterling Camping Brochure](#)
- Elks Campground is open year-round (Inlet Grove & Chimney Campgrounds are closed Oct 1 – May 1) Elks Electric Hook-up Campsite : \$36 per night.

Campsite reservations may be made by calling (800) 244-5613 or by [Reserve Online](#)

## Meals

Meals are included in the cost of tuition and will be provided in the NJC Dining Hall. Please note that while staff will attempt to assist students with special dietary needs, we cannot guarantee that your special needs will be met, so please plan accordingly.

Meals provided:

Friday	Lunch (S-211 and S130/190 students only)
	Dinner (everyone)
Saturday	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Sunday	Breakfast and Lunch

## Northeastern Junior College

Students will be enrolled at NJC for administrative purposes and will receive college credit.

All students are required to complete the NJC application process. This is an important piece of Fire on the Plains as it allows overall costs of your training to be kept to a minimum.

More information to follow in an email after registering for Fire on the Plains training.

For questions regarding NJC, please contact Tracy Yahn at 970-521-6708 or via email at [tracy.yahn@njc.edu](mailto:tracy.yahn@njc.edu)

### JPR SHEETS

Most of the hands-on courses have the ability to document the completion of JPRs for Firefighter recertification. If you need/want to receive JPRs, please inform your instructor at the start of the session and they will work with you to ensure the appropriate JPR is documented.

## Specialty Classes

### Foam Operations (4 Hours)

The class is designed to give a firefighter or company officer a review of foam characteristics, operational considerations for foam use, how to calculate resources needed for foam suppression incidents, and what things an agency should consider before deciding on what foam to purchase.

*Full PPE required for this session.*

### Traffic Incident Management (TIMS) (4 hours)

Every year first responders are injured and killed while operating at roadway incidents. Responding to a call on the highway may be one of the most dangerous things we do. TIMS is a national course and gives first responders the knowledge they need to operate safely at these incidents. Students will receive information on current laws and authorities as well as best practices for roadway incidents.

*Street clothes or uniforms are appropriate attire for this session.*

### Propane Emergencies (8 Hours)

The Propane Emergencies (PE) program is a comprehensive training program adopted by 27 state firefighter academies. The program is specifically targeted to issues of propane behavior and container design and construction that emergency responders need to know. The program addresses emergency decision-making, strategies and tactics, and includes live propane training to include fire suppression. SCBA & NFPA compliant turnout gear required.

### Must attend Part One and Part Two!

*Full structural turnout gear and SCBA is required for everyone wishing to participate in the live fire exercises*

## Wildland Fire Track (NWCG)

### S130/S190 Blended Course (All Day Fri and Sat)

This class gives students taking the online S-130/190 course the necessary classroom and field experience needed to successfully receive NWCG certification. Students will also be provided with an opportunity to complete the Work Capacity Test (WCT), also known as the Pack Test. The WCT is not mandatory, but students will be provided with this opportunity if interested.

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of S-130, S-190, IS-700, L-180 and IS-100 online courses. Links to all these courses will be provided after you register. Completion certifications for these online courses will be collected on the first day of the blended course. Students that will be participating in the WCT will need to complete a Health Screen Questionnaire that will be provided after registration and collected on the day of the pack test. A “yes” answer on the questionnaire will require a doctor’s statement that indicates the student can safely undergo the WCT.

**Student equipment requirements:** Helmet, gloves, eye protection, boots, and wildland firefighting hand tool. For the WCT students will need comfortable work out clothing and a weight vest or backpack that has a weight of 45 Lbs.

### Wildland Fire Aircraft Operations (4 Hours)

This course will provide students with information and training on how to order and use firefighting aircraft. This course also reviews the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control Wildland Fire Resource Funding Guidelines and how to request reimbursement.

### S211 Portable Pumps & Water Use (All Day Fri, Sat, & ½ day on Sun)

This course is designed to provide knowledge and skills to design, setup, operate, troubleshoot, and shut down portable water delivery systems. The focus is on portable pumps – it does not address water delivery for engines. Topics covered include portable water delivery systems; equipment; roles and responsibilities; and system design and hydraulics. There is also a field exercise where students will apply what they learned in the classroom. Objectives include demonstrate knowledge and skills to design, set up, operate, troubleshoot, and shut down portable water delivery systems.

**Prerequisites:** none

**Equipment:** PPE

### AGENCY AFFILIATION REQUIRED

Please note you must be affiliated with a public safety agency (Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement etc.) in order to participate in this training event. Your agency will be responsible for providing necessary PPE. Fire on the Plains will not be responsible for providing any PPE, but the staff has the right to inspect a student’s PPE to ensure it is suitable for the training that the student will participate in.



## Driver/Operator



### Pump Operations – Hands On (4-hour)

This hands-on class will focus on achieving a water supply from both a static and pressurized source, pumping single and multiple handlines, as well as relay pumping from a supply engine to an attack engine.

*Full PPE required excluding SCBA.*

*For DFPC DO Pumper certified students who need to perform JPRs for recertification please bring a printed copy of each JPR needed.*

## EMS Initial Assessment

In these four-hour lecture/hands on skill stations, participants will have the opportunity to review fundamental trauma stabilization and resuscitation while focusing on the primary survey and secondary assessment of the injured patient. Participants will review basic and advance interventions and procedures for treatment of identified injuries. This station will provide exposure to the multisystem trauma patient including review of common injuries to the head, neck, chest, abdomen and pelvis. Incorporated into this station will be a hands-on scenario.

## Technical Skills Track



### Auto Extrication (4-hour)

As vehicles evolve so must our techniques to safely rescue victims of a crash. Learn new tricks as well as hone your basic extrication skills. We will have multiple vehicles on site to tear apart and several instructors to give you tips for your next vehicle rescue call.

*Bunker gear or appropriate extrication PPE is required; this includes eye protection.*

### Volunteer Fire Officer Training (8-hour)

The move from Firefighter to Fire Officer dramatically changes your duties and responsibilities. This class is designed to prepare you for the challenges of being a volunteer fire officer, whether you already are one or aspire to be one. Topics covered include fire ground decision making, leadership on and off the fire ground, discipline and documentation. The goal of this course is to make you a successful and safe company officer.

**Must attend Part One and Part Two Sessions.**

*Street clothes or uniforms are appropriate for this session.*

### Fire Officer's First 5 Minutes / Scene Size Up (3.5 hour)

When you arrive on scene the first few minutes can make or break the next few hours. Come and learn how to conduct an organized size up of a structure fire. Students will be given the opportunity to practice size ups and making initial assignments. This is a great session for both the rookie and the senior firefighter.

*Street clothes or uniforms are appropriate for this session.*

## Schedule of Events

### Friday 08:00-21:30 Block A

1600-1745	Check in and dinner
0800-1700	S211 – Portable Pumps & Water Use (all day Fri, Sat, and ½ day Sun)
0800-1700	S130/190 Review & Field Days (all day Fri and ½ day Sat)
1800-2130	Fire Officer's First 5 Minutes / Scene Size Up
1800-2130	EMS Initial Assessment
1800-2000	Foam Operations
1800-2130	SCBA Skills / SCBA Maze

### Saturday 0800-1200 Block B

0700-0800	Check in and Breakfast (LOCATION)
0700- 1300	Propane Emergencies <b>Part One</b>
0800-1200	S211 – Portable Pumps & Water Use (all day Fri, Sat, and ½ day Sun)
0800-1200	S130/190 Review & Field Days (all day Fri and ½ day Sat)
0800-1200	Live Fire/Hose Management
0800-1200	Auto Extrication
0800-1200	Driver Operator Pump Operations

### Saturday 1330-1730 Block C

1730-1800	Dinner
1300-1700	Propane Emergencies <b>Part Two</b>
1330-1730	S211 – Portable Pumps & Water Use (all day Fri, Sat, and ½ day Sun)
1330-1730	RIT / Self Rescue
1330-1730	Fire Officer's First 5 Minutes/ Scene Size Up
1330-1730	SCBA Skills / SCBA Maze
1330-1530	Foam Operations

### Saturday 1800-2130 Block D

1800-2200	Wildland Fire Aircraft Operations
1800-2200	Forcible Entry
1800-2200	Volunteer Fire Officer Training <b>Part One</b>
1800-2200	Traffic Incident Management (TIMs)

### Sunday 0800-1200 Block E

0700-0800	Check in and Breakfast (LOCATION)
0800-1200	S211 – Portable Pumps & Water Use (all day Fri, Sat, and ½ day Sun)
0800-1200	RIT / Self Rescue
0800-1200	Live Fire/Hose Management
0800-1200	Auto Extrication
0800-1200	Driver Operator Pump Operations
0800-1200	EMS Initial Assessment
0800-1200	Volunteer Fire Officer Training <b>Part Two</b>
0800-1200	Traffic Incident Management (TIMs)
0800-1200	Wildland Fire Aircraft Operations
0800-1200	Forcible Entry



Inside the Live Fire Trailer