

# Fire On The Plains

A Hands-On Training Event

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## Presented by

The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control  
The Colorado Wildland Fire & Incident management Academy

## Hosted By

The La Junta Fire Department  
Otero Junior College



*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 Otero College this year.

Fire On The Plains goal is 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, in conjunction with our host the La Junta Fire Department we are offering a wide variety of classes that include Wildland, Company Officer, Live Fire, Pump Operation, Auto Extrication, EMS and several Specialty topics requested by fire departments located in the Southeast corner of the state. Students can choose from several classroom and/or hands-on classes in full day, 4-hour and 2-hour sessions. The student may 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. To get into the sessions you are interested in, sign up early!**

**Please pass this brochure on to your fire service friends and neighbors. 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 a 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).

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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. Tuition includes meals!

<b>Full Weekend (3-days, Fri-Sun, 7 meals)</b>	<b>\$195.00</b>
<b>2-Day (5 meals)</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>
<b>Friday Only (2 meals)</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>
<b>Saturday Only (3 meals)</b>	<b>\$105.00</b>
<b>Sunday Only (2 meals)</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>

### Specialty NWCG Class Options

<b>S-211 Class (Fri-Sun) - select full weekend</b>	<b>\$195.00</b>
<b>S130/190 (Fri and Sat) - select 2-Day</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>
<b>S131 (Fri and ½ day Sat) – select 2-Day</b>	<b>\$155.00</b>

**Scholarships will be available to cover 50% of the tuition. Funds are limited and application will need to be completed. Priority given to volunteer fire departments. Additional details coming soon.**

## Registration

You can register online at [www.CWFIMA.org](http://www.CWFIMA.org).

Registration is payable via credit card or check.

For registration 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 utilizing the Salamander and Rapid Tag system for check in and tracking of students. 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.



## **AGENCY AFFILIATION REQUIRED**

Please note, you that 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 students selected training.

## **INFORMATION**

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This year's event will be held at Otero College (OC) located at 1802 Colorado Ave. La Junta, Colorado. Several sessions will be held at the La Junta Fire Department training grounds located at 620 Barnes Ave. La Junta Colorado. Students will be provided transportation from OC to the training grounds. There are several hotels located in La Junta 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: Please come clean-shaven if you will be wearing an SCBA and participating in live fire scenarios. Beards, goatees, long sideburns and other facial hair that comes into contact with the seal of the SCBA mask is not permitted.**

### **Waiver and Affidavit**

The Colorado DFPC Informed Consent Form will be emailed to you after registration. 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.

## Meals

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Meals are included in the days you registered for and will be served in the OC 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 (for all day classes only) and Dinner (Everyone)
Saturday	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Sunday	Breakfast and Lunch

## Hotel Options

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The host hotel for Fire on the Plains is the Holiday Inn Express in La Junta. Block rate is \$119/night plus applicable taxes.

Holiday Inn Express  
27794 US Hwy 50  
La Junta, CO 81050

Front Desk (719) 384-2900

**\*You must call this number direct and press "2" for the front desk to make your reservation. If you press "1" you will get central reservations and the rate is higher**

**Reservation Code: FPS**

## Otero College

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We are working with Otero College to possibly offer college credit. More details to come.

## 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 do not 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 / 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 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 one of our own gets into trouble, a routine call can quickly become a nightmare. What is worse is when we do not 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. This hands-on session places strong emphasis on forcing inward-swinging doors with the “irons”.

Bunker gear required for this session.

## Driver/Operator

### Pump Operations, Rural Water Supply, Shuttle Operations - Hands On (4-hour)

This hands-on class will focus on how to properly set-up a water shuttle dump-site, how to achieve a water supply from a static source, and how to pump single and multiple hoselines at varying GPM and PSI.



**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.***

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

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.***

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## Wildland Fire Track

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### S130/S190 Blended Course (All Day Fri and ½ Day Sat)

This two-day class gives students taking the online S-130/190 course the necessary classroom and field experience needed to successfully obtain NWCG certification.

**Prerequisites:** successful completion of online S-130/190 modules (about 20-24 hours of online work). To receive FFT2 qualification you must also complete IS-700b and IC-100c online. Links to all these courses will be provided after you register.

*Student equipment requirements for the class are PPE (Helmet, gloves, eye protection, and boots). Hand tools will be provided.*

### S131 Wildland Firefighter Type 1 (All Day Fri and ½ Day Sat)

This course is designed to meet the needs of an advanced Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1). The course is interactive & contains several tactical decision games designed to facilitate learning the objectives & class discussion. Topics include Fireline reference materials, communications & tactical decision-making. **Prerequisites:** Qualified as FFT2. You will receive an NWCG certificate.

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

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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

## Technical Skills Track

### Vehicle 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.*



### FI-110 Wildland Fire Observation & Origin (6-8 hours)

The primary emphasis of this course is to teach sound wildland fire observations and origin scene protection practices that enable first responders to a wildland fire scene to perform proper origin scene protection procedures. The course is presented by short lectures, electronic presentations, exercises, and class discussion. Objectives include: understanding the roles and responsibilities of a first responder in support of the investigation of a wildland fire, list key observations that should be made when responding to a wildland fire, list the five tasks to be performed upon arrival to a wildland fire, understand basic fire behavior and fire pattern indicators that identify signs of a general origin area, understand the various causes of wildland fires and understand the requirements of the post-response phase, including the information transfer process.

**Prerequisites:** None. You will receive an NWCG certificate.

### Foam 101

Mountain View set out to replace the AR-AFFF, which has PFAS in it. With current legislation, it is no longer legal to buy or train with PFAS-containing foam. We spent over a year researching foams and learned a lot. Learn the difference between a wetting agent and synthetic foams and why it matters to know which foam you have on your fire engine. We will share video footage from our large-scale tests and our research information. We will have a small hands-on portion to show how quickly a foam blanket can disappear.

**\*Note:** Saturday's Block C session will include Oil & Gas section.

## **Technical Skills Track (cont.)**

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### **Trench/Tech Rescue Awareness (4 hour)**

The Trench/Tech Rescue Awareness course gives Emergency Responders an overview of Trench/Tech Rescue operations. Topics include the NFPA Standards on Trench/Tech Rescue, the hazards associated with Trench/Tech Rescue situations and how to mitigate them, site control and scene management, implementation of a Trench/Tech Rescue Team response. At the conclusion of this program, you should be able to:

1. Identify the need for trench or technical rescue.
2. Identify the resources needed for trench or technical rescue.
3. Activate a rescue response system.
4. Control the site and manage the scene.

### **Mutual Aid/Interior Attack (3 hour)**

When that alarm goes off it is our job to ensure the proper resources arrive on-scene. In order to have the proper amount of manpower and equipment on-scene there are times that we need to rely on our neighboring fire departments. This class will cover:

1. What Mutual Aid is and how to request it.
2. Knowing your neighboring departments.
3. Capabilities and knowing equipment on scene.
4. The importance of training with your neighbors.

### **Fire Scene Preservation (3 hour)**

This class will review when to call in a fire investigator, considerations for fire attack in an effort to preserve evidence, and an overview of the fire investigator's role. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and refresh your evidence preservation skills.

1. What to do when the fire is out.
2. Legality for fire investigations.
3. Whom to notify from other agencies.
4. Documentation of the incident.
5. It is all about the photos.

## **Technical Skills Track (cont.)**

### **Firefighter/First Responder Mental Health (4 hour)**

We as Firefighters train on how to fight fire, how to perform auto extrication and how to rescue and help victims with their emergencies. Our training is what helps us perfect our craft. There is however one topic that we as First Responders tend to ignore, one topic that we that we tend to shy away from, that topic is our mental health. We respond to the wide variety of incidents, once we arrive we interact with victims that are hurt emotionally and physically, victims that have just lost someone they know and love or they have lost all of their possessions. As First Responders, we help these victims cope with these issues but who helps us cope with the emotion and stress that we go through, who helps us deal with the things we see and the things we take home to our families? Spend some time and energy on you, on your health and your mental wellness. We will cover these topics and many more:

1. Co-responder presentation
2. Fire Marshall Bill (Why don't I matter).
3. Grief (The pain and trauma of loss)
4. Mindfulness, meditation, Relax and Laugh Again)

### **EMS Assessment (3 hour)**

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 advanced 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.

### **Volunteer Company 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.

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

## **Technical Skills Track (cont.)**

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### **Fire Officers First 5 Minutes/Scene Size-up (3.5 hours)**

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.*

### **Doll House (3 hours)**

Reading Smoke is a half day class that outlines basic flow path dynamics inside a structure fire and the different presentations of smoke as seen from outside the structure. The effects of partial combustion, superheating, and different types of ventilation are also discussed. Lecture and discussion are followed by a live fire prop demonstration.

### **Requesting Mutual Aid & State Resources (3 hours)**

This informative session will assist local incident commanders especially in rural areas on how to request mutual aid and what state resources are available.

### **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.

## Schedule of Events

### Friday 08:00 - 17:00 Block A

<b>0700-0800</b>	<b>Check in</b>
0800-1700	S131 – Wildland Firefighter Type 1 (all day Fri and ½ day Sat)
0800-1700	S130/190 Review & Field Days (all day Fri and ½ day Sat)
0800-1700	S211 Portable Pumps & Water Use (all day Fri & Sat and ½ day Sun)
0800-1700	FI-110 Wildland Fire Observations & Origin
0800-1700	Volunteer Company Officer
1300-1700	Trench/Tech Rescue Awareness

### Friday 18:00 - 21:30 Block B

<b>1600-1745</b>	<b>Check in and dinner</b>
1800-2130	EMS Initial Assessment
1800-2130	Fire Officer's First 5 Minutes / Scene Size Up
1800-2130	Mutual Aid/ Interior Attack
1800-2130	Foam 101

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**Saturday 08:00 - 12:00 Block C**

<b>0700-0800</b>	<b>Check in and Breakfast</b>
0800-1200	S131 - Wildland Firefighter Type 1 (all day Fri and ½ day Sat)
0800-1200	S130/190 Field Days (all day Fri and ½ day Sat)
0800-1200	S211 Portable Pumps & Water Use (all day Fri & Sat and ½ day Sun)
0800-1200	Live Fire
0800-1200	Auto Extrication
0800-1200	Rural Pump Operations
0800-1200	Forcible Entry
0800-1200	Foam 101 (includes Oil & Gas section)
0800-1200	Trench/Tech Rescue Awareness

**Saturday 13:00 - 17:00 Block D**

<b>1130-1230</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1300-1700	S211 Portable Pumps & Water Use (all day Fri & Sat and ½ day Sun)
1300-1700	RIT / Self Rescue
1300-1700	Fire Officer's First 5 Minutes / Scene Size Up
1300-1700	SCBA Skills/SCBA Maze
1300-1700	Forcible Entry
1300-1700	Mental Health

**Saturday 18:00 - 21:30 Block E**

<b>1600-1745</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
1800-2130	TIMS: Traffic Incident Management Systems
1800-2130	Fire Scene Preservation
1800-2130	Requesting Mutual Aid & State Resources
1800-2130	Doll House

**Sunday 08:00 - 12:00 Block F**

<b>0700-0800</b>	<b>Check in and Breakfast</b>
0800-1200	S211 Portable Pumps & Water Use (all day Fri & Sat and ½ day Sun)
0800-1200	Live Fire
0800-1200	Auto Extrication
0800-1200	Rural Pump Operations
0800-1200	RIT / Self Rescue
0800-1200	EMS Initial Assessment
0800-1130	Fire Scene Preservation

Please note that classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. Most classes will be conducted come rain or shine so please bring appropriate clothing for the expected weather. Please see the class description for any required PPE. Students who arrive without proper PPE will not be admitted to classes that require it.

DFPC follows current NFPA standards in regard to live fire training. As such, facial hair, which contacts the seal of an SCBA mask, is not permitted. If you are taking a class where an SCBA is required, please ensure that you do not have a beard.

Structural firefighting gear should be in good repair and able to protect the student. If the instructor identifies issues with a student's gear that may pose a safety risk, the student will not be able to participate in the session. There is no guarantee that other gear will be available on site.