



BoCoFIRE MEETING

**Oct 3,
2025**



- 1) Meet & Greet
- 2) Standardizing Arrival Reports and Size-Ups
➤ **Brian Schuller (Four Mile)**
- 3) "Exterior" Fire Academy
➤ **Kevin Boccolucci (Lyons)**
- 4) Fall 2025 Training Calendar
- 5) 2026 Funding Request
- 6) 2026 Course Planning
- 7) Any Other Discussions?

2026 MEETINGS: EVERY 4 MONTHS
FEBRUARY 6 / JUNE 5 / OCTOBER 2
FRIDAYS 0900 @ BCRFTC
(MORNING AFTER BCFFA MEETINGS)

Fall 2025 Training Calendar www.BoCoFire.org		
BCFFA Fire Academy - Fall 2025		
Firefighter I w/HazMat Ops... Sep 2 - Nov 13 (Tue/Thu 6-10pm & Sat 8am-5pm)	\$1500 (9-16 seats)	
Fire Instructor I... Sep 13-14 and Sep 20 (Sat-Sun 8am-5pm)	\$300 (6-12 seats)	
Firefighter II... Sep 27 - Oct 25 (Tue/Thu 6-10pm & Sat 8am-5pm)	\$300 (3-5 seats)	
FF-II students must have significant fire experience and CURRENT Firefighter I and HazMat Ops certifications.		
Live Fire Instructor I/NFPA 1403... Oct 10-11 (Fri-Sat 8am-5pm)	\$300 (6-8 seats)	
FF-I students must have CURRENT Fire Instructor I, Firefighter II, and HazMat Ops certifications.		
Tuition includes books but excludes State exam fees -- no refunds will be given for drop outs, failures or dismissals. All students must be physically fit and covered by their agency's Workers' Comp insurance.		
UTV Operator (ROHVA) Oct 5 (Sun 8am-4pm) OR Oct 26 (Sun 8am-4pm)	2 SEATS	
Portable Pumps and Water Use (S-211) Oct 16-18 (Thu-Sat 8am-5pm) @ LEFTHAND	*FULL*	
Anticipating Wildland Fire Behavior (S-290) Oct 24-25 (Fri-Sat 8am-5pm)	*FULL*	
Followership to Leadership (L-280) Nov 1-2 (Sat-Sun 8am-5pm)	4 SEATS	
Squad Boss - Firefighter Type 1 (S-131) Nov 15-16 (Sat-Sun 8am-5pm)	1 SEAT	
Introduction to Chainsaw Operations (S-112) Nov 17-19 (Mon-Wed 8am-5pm)	*FULL*	
Fire Operations in the Wildland Urban Interface (S-215) Nov 19-21 (Wed-Fri 8am-5pm)	12 SEATS	
Crew Boss - Single Resource (S-230) Dec 1-2 (Mon-Tue 8am-5pm) @ LEFTHAND	16 SEATS	
Engine Boss - Single Resource (S-231) Dec 3-4 (Wed-Thu 8am-5pm) @ LEFTHAND	16 SEATS	

WILDLAND INSTRUCTOR CADRE (**LEAD** / UNIT)

- **UTV: Ryan Singer** / John Snyder
- **S-211: Kerry Webster** / Kevin Kern / Trevin Montano / Chris Samuelson / Steve Zalk
- **S-290: Rod Moraga** / Jamie Carpenter / Bruno Rodriguez
- **L-280: Fritz Koch** / Hugh Kane / Mike Smith / Kerry Webster / Caroline Wockner
- **S-131: Monique Hein** / Eric Abramson / David Lindquist(Sun) / Chris Samuelson
- **S-112: Drew Scott** / BCSO
- **S-215: Chris O'Brien** / Jamie Carpenter / Greg Gilbert
- **S-230: Seth McKinney** / Dustin Blair / Ed LeBlanc
- **S-231: Chris O'Brien** / Eric Abramson / Ed LeBlanc

ALL wildland classes FREE to BoCo Agencies.
***NEW* No-shows or last-minute cancellations will result in WAITLISTING of that AGENCY's applicants for up to one year.**



50+ Years of Training Excellence
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"By the Numbers"

\$300K 2026 BoCo 1B Fund Request

→ **ALL** courses **FREE** to BoCo agencies

→ **COMPETITIVE** wage for **ALL** instructors

→ \$40/Hour Lead (~DFPC8) and \$35/Hour Unit (~DFPC7)

\$168K Wildland

\$52K Training Chief

\$50K Instructors

\$30K Course Costs

\$26K RT-130 Coordinator

\$10K Health Insurance

\$132K Academy

\$52K Coordinator

\$50K Instructors

\$30K Course Costs

\$0 EMS

Funded Separately

✓ **984** Firefighters Trained in 2024

847 in **Spring 2025**

✓ **70** Agencies Trained

✓ **77+** BoCoFire Instructors

Board of Directors and Training Committees

Chris O'Brien, Chair
 Garret Ball, Vice-Chair
 Charlie Schmidtmann, Secretary-Treasurer

Wildland Fire
 Fritz Koch, Training Chief
 Fritz Koch, RT-130 Coordinator
 • NWCG-qualified single resource boss or higher.
 • Plan, maintain, and grow BCFFA training program.
 • Oversee BCFFA training budget and funding.
 • Provide wildfire training and certification courses (basic to single resource boss), annual refreshers, and work capacity tests.
 • Represent BCFFA in CFDA.

Fire Academy
 Russ Bentzel, Lead Instructor
 Hugh Kane, Lead Instructor
 • Colorado live fire instructor 1 or higher.
 • Provide semi-annual fire academies (Firefighter I, Firefighter II, hazmat awareness & operations, fire instructor I, live fire instructor I, and driver-operator & firefighter proctor courses).
 • Represent BCFFA on BCFFC board.

EMS
 Richard O'Neil, Co-Chair
 J. Hill, Co-Chair
 Medical Director
 Dr. Shannon Soudal
 • One Colorado paramedic and one Colorado EMT.
 • Provide EMS training and certification courses, continuing education, conferences, refreshers, skill days, and MCI drills.
 • Represent BCFFA on Boulder County's EMS protocol committee.

CFDA Representative
 Fritz Koch

BCFFC Board Member #1
 Rob O'Donnell

BCFFC Board Member #2
 Russ Bentzel

The Boulder County Fire Fighters Association is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit.

\$300K FUNDING GOAL
(\$225K GRANTED IN 2025)

ALL WILDLAND AND FIRE ACADEMY COURSES FREE TO BoCo

COMPETITIVE WAGE FOR ALL INSTRUCTORS

\$40/HOUR LEAD (~DFPC8)

\$35/HOUR UNIT (~DFPC7)

REALITY CHECK

✓ **62.7K** Contact Hours* in 2024

*Class Hours x Number of Students

✓ **\$300K** 2026 BoCo 1B Fund Request

\$300K / 62.7K = \$4.78/Hour

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Aerial Fire Attack Mar 2-3 (Mon-Tue 8am-5pm)	FREE!	
Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training (RT-130) Classes offered March thru May across Boulder County	FREE!	
Coordinating Helicopter Bucket Operations One Day Training: Dates TBD	FREE!	
UTV Operator (ROHVA) One Day Training: Dates TBD	FREE!	
Engine Operator Academy (ENOP) Apr 29-May 3 (Wed-Sun 8am-5pm)	\$120	
BoCoFire Academy (S-190/S-130) May 7-10 (Thu-Sun 8am-5pm) AND May 16-17 (Sat 8am-Sun 5pm)	\$120	
Basic Air Operations (S-270) May 11-12 (Mon-Tue 8am-5pm)	\$120	
Helicopter Crewmember (S-271) May 13-15 (Wed-Fri 8am-5pm)	\$120	
Introduction to Chainsaw Operations (S-112) May 18-20 (Mon-Wed 8am-5pm)	\$120	
Work Capacity Test (aka "Pack Test") Every Wed in May (5pm @ Boulder County Regional Fire Training Center) No sign-up required but bring a 45-pound pack (25-pound for "Field Test")	FREE!	

INSTRUCTOR SIGNUP
www.BoCoFire.org

Academy offers FF-I, HazMat, FF-II, FI-I and LFI-I. Who will need/provide "exterior" academy?

Courses and wildland refreshers are posted. Spring 2026 registration opens in January.

Who will host ENOP?

\$190/\$130 is full academy -- no "field day-only".

New NWCG courses are "blended"... \$112, \$219, \$230, \$271, \$290, etc.

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Firing Operations (S-219) Oct 8-9 (Thu-Fri 8am-5pm)	\$120	
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