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April 26 - 28, 2024 | La Junta, Colorado

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.

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ABOUT

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 provides basic skills introduction to newer firefighter and gives seasoned firefighters the ability to explore new concepts.

Additionally, attendees can work on specific Job Performance Requirement (JPR) for certification maintenance.

We are 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.

Planning Committee

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TUITION & REGISTRATION

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.

- Full Weekends (3-days, Fri-Sun, 7 meals): \$195.00.
- 2-Day (5 meals): \$165.00.
- Friday only (2 meals): \$70.00.
- Saturday Only (3 meals): 105.00.
- Sunday Only (2 meals): \$70.00.

Specialty NWCG Class Options

- S-130/190 Review & Field (Fri & Sat AM) select 2-Day \$165
- S-131 Class (Fri & Sat AM) select 2-Day \$165
- S-215 Class (Fri-Sun) select full weekend \$195.00.
- S-219 Class (Fri-Sat) select 2-Day \$165

Scholarships generously provided by the Colorado State Fire Fighters Assocation. 50% discount for all Colorado rural/volunteer fire departments.

Register online at www.CWFIMA.org

Contact Wendy Fischer at 970-759-9610 or via email at wfischer@cwfima.org

Registration is payable via credit card or check

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

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 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 that you must be affiliated with a public safety agency (Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement etc.) to participate in this training event.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Location

- Otero College: 1802 Colorado Ave. La Junta Colorado
- La Junta Fire Department training grounds: 620 Barnes Ave. La Junta Colorado

Eastern Colorado Incident Management Team

Trainee/Shadow Opportunity – The Eastern Colorado Incident Management Team welcomes anyone that is interested in being a trainee or shadow a team member to see what the job entails. You can come for a few hours, day or weekend. There is an opportunity to work on task books with a qualified Type 3 IMT member. Please register on the website and choose "trainee". If you are staying for the day or a full weekend there is a fee to cover meals. One-day \$35, two-day \$70 or full weekend \$100. No charge if you're coming for a half-day or less.

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.

Personal Protective Equipment

- 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, these students must bring an SCBA with 2 spare cylinders.
- Fire on the Plains will not be responsible for providing PPE, but staff have the right to inspect a student's PPE to ensure it is suitable for the student selected training.
- 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 in contact with the seal of the SCBA mask is not permitted.

Hotel Information

- The host hotel for Fire on the Plains is the Holiday Inn Express La Junta.
 - Block rate is \$107.00/night plus applicable taxes.
- Holiday Inn Express: 27994 US Highway 50, La Junta, CO 81050
- Front Desk: (719) 384-2900
 - To make a reservation please call the front desk (not reservations) and let them know you are with Fire on the Plains Group.

Students are responsible for their own lodging accommodations. There are several hotels located in La Junta. Please research which hotel suits your needs.

College Credit

More details to follow.

Basic Life Support – CPR certification course *Classroom	This course meets the requirements for American Red Cross Basic Life Support for those who work in Emergency Services. Material presented in this course is patient assessment, basic airway management, rescue breathing, AED use and CPR for infant, children and adult patients. This blended learning course combines award-winning, engaging and interactive online simulation learning plus an in-person classroom session to learn and practice critical lifesaving skills for certification. Online class details will be provided in a letter after registration. Students must pick one skill session to fit your schedule, either on Friday evening Block B or Saturday morning Block C.
Basic Fire Investigations *Classroom	This course explores the basics of fire scene investigation, covering key methods and important concepts. Participants will understand NFPA standards, particularly NFPA 921 and 1033, providing the basis for effective fire investigations. The curriculum includes essential topics like Fire Dynamics, determining Origin & Cause, Legal Considerations, and using the Scientific Method in fire investigation. Participants will also learn the importance of fire scene photography, acquiring skills to document, analyze, and preserve evidence. The course discusses Electrical and Fatal Fire Investigation, providing knowledge and skills for these specific contexts. With a mix of theory and practical exercises, participants will be ready to handle the complexities of basic fire scene investigation, emphasizing accuracy, adherence to standards, and the scientific method.
Coroner Class *Classroom	Over the years fire departments and law enforcement have found that when on an incident scene, working collaboratively and knowing the needs of each agency are essential to incident mitigation efficiency. Another team player that is vital to the scene is the local Coroner; join our class to discover the process of dealing with a Fire Fatality and how the Coroner and Fire Department can work together. Learn the roles and responsibilities of the Coroner, the photos to be taken, why photos are taken by the coroner and the legal process of a fatal case.
DFPC Written Test Session, all disciplines *Classroom	A proctored State certification written exam will be held on Friday April 26th from 14:00 - 16:00. Examination requests must be submitted to the DFPC at a minimum of thirty-days (30) prior to the written examination date via the DFPC records management system (RMS) by the applicant's Training Officer. The fee for written examinations is \$30.00. Limited to 20 students. General Requirements and references for the levels of certification can be found in section 9.2 in the Certification Policy and Procedures Manual. Questions can be emailed to CDPS_DFS_Certification@state.co.us.

	Reading Smoke is a half day class that outlines basic flow path dynamics
Doll House	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.
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 advanced interventions and procedures for treatment of identified injuries.
*Classroom	This station will provide exposure to the multi-system 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. This course will also offer assessments starting with the initial call for service, dispatch information, and scene size up.
Firefighter/First Responder Mental Health *Classroom	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 tend to shy away from, that topic is our mental health. We respond to a 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: • Co-responder presentation • Fire Marshall Bill (Why don't I matter) • Grief (The pain and trauma of loss) • Mindfulness, meditation, Relax and Laugh Again)
Fire Officers First 5 Minutes/Scene Size-up *Classroom	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.

Forcible Entry *Hands-on	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". Equipment required: Bunker gear required for this session.
Grants 101 *Classroom	This class is dedicated to helping individuals make a positive change in our communities by raising funds and securing equipment/PPE through grant writing. In this class we will discuss the different grants available, what can be applied for, application information needed, and how to write a high scoring grant narrative. Class pre-requisite: please email lori.lynch-brill@state.co.us a 1-2 paragraph description of your fire district or community you serve. You will use this in class to assist in the grant narrative portion of the class.
HazMat Awareness *Classroom	When a potential hazardous materials call drops in your fire district are you ready for the challenge? Do you know the signs that will help you recognize the hazards and safety issues that arise during this type of incident? To aid you with your scene size-up and learn how to formulate a plan come join our Awareness class and let us introduce you to Hazardous Materials, how to analyze the incident and how to implement a response.
Live Fire/ Hose Management *Hands-on	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. Equipment required: Bunker gear and SCBA required for this session.
Lessons Learned - The Marshal Fire *Classroom	Conflagration can happen in any Colorado community, Join Chief Keith Long for an in depth look at the events leading up to, during and the aftermath of the Marshall Fire. Notable successes and areas of opportunities to improve the firefighting capabilities throughout the State of Colorado. The initial event started as a wildland fire and quickly spread to a chaotic conflagration. • What were the factors that influenced fire spread? • Were we prepared? • What were the political ramifications? • Lessons learned? • Challenges first responders faced? • A look at the key decisions throughout the event. • What has changed since the most destructive fire in Colorado's history? • A first hand discussion from the Incident Commander.

Low Angle Rescue Systems *Hands-on	This hands-on course will present fundamentals of low angle rope rescue techniques. Topics will include terminology, equipment familiarization, essential knots and mechanical advantage. Practical application of rope rescue systems encompassing anchor systems, litter packaging and mechanical-advantage raising systems. Evolutions will involve analyzing systems and solving problems in low angle environments. Course follows standards and guidance set forth by NFPA 1006, 1670, 1983. Required Equipment: Helmet, leather gloves, eye protection, long pants and close-toed shoes/boots are required for this class.
Man vs Machine *Classroom	Entrapments occur all over the United States. Is your department capable of handling one? Whether it is an essential ring removal, a person with their arm stuck in a meat grinder, or a complete entrapment involving agricultural equipment, you will learn necessary techniques to perform these extractions. We will go over methods to disentangle victims from various situations. Basic techniques for removing rings will be addressed. We will progress in scenarios, including hand entrapments, impalements to include rebar and vehicle, and persons trapped under vehicles. We will explore techniques used in real world scenarios and learn ways to not over complicate situations.
Mutual Aid – Working With Your Neighbors *Classroom	When that alarm goes off it is our job to ensure the proper resources arrive onscene. 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: • What Mutual Aid is and how to request it. • Knowing your neighboring departments. • Capabilities and knowing equipment on scene. • The importance of training with your neighbors.
Practical Ground Ladders *Hands-On	Practical Ground Ladders are an important aspect of basic firefighting capabilities. Minimally staffed agencies can gain significant advantages when firefighters can deploy ladders quickly and accurately. This four-hour class will teach firefighters the foundational skills of single-person ladder deployments. If you have little or no experience with throwing ladders of any type, don't worry - we didn't either when we started. Instructors will focus on skills that any body type or height can accomplish. All instruction will be done using single-person laddering. Focus areas will include: Tailboard size-up, movement from the engine to the structure, transitioning to the throw, raising/lowering, ladder tip targeting, moving around a structure on uneven ground, and unorthodox ladder uses. Student expectations: Although students do not need a lot of ladder experience, this class is not designed for those who are not comfortable climbing ladders. If you have never climbed a 24' ladder, please get that experience before attending. Equipment required: Bunker gear required for this session

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*Hands-On

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 or 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.

Equipment required: Bunker gear and SCBA required for this session.

Resource Mobilization, & IQS

Resource mobilization includes updates on IQS (Incident Qualification System), Colorado Resource Rate Form (CRRF), IROC, WIN program, what's new for 2024 and overview of cooperator resources and tools. Target audience: chiefs/wildland coordinators/ fire billing folks.

CO-WIMS & MMA

*Classroom & demo

Colorado Wildfire Information Management Systems (CO-WIMS) gives access to near real-time aircraft intel from State of Colorado's Multi-Mission Aircraft (MMA). MMA tour at the airport. Target audience: on the ground firefighters/supervisors.

Rural Engine Company Operations

*Class attendance is required on both days:

Part One - Friday from 14:00 - 17:00

Part Two - Saturday from 08:00 - 17:30

This DFPC Rural Engine Company Operations class is to provide a preliminary training focused on the ideas and practices to enhance your ability to make tactical decisions on the rural fireground. Class topics include but are not limited to fire behavior, smoke reading, compartment fires, enhanced water supply techniques, what goes through a fire victim's mind when faced with fire and smoke conditions, and how a rural fire department can prioritize and complete the required tasks with less equipment and manpower.

Training begins in the classroom discussing what takes place between the time of dispatch through the completion of the incident by covering the topics listed above. Class then moves outside for a mixture of lecture, demonstration and hands-on training to put your new skills to use. This class is designed to challenge the individual firefighter and your team as they learn how to tackle a structure fire with fewer resources.

Equipment required: Full PPE including SCBA required for Saturday's class.

Rural Pump Operations * Hands-On	This hands-on class will focus on how to properly set-up a water shuttle dumpsite, how to achieve a water supply from a static source, and how to pump single and multiple hoselines at varying GPM and PSI. For DFPC DO Pumper certified students who need to perform JPRs for recertification, please bring a printed copy of each JPR needed. Equipment required: Full PPE required excluding SCBA
SCBA / Survival Maze *Hands-On	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. Equipment required: Bunker gear and SCBA required for this session.
Traffic Incident Management (TIMS) Classroom	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. Brought to you by: The Colorado State Patrol.
Vehicle Extrication *Hands-On	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. Equipment required: PPE is required; this includes eye protection
Volunteer Company Officer Training *Classroom	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.

WILDLAND (NWCG)

FI-110 Wildland Fire Observation & Origin *Classroom	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.
Basic Wildland Firefighting S-130/S-190 Review & Field *Both Hands- on/Classroom/Online	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 students can safely undergo the WCT. Equipment required: PPE including helmets, gloves & boots.
S-131: Firefighter Type 1 *Classroom	S-131, Firefighter Type 1 is designed to meet the training needs of the Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) and/or Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5). Topics include operational leadership, communications, LCES, and tactical decision-making. Objectives • Identify position responsibilities and demonstrate the ability to apply principles of Operational Leadership found in the Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG), PMS 461. • Describe how to incorporate and maintain open lines of communication with appropriate personnel. • Identify Look Up, Down and Around indicators, and demonstrate the ability to apply the components of Lookouts, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones (LCES) as described in the IRPG. • Demonstrate the ability to apply tactical decision-making procedures. Target Group Personnel desiring to be qualified as Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) and/or Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5). Prerequisite: Students must be qualified as Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2).

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S-215: Fire Operations in the Wildland/Urban Interface

*Classroom

Instructional units include firefighter safety in the interface, managing human factors in the interface, pre-incident planning, size-up & initial strategy, structure triage, structure protection overview, tactics in the interface, tactical operations & resource use in the interface, action assessment, plan update, & after-action review.

Prerequisite: Agency personnel - (FFT1) qualified.

S-219 Firing Operations

This course was developed using a blended approach to learning. Students are required to complete the online training portion of the course prior to taking the ILT. The course introduces the roles and responsibilities of a Firing Boss, Single Resource (FIRB), and outlines duties of other personnel who may engage in firing operations. The course discusses and illustrates common firing devices and techniques.

Prerequisites: a minimum of FFT2 qualified and RT-130.



Friday 08:00 - 17:00 Block A		
0700-0800	Check in	
0800-1700	FI-110: Wildland Fire Observations & Origin	
0800-1700	S-130/190: Review & Field Days (all day Fri and ½ day Sat) *requires completion of online modules	
0800-1700	S-131: Wildland Firefighter Type 1 (all day Fri and ½ day Sat)	
0800-1700	S-215: Fire Operations in the Wildland Urban Interface (all day Fri & Sat and ½ day Sun)	
0800-1700	S-219: Firing Operations (all day Fri and Sat)	
0800-1700	Volunteer Company Officer Training	
1200-1300	Lunch	





Friday 14:00 – 17:00 Block B			
1300-1400	Check-in		
1400-1700	Coroner Class		
1400-1700	Grants 101		
1400-1700	Lessons Learned - The Marshal Fire		
1400-1700	Rural Engine Company Operations (Friday afternoon and all-day Saturday)		
1400-1700	RIT/Self Rescue		
1400-1700	DFPC Written Test Certification Session		
1700-1800	Dinner and check-in		



Friday 18:00 – 21:30 Block C		
1800-2130	Basic Life Support & CPR Class *requires completion of online modules	
1800-2130	Doll House	
1800-2130	Fire Officer's First 5 Minutes / Scene Size Up	
1800-2130	Lessons Learned – The Marshal Fire	
1800-2130	Mutual Aid - Working with Your Neighbors	
1800-2130	TIMS: Traffic Incident Management Systems	



	Saturday 08:00 - 12:00 Block D
0700-0800	Check-in and Breakfast
0800-1200	Basic Fire Investigations (all day Saturday)
0800-1200	Basic Life Support & CPR *requires completion of online modules
0800-1200	Forcible Entry
0800-1200	HazMat Awareness (all day Saturday)
0800-1200	Live Fire/Hose Management
0800-1200	Practical Ground Ladders
0800-1200	Rural Engine Company Operations (Friday evening and all-day Saturday)
0800-1200	Rural Pump Operations
0800-1200	SCBA Skills/SCBA Maze
0800-1200	S-130/190 Basic Wildland Firefighting Field Days (all day Fri and ½ day Sat)
0800-1200	S-131: Wildland Firefighter Type 1 (all day Fri and ½ day Sat)
0800-1200	S-215: Fire Operations in the Wildland Urban Interface (all day Fri & Sat and ½ day Sun)
0800-1200	S-219: Firing Operations (all day Fri and Sat)
0800-1200	Vehicle Extrication

	Saturday 13:30 – 17:30 Block E
1200-1330	Lunch
1330-1730	Basic Fire Investigations (all day Saturday)
1330-1730	Firefighter/First Responder Mental Health
1330-1730	Fire Officer's First 5 Minutes / Scene Size Up
1330-1730	Forcible Entry
1330-1730	HazMat Awareness (all day Saturday)
1330-1730	Live Fire/Hose Management
1330-1730	Low Angle Rescue/Systems
1330-1730	Rural Engine Company Operations (Friday evening and all-day Saturday)
1330-1730	Rural Pump Operations
1330-1730	S-215: Fire Operation in the Wildland Interface (all day Fri & Sat and $\frac{1}{2}$ day Sun)
1330-1730	S-219: Firing Operations (all day Fri and Sat)
1330-1730	Vehicle Extrication
1830-	Dinner and Social (location TBA)

Sunday 08:00 – 12:00 Block F	
0700-0800	Check-in and Breakfast
0800-1200	EMS Initial Assessment
0800-1200	Ground Ladders
0800-1200	Live Fire/Hose Management
0800-1200	Low Angle Rescue/Systems
0800-1200	Man vs Machine
0800-1200	Resource Mobilization & IQS (0800-1000) CO-WINS & MMA Demo (1000-1200)
0800-1200	Rural Pump Operations
0800-1200	S-215: Fire Operation in the Wildland Urban Interface (all day Fri & Sat and ½ day Sun)
0800-1200	Vehicle Extrication
1200-1300	Lunch



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