

Rhode Island Fire Instructors Association

National Fire Academy Weekend
July 10 – July 12, 2026

*Rhode
Island
&
Mass.*



*South
Carolina*

The NFA State Weekend offers firefighters the opportunity to experience the National Fire Academy's educational offerings and share in the many amenities that the National Fire Academy has to offer. Students spend two days in the classroom sharing and learning new subject materials.

There are many different 2-day courses available to increase your knowledge and certifications in the fire service field. In addition, share activities and make new contacts with firefighters from South Carolina!

On Saturday evening a short memorial service is held at the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial to honor Rhode Island and Massachusetts' fallen firefighters. Firefighters can network and meet new friends from South Carolina Fire Services at the Friday evening social, the meals and in the recreation centers. It's a full weekend experience that will leave you with a positive outlook. The National Fire Academy is everyone's fire academy. All firefighters should take advantage of the NFA and enjoy the experience.

Students must obtain a FEMA Student Identification Number (SID) before submitting an application to the RIFTA. (<https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>)

R.I./MA/S.C. N.F.A. Weekend

Agenda

- All meals will be provided from Friday evening through Sunday lunch.
- **REMEMBER!! Snacks are not provided for breaks in “J” building. Bring your own from the cafeteria or home.**
- Lodging is provided for Friday and Saturday nights.
- **Mandatory Orientation Session:** Friday 7 p.m. in the building “J” auditorium. Immediately after orientation, a social (wings, veggies, chips) will be held with members from the South Carolina Fire Service.
- Saturday class hours 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday classes hours 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday evening, a special Fallen Firefighters Memorial will be held after class.
- An NFA Weekend Golf (polo) shirt will be provided.

2026 Application Process

- 1) A completed RIFTA application and Money Order, Dept. Check or P.O. Number must be received by May 20, 2026.
 - a. Applications will NOT BE ACCEPTED without payment or dept. PO#. **Generous donations by the RIAFC Foundation & RISFFL Foundation** will be applied towards the fee for R.I. students. All out of state students will need to pay the whole fee.
- 2) Payment: RI - \$ 50, or \$150 out of state, must be made to: **RI Fire Instructors’ Association** (NOT Fire Academy or State of RI)
- 3) Please submit completed RIFTA application and payment to:
Rhode Island State Fire Training Academy - NFA Weekend
4 Green Lane, Exeter, RI 02822
- 4) You will be notified by email from the RIFA of which class selection you have received on or before May 24, 2026.
- 5) **REMEMBER - There is no longer an endorser, as there is no longer a separate NFA application.** The RIFTA application has been revised to capture all the data the NFA requires. RIFTA will send the application information to the NFA after the sign-up period is closed. The NFA will send you a confirmation email once they receive the information.

Course Offerings

R.I./Mass. - South Carolina

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- (W0256) Safety for Hazardous Materials Incidents
- (W0296) Inc. Management & Leadership Fundamentals for the Company Officer
- (W0457) Decision Making for Company Operations
- (W0520) Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Within Communities
- (W0609) Intro. To Unified Command. For All Hazard Inc.
- (W0647) Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking
- (W0756) Fire Investigations: Fire as a Weapon
- (W0762) New Fire Chief: Contemporary Issues

Prerequisite for on-campus classes

*All students **must complete** Incident Command System ICS-100 and ICS-200 levels (on-line training) **before arriving** for on-campus class. If you have completed them ON-LINE previously, you don't have to do it again.*



Two-Day Course Descriptions

W0256 Safety for Hazardous Materials Incidents (HM:SHMI)

Using scenarios and activities, you will oversee the safety officer role in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from hazardous materials/WMD incidents.

W0296 Incident Management and Leadership Fundamentals for the Company Officer (IM:LFCO)

Company officers (or those aspiring to be) will learn practical information including preplanning, managing incidents, operational communications, safety and other critical aspects of the job.

W0457 Decision Making for Company Operations (DMICO)

Training for company officers to master vital decision-making skills at structure fires to accomplish assigned tactics, positively impact all aspects of the incident and produce a favorable outcome.

W0520 Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership within Communities (ESS: ELC)

Gain an understanding of a variety of ideas, peoples and cultures and the skills for effective leadership when confronting adaptive challenges presented by diverse internal and external communities.

W0609 Introduction to Unified Command for All-Hazard Incidents (UC:AH1)

Company officers can gain a better understanding of multiagency needs and a unified command structure, resulting in the knowledge and skills necessary to operate effectively in complex incidents.

W0647 Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking (LIS: PIT)

Company officers can gain a better understanding of multiagency needs and a unified command structure, resulting in the knowledge and skills necessary to operate effectively in complex incidents.

W0756 Fire Investigations: Fire As A Weapon (FI: FAW)

This course was developed to aid first responders in understanding and recognizing how fire can be used as a weapon against people and/or property. This course should also help first responders and investigators understand why a person would choose to use fire as a weapon, as well as creating awareness of the types of information fire investigators may need from fire and emergency services personnel.

W0762 New Fire Chief: Contemporary Issues (NFC: CI)

This two-day course will develop managerial skills, leadership skills, and contemporary issues and awareness necessary for newly appointed or elected fire chiefs to effectively meet their obligations. It helps to develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to perform effectively now and in the future. Primary Audience: Newly appointed or elected fire chiefs in volunteer, combination or career departments.

Travel Arrangements

You must make your own travel arrangements for the trip. Driving time is typically 8 hours from Rhode Island. Air travel can be arranged to either Reagan National Airport or Baltimore-Washington International Airport. You will be responsible for providing your own transportation to NFA if you wish to fly. GPS: Enter "16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD"

Transportation costs are the responsibility of the student or his/her organization and will not be reimbursed by the National Fire Academy or the Rhode Island Fire Instructors Association. ***Please arrive on Friday no later than 6 p.m. to check into the dormitory and attend the 7 p.m. orientation session.***

You must show a REAL ID valid photo identification (or passport) to enter the campus. *Firearms are strictly forbidden, along with knives longer than 3", machetes, bow & arrows, ammunition, rifles, shotguns, and pistols. Also, alcohol is not allowed on campus and will be confiscated, other than purchased alcoholic beverages in the Command Post Pub.*

NFA No-Show Policy

It is the policy of the National Fire Academy that people who fail to show up for class and have not canceled their enrollment will be suspended from attending NFA courses for a period of two years.



R.I. National Fire Academy Weekend Application

Please print legibility

Name	
Address	
City, State	
Zip Code	
Date of Birth	
FEMA ID #	
Your Phone	
Your Preferred E-Mail	
Department Name and Zip Code	
Department is: (circle one please)	All Paid All Volunteer Combination
Your Title/Position i.e. Firefighter, Deputy Chief, Etc.	
First Course Selection	
Second Course Selection	
Shirt Size	

NOTE: Attach a M.O./dept. check for \$50 (out of state \$150) payable to the **R.I. Firefighters Instructors Association (or RIFIA)** to application and MAIL to:

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There will be no separate NFA application this year. The RIFTA will download this information to the NFA after sign-up period closes.