

## **PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER SPRING 2010 COURSE SCHEDULE**

Classes continue January through May

Look for the new training classes. Although most classes are part of the PA State Fire Academy system, we are also offering WCCC-sponsored classes. Look for the symbol (🔔) to identify WCCC classes. Both are taught by certified instructors. Certificates are awarded upon successful course completion. Some classes require successful skill and written exam completion while others may qualify for PA Dept. of Health con. ed. credits. **NEW:** See the innovative *Chiefs Forum: Roundtable Discussion* below.

Courses are listed two ways: by date and by category: apparatus, fire suppression, etc. so you can quickly find the class you need.

To register, call: **1-800-262-2103**. We look forward to meeting your training needs. If there's a course you would like us to offer, give us a call: 724-872-2447.

### **January 2010**

- **19** Incident Safety Officer, 6:30 p.m.
- **25** Intro. to Fire Officership, 6:30 p.m.
- **26** Intro. to the Fire Service, 6:30 p.m.

### **February 2010**

- **2** Legal Aspects/Fire Command, 6:30 p.m.
- **9** Fireground Support, 6:30 p.m.
- **24** Heartsaver First Aid, 6:30 p.m.

### **March 2010**

- **3** Haz. Mat. Awareness, 6:30 p.m.
- **9** Exterior Firefighter, 6:30 p.m.
- **10** Command Roundtable, 7 p.m.
- **15** Preparing F. D. SOGs, 6:30 p.m.
- **24** Firefighter: Hero-to-Zero, 7 p.m.
- **31** Haz. Mat. Awareness test, 7 p.m.

### **April 2010**

- **5** Emergency Vehicle Driver Training, 6:30 p.m.
- **6** Interior Firefighter, 6:30 p.m.
- **12** Structural Firefighting, 6:30 p.m.
- **19** Haz. Mat. Operations, 6:30 p.m.

### **May 2010**

- **1** Pump Operations I, 8 a.m.
- **17** Truck Co. Ops. I, 6:30 p.m.

- **21** Firefighter I Written Test, 7 p.m.
- **22** Firefighter I Skills Test, 8 a.m.

## June 2010

- **18** Firefighter II Written Test, 7 p.m.
- **19** Firefighter II Skills Test, 8 a.m.

## Apparatus

### Emergency Vehicle Driver Training (EVOC)

PPRX 1752-79

The safe operation of emergency vehicles is crucial to “arriving alive.” Learn the importance of vehicle dynamics, driver selection criteria, preparing the vehicle, the PA Vehicle Code and safe operations. Includes behind-the-wheel practice in your vehicle. Must attend all sessions. PA Dept. of Health con. ed. credits applied for.

Minimum age, 18. **Mon. & Weds., Apr. 5 & 7, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. & Sun, Apr. 11, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., John Rock, \$38. + \$10. material fee for textbook.**

### Pump Operations I (PUOP)

PPRX 6658-79

Don’t just be a “lever puller!” Learn how to establish pump settings for a variety of hand line layouts. Pump construction and theory, hose and nozzle layouts, simple hydraulic formulas and hand rules, preventative maintenance and testing procedures are included. Turnout gear required. Min. age, 18. **Sat. & Sun., May 1 & 2, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., John Speidel, \$28.**

## Command

### Hero to Zero- Firefighter Arsonists

PPRX 3200-79

Firefighters are trained and sworn to extinguish fires, not start them. Sadly, a few firefighters turn to fire setting for a variety of reasons. This tragic criminal behavior tarnishes the fire services' reputation, jeopardizes the buildings occupants and places the responding firefighters in an unnecessary risky position. It's a losing situation for all parties. **All fire department personnel are encouraged to attend.** Learn from a PA State Police Fire Marshal to help recognize fire trends, what motivates these fire setters, what fire setter traits to watch for and what action to take when a fellow firefighter is suspected **Weds., Mar. 24, 7 – 10 p.m., William Frew, PA State Police, FREE.**

### Incident Safety Officer (ISO)

PPRX 3607-79

Provides the chief or line officer with the skills to effectively function as the fire ground safety officer. Developing decision making skills by recognizing safety cues is stressed. Through scene-oriented scenarios, learn about the safety officer’s role, regulations, standards and policies;

recordkeeping and documentation; risk management; incident considerations and communicating and monitoring evolutions. Students should have taken an Incident Command System class and completed an Essentials of Firefighting program. **Tues. & Thurs., Jan. 19 & 21, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. & Sat., Jan. 23, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Allen Clark, \$20.**

## Rookie Command School

Did you just get elected to a line officer position? Here's a series of classes especially for newer command officers (*veteran officers are encouraged to enroll, too*). Start with the *Legal Aspects of Fire Command* then follow-up with the *Introduction to Fire Officership* class. You should also take the *Preparing SOPs & SOGs* class and sign up for our lively roundtable discussion with three local fire chiefs who have a lot of "secrets" to share. Be safe out there; register now.

### Legal Aspects of Fire Command

PPRX 4840-79

We don't command in a vacuum. Line officer decisions often have far-reaching legal implications. Learn what impact laws, NFPA standards, OSHA, mutual aid agreements and SOGs have on your fire ground decision making. More importantly, discover some strategies and techniques to develop efficient and effective programs addressing all-hazards emergency responses. Learn to make critical command decisions by analyzing risks (legal, financial and practical) so "everyone goes home." **Tues. & Thurs., Feb. 2 & 4, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. Fire Officer/Attorney Kim R. Houser, \$10.**

### Introduction to Fire Officership (INFO)

PPRX 2395-79

Are you a newly elected fire officer? If so, or if you have never taken a class for fire officers, here's your opportunity. This class will cover basic officer responsibilities, personnel issues, fire ground operations and decision making, SOPs and some administrative issues. Don't lead by the "seat of your pants;" discover some basic techniques that will help make your emergencies run more smoothly. There are things you can do right away to command fires and people more efficiently. **Two Mons. & two Weds. starting Jan. 25, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m., Kris Cattau, \$20.**

### Preparing Fire Department SOGs

PPRX 6640-79

Fire departments, big and small, need an effective set of standard operating procedures or guidelines (SOGs). Learn how to write a simple and clear set of guidelines by examining several different types of operating protocols. Discover how to review and update your guidelines and practice creating some sample SOGs. By creating an effective set of guidelines, your department will function more effectively under difficult conditions. **Mon. & Weds., Mar. 15 & 17, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. Fire Officer/Attorney Kim R. Houser, \$10.**

## Chief's Forum- A Command Roundtable Discussion

PPRX 0810-79

Here's an opportunity to discover some of the areas more progressive (and successful) local fire chiefs command "secrets." Join this lively discussion with **Mark Ghion**, Sutersville, **Don Thoma**, Adamsburg and **Nick Dreistadt**, Penn Borough. Learn how these WCCC Fire Science Technology graduates have been able to improve their department's effectiveness and what growing pains were experienced along the way. Time allotted for questions and answers. **Weds., March 10, 7 - 9 p.m., \$5.**

## Fire Suppression

### Essentials of Firefighting and Emergency Response

Essentials of Firefighting is offered as four (4) courses totaling 166 hours. If you just want to be a driver/operator, then take the first two courses. If you want to help on the fire ground but don't want to go inside, take the first three courses. If you want to do interior fire suppression, then you need all four.

WCCC is offering the four courses beginning **January 26** and ending **May 4**. The textbook: *Firefighter's Handbook*, Thomson/Delmar Learning, Skill Sheets manual and Study Guide are required for each course. A **FREE textbook** (a \$60. value) and skill book will be offered to the first 20 registered students!

Certificates are awarded at the successful completion of each course. Junior firefighters may attend the first three courses. Minimum age for the final class, *Interior Firefighter*, is 18 by the first session. Limit 28. **Register today.**

Course	Hours
<i>Introduction to the Fire Service</i>	16
<i>Fireground Support</i>	48
<i>Exterior Firefighter</i>	42
<i>Interior Firefighter</i>	60

### Introduction to the Fire Service (ELIS)

PPRX 3700-79

This is the first in a series of four classes for entry level firefighters. An overview of the fire service, fire service organizational principles, firefighter health and safety, personal protective equipment and terrorism awareness are covered. Students must provide a full set of turnout gear, notebook, pen/pencil. Satisfactory completion of a written exam required to receive a certificate. Junior firefighters may attend. **Tues. & Thurs., Jan. 26 & 28, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Sat., Jan. 30, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., David Hauger, \$20.**

### Fireground Support (ELFG)

PPRX 2176-79

The class is geared to support personnel including driver/operators. Fire behavior and portable extinguishers, water supplies, fire hose and appliances, rope, knots and hitches and hazardous materials are covered. Students must provide a full set of turnout gear, notebook and pen/pencil. Satisfactory completion of a written exam required to receive a certificate. Junior firefighters may attend. *Introduction to the Fire Service* (ELIS) is a prerequisite. **Starts Tuesday, Feb. 9. Meets: Feb. 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25 & 27. Times: Tues. and Thurs., 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Shaun Teacher, \$57 + \$10. lab fee.**

**Exterior Firefighter (ELEF)**

**PPRX 1800-79**

The class is designed for those firefighters that don't want to enter burning structures with SCBA. Building construction, ladders, communications, fire detection and suppression systems, forcible entry and fire prevention covered. Students must provide a full set of turnout gear, notebook and pen/pencil. Satisfactory completion of a written exam required to receive a certificate. Junior firefighters may attend. *Fireground Support* (ELFG) is a prerequisite. **Starts Tuesday, March 9. Meets: Mar. 9, 11, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27. Times: Tues. & Thurs., 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Sats., 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Kris Cattau, \$50.**

**Interior Firefighter (ELIF)**

**PPRX 3660-79**

The final class for entry level firefighters is for those persons that want to do live, interior fire suppression with SCBA. Self-contained breathing apparatus, nozzles and fire streams, rescue, ventilation, fire suppression, salvage and overhaul, firefighter survival and a live fire exercise are included. Students must provide turnout gear, SCBA, notebook and pen/pencil. Satisfactory completion of a written exam required to receive a certificate. **Students must be 18 by first class.** *Exterior Firefighter* (ELEF) is a prerequisite. **Starts Tues., April 6. Meets: April 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29 and May 4. Times: Tues. and Thurs., 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Sats., 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Allen Clark, Jr., \$70+ \$10. lab fee.**

**Firefighter Certification Testing**

The next scheduled **Firefighter I** test is **May 21 & 22, 2010**. The application deadline is **4 p.m., Fri., Apr. 30, 2010**. The next test will be Oct. 8 & 9. **Firefighter II** is scheduled for **June 18 & 19, 2010**. The **Hazardous Materials Awareness** written exam is **Mar. 31, 2010** (deadline is **Mar. 10**). Before then, you might want to consider these prerequisites:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<i>Hazardous Materials Ops.</i>	24
<i>Heartsaver First Aid</i>	3
<i>Heartsaver CPR Adult &amp; Pediatric</i>	3.5
<i>Structural Firefighting (SBS)</i>	16

### **Hazardous Materials Awareness Level 472 (HMA)**

**PPRX 3175-79**

This class is designed for emergency responders and those employees needing OSHA or NFPA 472 compliant awareness level hazardous materials training. Training required for certification testing. Students will learn how to safely and effectively identify hazardous materials and shipping containers, what personal protective equipment and incident scene management skills are needed and how to use the U. S. DOT *Emergency Response Guidebook*. Students must successfully complete a written exam to receive a certificate.

**Weds., Mar. 3, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m., William Wright, Jr., \$8.**

### **Hazardous Materials Operations Level 472 (HMOP)**

**PPRX 3178-79**

This class is designed for emergency responders and those employees needing OSHA or NFPA 472 compliant operations level hazardous materials training. **Also, needed to test for Firefighter I.** Students will learn to identify hazardous materials, what health and safety hazards are present, how to use the U. S. DOT Emergency Response Guidebook, what personal protective equipment is needed, containers and container failures, mitigation and decontamination techniques, building decontamination and containment systems and using the ICS. Must complete practical skills and written exam to receive a certificate. Turnout gear and SCBA required. **Two Mons. & two Weds., starting Apr. 19, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. & Sat., May 1, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., William Wright, \$32. + \$8. mat. fee.**

### **Structural Firefighting: Live Burn Session (SBS)**

**PPRX 7703-79**

This course exposes the student to live firefighting scenarios using the new, state-of-the art class A burn building. Review SCBA procedures, accountability measures, hose line and ladder techniques and safety procedures. Turnout gear and SCBA required. Student should have completed Essentials or Fundamentals of Firefighting or have a minimum of five years of fire ground experience. Min. age, 18. Limit 24. **Mon. & Weds., Apr. 12 & 14, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Sun., Apr. 18, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., William Greenawald, \$38. + \$10. lab fee.**

### **Truck Company Operations (TRCO)**

**PPRX 8105-79**

Basic truck company duties including hand and power tool operation, search and rescue and ventilation techniques are presented. Working with the engine company is also provided. Even if you don't have an aerial, this class will provide valuable fire ground information. Turnout gear and SCBA required. Student should have completed Essentials or Fundamentals of Firefighting or have a minimum of five years of fire ground experience. Min. age: 18. **Mon. & Weds., May 17 & 19, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Sun., May 23, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tom Bonura, \$28.**

## **Support Operations**

## Heartsaver CPR Adult, Child & Infant

MEDX 1014-01

This American Heart Association course covers adult, child and infant CPR. Recognize sudden cardiac arrest, choking signs and how to perform CPR on adult and pediatric patients. Two-year certification presented upon successful completion. Buy and review the text, *Heartsaver CPR Student Workbook*, before class. **Tues., March 16, 6 – 9:30 p.m., Youngwood Campus, \$25. + \$8. mat. fee.**

## Heartsaver First Aid

MEDX 3028-79

This is a basic first aid class. **Satisfies the first aid requirement for Firefighter I [CPR also required].** For workers needing OSHA-compliant first aid training, first responders and the general public. Includes: rescuer safety, medical and injury emergencies and environmental emergencies. Wounds, bleeding, shock, stroke, seizures, allergic reactions, broken bones, sprains, bruises, choking, bites and stings, heat and cold emergencies and poisonings are covered. Purchase and review *Heartsaver First Aid* text before class. **Weds., Feb. 24, 7 – 10 p.m., David Hauger, \$19. + \$8. mat. fee.**

## Minimum Age

Participation of minors is subject to the Child Labor Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. See the website: <http://www.dli.state.pa.us>. The minimum age is sixteen (16) at the first class for all courses, except as noted. You must be eighteen (18) years old by the first class to enroll in: Structural Firefighting, Basic Vehicle Rescue classes, Aerial Apparatus classes, Pump Operations I & II, Rapid Intervention Crew Exercises, Emergency Vehicle Driver Training (EVOC) or other classes prohibited by the Child Labor Laws (Act of 1915, P. L. 286, No. 177, as amended). That would include, but not be limited to, classes involving live fires, operating hydraulic equipment/tools, using electrical equipment or torches, driving emergency vehicles and operating pumps.

## Registration

Call us toll-free to register: **1-800-262-2103, press 1**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Most classes have class size limits and seats are filled on a first-call basis. The college reserves the right to cancel classes with insufficient enrollment, to change meeting dates, times, locations and instructors.

## Gear

Many classes require gear and/or breathing apparatus. See course descriptions. Unless the description says otherwise, you won't need gear for the first class session. The instructor will advise when and what gear is needed.

## **Course Cancellation**

The college reserves the right to cancel classes with insufficient enrollment. An attempt will be made to call you when classes are cancelled. Provide two telephone numbers at the time of registration (and verify the accuracy of current information).

All tuition and fees are automatically refunded directly to the student when classes are cancelled. The student is responsible to return monies to third-party agencies, as required.

## **Course Fees**

Course fees are now fixed for all students; no double-tuition for out-of-county residents. Once registered, a statement is mailed to your home. Fees are due and payable by the first class session to our accounts receivable office:

**Accounts Receivable**  
**Westmoreland Co. Community College**  
**145 Pavilion Lane**  
**Youngwood, PA 15697-1898**

If your organization is paying the fees, take the Registration Statement to the appropriate person and instruct them to remove the tear-off portion and enclose with the check (payable to: **WCCC**). If paying in person, checks are suggested.

## Radios, Cell Phones & Pagers

Today's cell phones and pagers help us in this fast-paced society. However, the interruptions these devices create in an educational setting are disruptive. Therefore, we ask you to turn off these devices during all lectures and practical training activities. However, the use of a laptop computer to take class notes is acceptable.

## Refunds

All refunds are calculated from the official starting date of the course.

**For courses through four weeks:** If you officially drop through the first three days of the course, you may be eligible to receive a 100% refund of tuition and fees. There are no refunds after this date.

**For courses five weeks through nine weeks:** If you officially drop through the first week of the course, you may be eligible to receive a 100% refund of tuition and fees. There are no refunds after the first week.

**For courses ten weeks or longer:** If you officially drop through the first week of the course, you may be eligible to receive a 100% refund of tuition and fees. If you officially drop during the second week of the course, you may be eligible to receive a 60% refund of tuition. There are no refunds after the second week of the course.

Refunds of payments received by cash, check or credit card will be issued in the form a check made payable to the student.

**You must contact the Registration Center to officially drop a course. If you do not officially drop, you remain obligated for all tuition and fees. Call the number below to withdraw.**

## Spring Fire Science Technology

Consider taking one of these Spring 2010 Fire Science Technology classes held at the Youngwood Campus: FST 104, **Fire Service Hydraulics**; FST 107, **Fire Protection Suppression Systems**; FST 110, **Fire Apparatus & Equipment**; FST 215, **Fire Training Officer Development** or FST 216, **Industrial Fire Brigades**.

Don't forget WCCC has a tuition waiver program for active Westmoreland County volunteer firefighters. Contact our Admissions Office, 724-925-4077 for details. If you have a question about these credit classes, call 724-872-2447.



Two Area Departments Sharpening their Engine  
Company Operations at a Company Drill

## Textbooks

Some classes require textbooks as noted in the course description. Books may be purchased at the WCCC Bookstore, Youngwood Campus. Call them for pricing information: **724-925-4174**.

## Corporate Training

The Public Safety Training Center provides OSHA-compliant training for those companies needing training in hazardous materials, SCBA, industrial fire brigades and other topics. We have contracted to provide training for these area companies: Allegheny Energy, Bechtel Bettis, Inc., Dai Nippon Printing (DNP), Eastman Chemicals, Flexsys America, Kennametal, Inc., Westinghouse Specialty Metals and Westinghouse Waltz Mill. If your organization has a fire safety training need, give us a call, 724-872-2447.

## Contact Information

Call the WCCC Public Safety Training Center, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., at **724-872-2447**. Our FAX number is: **724-872-5546**. You may also e-mail: [haugerd@wccc.edu](mailto:haugerd@wccc.edu)



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