

# Winter Fire School

# February 5 - 6, 2005

## Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center

1001 Kilarney Street, Urbana, IL 61801  
217-328-7900

### Low registration fee includes hot buffet lunch

\$35 pre-registration (by February 1, 2005 5:00 p.m.)  
\$50 at the door

### Registration check-in at the Holiday Inn Hotel

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

You must pick up your registration packet before proceeding to class.

### Class locations

All classes will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel.

### Hotel accommodations

The Holiday Inn offers special rates for firefighters. Please identify yourself as a Winter Fire School attendee when making reservations. Information about other area lodging is available on the IFSI web site:

[www.fsi.uiuc.edu/](http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/)

### Register early to hold your place at Winter Fire School

Use the enclosed registration form and fax to 217-244-6790 or mail to Illinois Fire Service Institute, 11 Gerty Drive, Champaign, IL 61820.

**NOTE: Because of minimum student enrollment requirements for NFA classes, you must register for NFA classes before January 4.** If minimum enrollment is not met, class will be cancelled and students will be shifted to other available classes.

<b>Class schedule</b> <i>NFA classes</i> Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon Saturday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon	<i>Fire Act Grant class</i> Saturday: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  <i>Unified Command Class</i> Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Noon	<i>Short courses (repeated 3 times)</i> Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon — and Saturday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. — and Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon
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**Featuring:**  
**4 NFA courses**  
**5 short courses**  
**Fire Act Grant application class**  
**Unified Command class**

**In a new location:**  
**Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, Urbana**  
**Hot buffet lunch included with registration.**

# Winter Fire School Course Descriptions

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## **NFA Incident Command System for Emergency Medical Services (12 hours)**

In this course, students will be introduced to the concepts of EMS-specific incident command through lecture and guided discussion. They will use scenarios, case studies, graphics, audio visuals and role playing to demonstrate understanding of the concepts.

*ACE College Credit Recommendation: In the vocational certificate or lower division baccalaureate/associate degree category, one semester hour in Fire Service or Fire Administration.*

## **NFA Initial Response to Hazardous Material Incidents-Basic Concepts (12 hours)**

This course is designed to give the participant an understanding of the basic concepts and techniques of hazardous materials first response. Instruction is based on 29 CFR 1910.120 (OSHA) and 40 CFD 311 (EPA), but does not include "hands-on" practical applications/simulation exercises.

## **NFA Leadership Strategies for Company Success (12 hours)**

This course presents the company officer with the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course includes techniques and approaches to problem-solving, ways to identify and assess the needs of the company officer's subordinates, methods for running meetings effectively, and decision making skills.

*ACE College Credit Recommendation: In the vocational certificate or lower division baccalaureate/associate degree category, one semester hour in Business Administration Criminal Justice Emergency Medical Services or Emergency Management.*

## **NFA Strategies & Tactics for Initial Company Operations (12 hours)**

This course is designed to help meet the needs of company officers responsible for managing the operations of one or more companies during structural firefighting operations. STICO is designed to develop the management skills needed by company officers to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires.

### **Fire Act Grant (2 hours) 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturday (offered one time only)**

Steve Dumovich, Fire Service Coordinator for FEMA Region V, will present a two-hour class on the changes in this year's Fire Act Grant. He will discuss priorities and techniques to use while filling out your grant application. This class is not required to receive a Winter Fire School certificate.

### **Short Course Track (4 hours each) Repeated 3 times.**

#### **Respiratory Protection - "Is Your Department Ready"**

Many departments do not know what is required of their SCBA program. This class will show what is required and what needs to be done to have a good SCBA program. It will include annual fit testing, maintenance, cleaning, testing and record keeping. You will not need to bring an SCBA - this is *not* a hands-on class.

#### **Engine Co. First In Collapse - "Where Do We Begin?"**

Building construction job sites, explosions, storms and potential terrorist activities could bring any fire department engine company face-to-face with arriving on the scene of a significant structural collapse. What is done in the first few minutes or hours of such an event can make successful management of the scene possible or futile. This class will provide firefighters and company officers with information and guidelines on where to begin to handle such an incident.

#### **Origin & Cause Awareness - "Where Did the Fire Start?"**

Many firefighters have little or no knowledge as to where a fire actually started or what caused it. All fire departments in Illinois are required to investigate the origin and cause of all fires in their respective jurisdictions. This class will introduce you to things to watch for as you fight a fire and do overhaul work. It will also make you aware of the definition of evidence and how to protect it until a certified investigator can collect it. This class will not make you an investigator but will help you determine when you need to call for one.

#### **Quality Customer Service - "Above and Beyond the Call"**

The range of services offered by most fire departments extends well beyond fire suppression and rescue services. This class explores many areas of service that fire departments can utilize before, during and after emergency situations. The class will cover a variety of activities including: Public Education Programs, Citizen and Media Fire Academies, Incident Victim Support, After-the-Fire Programs, The Education and Winning Over of Public Officials, Fire Station Tours and Fund Raising Events and other programs that help generate excellent "Customer Service" within your community.

#### **Company Officer Development - "What It Really Takes to Do-the-Job"**

Managing and directing any emergency company of firefighters takes far more than just knowing fire ground tactics. Leadership is a skill that is often required but seldom discussed. How to make decisions and the decision making process are skills that are usually learned from successful fire company officers. This class will discuss these issues, provide insight from experienced fire company officers and also look into the area of firehouse ethics and how to develop and maintain these leadership efforts.

### **Introduction to Incident Command Unified Command (12 hours total - 1 time)**

*Introduction to Incident Command (IS700 FEMA class) covers the first four hours of the class and serves as a prerequisite for Unified Command. The Unified command course has been developed and sponsored by the Illinois Terrorism Task Force as a critical component of the Illinois Homeland Security Training Strategy. It is based upon the principles of Incident Command as established in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and is intended to meet the requirements of Homeland Security Presidential Directives (HSPD) 5, 7 and 8. Enrollment limited to 60.*