



New Courses as of January 2012

Fire

Fire is divided into three program components:

Firefighter – Designed for self-guided, web-based training, and/or for the station officer to facilitate blended learning courses. For blended learning, the crew completes the on-line portion, the station officer reviews the material and then conducts the series of training evolutions that are provided with each course.

Fire Inspector – Designed for the inspector to complete self-guided, web-based training. After completion of the video portion of each course, the inspector works through multiple scenarios that help to prepare the inspector for the course exam. The scenarios are based on potential findings the inspector would uncover during field inspections.

Officer Development – Designed for the promoted officer, from Lieutenant through Battalion Chief, and those seeking to be promoted to those roles. Topics include skills that the officer needs to know in order to lead in a supervisory position. A series of critical thinking scenarios and interviews with fire service leaders discussing topics via podcasts, replace exams at the end of each course.

The fire series of courses are approved by the Ohio Fire Academy for Continuing Education as a Charter Training Institution.

New Courses:

1. Budgeting Basics This program provides an overview of the various components and principles that go into creating a department budget and the important role of the fire officer in that process.

2. Breaching Masonry Walls Basics Breaching walls is an important skill in searching for hidden fires, creating ingress and egress points, facilitating civilian and firefighter rescue operations, and performing self-rescue through wood-framed construction covered in drywall. This program will provide a base knowledge of this critical technique.

3. Firefighter Rehab Firefighting is an inherently dangerous profession with physical and mental demands similar to, and often greater than, those faced by performance athletes. Rehab allows firefighters to work more safely and effectively with fewer mistakes and injuries. This program will explain the NFPA 1584 Standard and show how to integrate rehab into your department.

4. Elevator Safety Response Awareness This program helps firefighters identify challenges and risks involved in hydraulic and traction elevator rescues. Course reviews types of elevators and the equipment involved in response, as well as certain key strategies for dealing with stalled elevators.

EMS

This is an American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) continuing education training curriculum used by emergency responders across North America, which meets requirements to renew Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic licenses. Online course components include full motion video with on scene field footage, interviews with subject matter experts, training scenarios, support reading materials, and randomized testing.

The EMS series of courses are approved for online use by the Continuing Education Coordinating Board of Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS), an accreditation accepted as state approved by the Ohio Department of Public Safety – Division of Emergency Medical Service.

New Courses:

1. Geriatric Assessment This program will help EMS providers understand the physiological and psychological differences among the geriatric population and provide an EMS responder with a good foundation for developing effective communication and assessment tools in order to provide quality patient care.

2. Sudden Cardiac Death Sudden cardiac death (SCD) accounts for approximately 5% of all deaths. This program will discuss the circumstances surrounding SCD, contributing factors, and methods to reduce the risk of SCD, as well as how the EMS professional assesses a patient who has died.

3. Interpreting Vital Signs By correctly interpreting vital signs, the EMS professional can identify life-threatening emergencies, predict the severity of a patient's hemodynamic state, determine treatment, and correctly monitor the overall condition of the patient. This program reviews the importance of assessing and interpreting the vital signs and how to use these findings to improve the quality of patient care.

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