

FREDERICK COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

BASIC FIRE ACADEMY # 24 CERTIFICATION COURSE

August 2025 – April 2026

| DAY | DATE | LOCATION | SUBJECT | LEAD INSTRUCTOR | ADJUNCT FACULTY |
|-----------|--------------------|--|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Monday | August 18, 2025 | Frederick County Training Annex (FCTA) | Class Introductions and Overview, Rules and Regulations, Books, and Paperwork (3 Hours) SCBA Mask Fit Testing | | |
| Wednesday | August 20, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 1 The Fire Service Classroom (4 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | August 23, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 2 Firefighter Health and Safety Classroom (4 Hours)/Practical (2 Hours) Chapter 3 Personal Protective Equipment Classroom (4 Hours) | | |
| Monday | August 25, 2025 | Winchester / Frederick County Fire & Rescue Training Center (TC) | Chapter 3 Personal Protective Equipment Practical (3 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | August 27, 2025 | TC | Chapter 3 Personal Protective Equipment Practical (3 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | September 3, 2025 | TC | Chapter 3 Personal Protective Equipment Practical (3 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | September 6, 2025 | TC | Chapter 3 Personal Protective Equipment Practical (3 Hours) Chapter 4 Fire Service Communications Classroom (3 Hours)/Practical (2 Hours) | | |
| Monday | September 8, 2025 | FCTA | Hazardous Materials/WMD Awareness and Operations (HMO) Chapter 1 Introduction Classroom (2 Hours) Chapter 2 Chemistry Classroom (2 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | September 10, 2025 | FCTA | HMO Chapter 3 Identifying Hazardous Materials Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | September 13, 2025 | FCTA | HMO Chapter 4 Information Sources Classroom (2 Hours)/Practical (2 Hours) HMO Chapter 5 Identifying Hazardous Materials Containers Classroom (4 Hours) | | |
| Monday | September 15, 2025 | FCTA | HMO Chapter 6 Analyzing and Predicting Incident Behavior Classroom (3 Hours)/Practical (1 Hour) HMO Chapter 7 Detection and Monitoring Equipment Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | September 17, 2025 | FCTA | HMO Chapter 8 Personal Protective Equipment Classroom (3 Hours) HMO Chapter 9 Decontamination Classroom (2 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | September 20, 2025 | FCTA | HMO Chapter 10 Hazardous Materials Tactical Operations Classroom (2 Hours) | | |

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| | | | HMO Chapter 11 Hazardous Materials Incident Safety and Operations Classroom (2 Hours)/Practical (2 Hours) | | |
| Monday | September 22, 2025 | TC | HMO Chapter 9 Decontamination Practical (4 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | September 24, 2025 | TC | HMO Chapter 10 Hazardous Materials Tactical Operations Practical (4 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | September 27, 2025 | TC | HMO State Written and Practical Test (6 Hours) | VDFP Staff | |
| Monday | September 29, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 5 Fire Behavior Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | October 1, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 6 Building Construction Classroom (4 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | October 4, 2025 | TC | Chapter 7 Portable Fire Extinguishers Classroom (2 Hours)/Practical (3 Hours) Chapter 8 Firefighter Tools and Equipment Classroom (3 Hours)/Practical (1 Hour) | | |
| Monday | October 6, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 9 Ropes and Knots Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | October 8, 2025 | TC | Chapter 9 Ropes and Knots Practical (3 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | October 15, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 10 Forcible Entry Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | October 18, 2025 | TC | Chapter 9 Ropes and Knots Practical (2 Hours) Chapter 10 Forcible Entry Practical (6 Hours) | | |
| Monday | October 20, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 11 Ladders Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | October 22, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 12 Search and Rescue Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | October 25, 2025 | TC | Chapter 11 Ladders Practical (8 Hours) | | |
| Monday | October 27, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 13 Ventilation Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | October 29, 2025 | TC | Chapter 12 Search and Rescue Practical (3 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | November 1, 2025 | TC | Chapter 12 Search and Rescue Practical (5 Hours) Chapter 13 Ventilation Practical (3 Hours) | | |
| Monday | November 3, 2025 | TC | Chapter 13 Ventilation Practical (3 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | November 5, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 14 Water Supply Systems Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | November 8, 2025 | TC | Chapter 13 Ventilation Practical (2 Hours) Chapter 14 Water Supply Systems Practical (7 Hours) | | |

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| Monday | November 10, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 15 Fire Hose, Appliances, and Nozzles Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | November 12, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 16 Supply Line and Attack Line Evolutions Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | November 15, 2025 | TC | Chapter 15 Fire Hose, Appliances, and Nozzles Practical (5 Hours) Chapter 16 Supply Line and Attack Line Evolutions Practical (3 Hours) | | |
| Monday | November 17, 2025 | TC | Chapter 16 Supply Line and Attack Line Evolutions Practical (2 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | November 19, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 17 Fire Suppression Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | November 22, 2025 | TC | Chapter 17 Fire Suppression Practical (5 Hours) | | |
| Monday | December 1, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 18 Firefighter Survival Classroom (2 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | December 3, 2025 | TC | Chapter 18 Firefighter Survival Practical (4 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | December 6, 2025 | FCTA | Chapter 19 Salvage and Overhaul Classroom (3 Hours) Chapter 20 Firefighter Rehabilitation Classroom (3 Hours) Chapter 21 Wildland and Ground Cover Fires Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
| Monday | December 8, 2025 | TC | Chapter 19 Salvage and Overhaul Practical (4 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | December 10, 2025 | TC | Chapter 20 Firefighter Rehabilitation Practical (3 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | December 13, 2025 | TC | Chapter 21 Wildland and Ground Cover Fires Practical (3 Hours) | | |
| Monday | December 15, 2025 | TC | Skills Testing (4 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | December 17, 2025 | TC | Burn Practice | | |
| Saturday | December 20, 2025 | TC | Firefighter I Live Fire Practical Evolutions (8 Hours) | | |
| Saturday | January 3, 2026 | TC | Skills Testing (8 Hours) | | |
| Monday | January 5, 2026 | TC | Skills Testing (4 Hours) | | |
| Wednesday | January 7, 2026 | TC | Burn Practice | | |
| Saturday | January 10, 2026 | TC | Firefighter I Live Fire Practical Evolutions (8 Hours) | | |
| Monday | January 12, 2026 | TC | Skills Testing (4 Hours) | | |

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|-----------|-------------------|----------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Wednesday | January 14, 2026 | TC | Skills Testing (4 Hours) | | |
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| Wednesday | January 21, 2026 | FCTA | Firefighter I Review | | |
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| Saturday | January 24, 2026 | TC | Firefighter I State Written and Practical Test (10 Hours) | VDPP Staff | |
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| Monday | January 26, 2026 | FCTA | Chapter 22 Establishing and Transferring Command Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
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| Wednesday | January 28, 2026 | FCTA | Chapter 23 Advanced Fire Suppression Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
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| Saturday | January 31, 2026 | TC | Chapter 22 Establishing and Transferring Command Practical (2 Hours) Chapter 23 Advanced Fire Suppression Practical (8 Hours) | | |
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| Monday | February 2, 2026 | FCTA | Chapter 26 Fire Detection, Suppression, and Smoke Control Systems Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
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| Wednesday | February 4, 2026 | FCTA | Chapter 27 Fire and Life Safety Initiatives Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
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| Saturday | February 7, 2026 | TC | Chapter 28 Fire Origin and Cause Classroom (3 Hours) Chapter 26 Fire Detection, Suppression, and Smoke Control Systems Practical (1 Hour) Chapter 27 Fire and Life Safety Initiatives Practical (2 Hours) Chapter 28 Fire Origin and Cause Practical (1 Hour) | | |
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| Monday | February 9, 2026 | FCTA | Chapter 24 Vehicle Rescue and Extrication Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
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| Wednesday | February 11, 2026 | FCTA | Chapter 25 Assisting Special Rescue Teams Classroom (3 Hours) | | |
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| Wednesday | February 18, 2026 | TC | Skills Testing (4 Hours) | | |
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| Saturday | February 21, 2026 | TC | Chapter 24 Vehicle Rescue and Extrication Practical (8 Hours) Chapter 25 Assisting Special Rescue Teams Practical (2 Hours) | | |
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| Monday | February 23, 2026 | TC | Skills Testing (4 Hours) | | |
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| Wednesday | February 25, 2026 | TC | Burn Practice | | |
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| Saturday | February 28, 2026 | TC | Firefighter II Live Fire Practical Evolutions (8 Hours) | | |
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| Wednesday | March 4, 2026 | TC | Burn Practice | | |
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| Saturday | March 7, 2026 | TC | Firefighter II Live Fire Practical Evolutions (8 Hours) | | |
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| Wednesday | March 11, 2026 | TC | Firefighter II Review | | |
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| Saturday | March 14, 2026 | TC | Firefighter II State Written and Practical Test (8 Hours) | | |
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| Saturday | March 21, 2026 | FCTA | Firefighter Rescue & Survival Classroom (8 Hours) | | |
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| Monday | March 23, 2026 | TC | Firefighter Rescue & Survival Practical (4 Hours) | | |
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| Wednesday | March 25, 2026 | TC | Firefighter Rescue & Survival Practical (4 Hours) | | |
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| Saturday | March 28, 2026 | TC | Firefighter Rescue & Survival Practical (8 Hours) | | |
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| Monday | March 30, 2026 | TC | Firefighter Rescue & Survival Practical (4 Hours) | | |
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| Wednesday | April 1, 2026 | TC | Firefighter Rescue & Survival Practical (4 Hours) | | |
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| Saturday | April 4, 2026 | TC | Firefighter Rescue & Survival Practical (8 Hours) | | |
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| Monday | April 6, 2026 | FCTA | Swiftwater Rescue Awareness Classroom (2 Hours)/Practical (1 Hour) | | |
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| Wednesday | April 8, 2026 | TC | Equipment Rehabilitation (4 Hours) | | |
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Student Requirements:

- Students are required to complete one hundred percent (100%) of the course! The number of missed class sessions and make-up requirements are outlined in the Student Rules and Regulations
- FFI Start and End
- HMO Start and End
- FFII Start and End
- Firefighter Rescue & Survival

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