

FREDERICK COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT – TRAINING DIVISION
BASIC FIRE ACADEMY # 24 CERTIFICATION COURSE
SEPTEMBER 2025 – MARCH 2026

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	SUBJECT	LEAD INSTRUCTOR	ASSISTING INSTRUCTORS
Monday	August 18, 2025	ANNEX	Course Paperwork / Distribution of Course Materials SCBA Face Mask Fit Testing		
Wednesday	August 20, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : The Fire Service	Matthew Baker	George Muchmore
Saturday	August 23, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURES / PRACTICAL : Firefighter Health and Safety, Personal Protective Equipment	George Muchmore	Brad Mason Garrett Miller
Monday	August 25, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Personal Protective Equipment	George Muchmore	Jason Hensell Heather Hughes Nathan Keen Kelly Whitacre
Wednesday	August 27, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Personal Protective Equipment	George Muchmore	Matthew Baker Brett Cunningham JP Frank Heather Hughes Andrew Plunkett
Monday	September 1, 2025		County Holiday – Labor Day		
Wednesday	September 3, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : Fire Service Communications	George Muchmore	
Saturday	September 6, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURES : Hazardous Materials Regulations, Standards and Laws, Recognizing and Identifying the Hazards PRACTICAL: Hazardous Materials Awareness	Jason Hensell	Kelly Whitacre
Monday	September 8, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURES : Properties and Effects, Understanding the Hazards	Jason Hensell	Kelly Whitacre
Wednesday	September 10, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : Estimating Potential Harm and Planning a Response, Implementing the Planned Response	Jason Hensell	Kelly Whitacre
Saturday	September 13, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : Hazardous Materials Responder Health and Safety, Personal Protective Equipment	Jason Hensell	Kelly Whitacre
Sunday	September 14, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE / PRACTICAL : Product Control, Detection and Monitoring	Jason Hensell	Kelly Whitacre
Wednesday	September 17, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Personal Protective Equipment	Matthew Baker	+3
Saturday	September 20, 2025	ANNEX	PRACTICAL : Personal Protective Equipment	George Muchmore	+3
Monday	September 22, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Awareness and Operations Level Testing	Jason Hensell	Garrett Miller George Muchmore

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					Kelly Whitacre
Wednesday	September 24, 2025	ANNEX	REVIEW : Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations MODULE EXAM : Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations	Kelly Whitacre	
Saturday	September 27, 2025	WFCRTC	CERTIFICATION EXAM : VDFP Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations	VDFP Representatives	
Monday	September 29, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : Fire Behavior	Russell Kerns	
Wednesday	October 1, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : Building Construction	Matthew Baker	
Saturday	October 4, 2025	WFCRTC	LECTURE / PRACTICAL : Portable Fire Extinguishers, Firefighter Tools and Equipment	Matthew Baker	Andrew Plunkett
Monday	October 6, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : Ropes and Knots	George Muchmore	Russell Kerns Garrett Miller +1
Wednesday	October 8, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Ropes and Knots	Matthew Baker	Nathan Keen Russell Kerns Garrett Miller
Monday	October 13, 2025		County Holiday – Columbus Day		
Wednesday	October 15, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : Forcible Entry	Matthew Baker	
Saturday	October 18, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Ropes and Knots, Forcible Entry	George Muchmore	Brett Cunningham Andrew Plunkett Brittany Driver +2
Monday	October 20, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : Search and Rescue	George Muchmore	
Wednesday	October 22, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : Ladders	Matt Baker	
Saturday	October 25, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Forcible Entry, Ladders	George Muchmore	Christian Bomgardner John Boyd +2
Monday	October 27, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : Ventilation	Erik Hanna	
Wednesday	October 29, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Search and Rescue	George Muchmore	Brett Cunningham JP Frank Heather Hughes Nathan Keen Andrew Levdaahl Andrew Plunkett

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Saturday	November 1, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Search and Rescue, Ventilation	George Muchmore	John Boyd JP Frank Heather Hughes Andrew Plunkett Anthony Lavender
Monday	November 3, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Ventilation	George Muchmore	John Boyd Heather Hughes Garrett Miller Anthony Lavender
Tuesday	November 4, 2025		County Holiday – Election Day		
Wednesday	November 5, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : Water Supply Systems	Matthew Baker	
Saturday	November 8, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Ventilation, Water Supply Systems	Matthew Baker	Christian Bomgardner John Boyd Brittany Driver Steven Anderson
Monday	November 10, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURES : Fire Hose, Appliances, and Nozzles	Russell Kerns	
Tuesday	November 11, 2025		County Holiday – Veteran's Day		
Wednesday	November 12, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : Supply and Attack Line Evolutions	Matthew Baker	
Saturday	November 15, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Water Supply Systems, Fire Hose, Appliances and Nozzles, Supply and Attack Line Evolutions	George Muchmore	Christian Bomgardner John Boyd Brett Cunningham Andrew Lev Dahl Garrett Miller Anthony Lavender
Monday	November 17, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Water Supply Systems, Fire Hose, Appliances and Nozzles, Supply and Attack Line Evolutions	George Muchmore	John Boyd JP Frank Heather Hughes Brad Mason Garrett Miller Anthony Lavender
Wednesday	November 19, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : Fire Suppression	Matthew Baker	
Saturday	November 22, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Fire Suppression, Fireground Scenarios	George Muchmore	John Boyd Brett Cunningham Andrew Lev Dahl +3
Thursday	November 28, 2025		County Holiday – Thanksgiving		
Monday	December 1, 2025	ANNEX	LECTURE : Firefighter Survival	George Muchmore	
Wednesday	December 3, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Firefighter Survival	George Muchmore	Nathan Keen

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					Garrett Miller Anthony Lavender Matt Baker
Saturday	December 6, 2025	WFCRTC	LECTURE / PRACTICAL : Salvage and Overhaul, Wildland and Ground Cover Fires, Firefighter Rehabilitation	Matthew Baker	Brittany Driver +5
Monday	December 8, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Salvage and Overhaul	George Muchmore	Brad Mason Garrett Miller Anthony Lavender +1
Wednesday	December 10, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Firefighter Survival, Firefighter Rehabilitation	Matthew Baker	Brad Mason Garrett Miller +2
Saturday	December 13, 2025	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Wildland and Ground Cover Fires, Fireground Scenarios	George Muchmore	Steven Anderson +3
Monday	December 15, 2025	WFCRTC	TESTING : Skills	George Muchmore	JP Frank Erik Hanna Nathan Keen Andrew Plunkett Brittany Driver +3
Wednesday	December 17, 2025	WFCRTC	TESTING : Skills	George Muchmore	John Boyd Andrew Levdahl Brad Mason Garrett Miller Matthew BAKER +4
Saturday	December 20, 2025	WFCRTC	EVALUATION : Residential Structure Fire	George Muchmore	JP Frank Heather Hughes Nathan Keen Andrew Levdahl Joshua Lonas Andrew Plunkett Christopher Sipe Brittany Driver Steven Anderson Matt Baker +3
December 22, 2025 – January 3, 2026			Christmas / New Year's Break		
Monday	January 5, 2026	ANNEX	EVALUATION : VDFP Firefighter I Skills		Brittany Driver

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					Heather Hughes Eric Rinker
Wednesday	January 7, 2026	WFCRTC	EVALUATION : VDFP Firefighter I Skills		Brittany Driver Heather Hughes Andrew Levdaahl
Saturday	January 10, 2026	WFCRTC	EVALUATION : Residential Structure Fire		Heather Hughes
Monday	January 12, 2026	WFCRTC	EVALUATION : VDFP Firefighter I Skills		Brittany Driver Heather Hughes
Wednesday	January 14, 2026	ANNEX	REVIEW : Firefighter I Course		
Monday	January 19, 2026		County Holiday – Martin Luther King Day		
Wednesday	January 21, 2026	ANEX	EXAM : Firefighter I Couse		
Saturday	January 24 2026	WFCRTC	CERTIFICATION EXAM : VDFP Firefighter I Course		
Monday	January 26, 2026	ANNEX	LECTURE : Establishing and Transferring Command		
Wednesday	January 28, 2026	ANNEX	LECTURE : Advanced Fire Suppression		Heather Hughes
Saturday	January 31, 2026	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Advanced Fire Suppression, Establishing and Transferring Command		Eric Rinker
Monday	February 2, 2026	ANNEX	LECTURE : Fire Detection, Suppression and Smoke Control Systems		Eric Rinker
Wednesday	February 4, 2026	ANNEX	LECTURE : Fire and Life Safety Initiatives		
Saturday	February 7, 2026	ANNEX	LECTURE / PRACTICAL : Fire Origin and Cause PRACTICAL : Fire Detection, Suppression and Smoke Systems, Fire and Life Safety Initiatives		
Monday	February 9, 2026	ANNEX	LECTURE : Vehicle Rescue and Extrication		
Wednesday	February 11, 2026	ANNEX	LECTURE : Assisting Special Rescue Teams		
Monday	February 16, 2026		County Holiday – President's Day		
Wednesday	February 18, 2026	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Vehicle Rescue and Extrication		Andrew Levdaahl
Saturday	February 21, 2026	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Vehicle Rescue and Extrication		Brett Cunningham Heather Hughes Andrew Levdaahl
Monday	February 23, 2026	WFCRTC	EVALUATION : VDFP Firefighter II Skills		Brittany Driver Heather Hughes Andrew Levdaahl
Saturday	February 28, 2026	WFCRTC	EVALUATION : Residential Structure Fire		Heather Hughes

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					Andrew Levdahl
Wednesday	March 4, 2026	WFCRTC	EVALUATION : VDFP Firefighter II Skills		Brittany Driver Heather Hughes Andrew Levdahl
Saturday	March 7, 2026	WFCRTC	EVALUATION : Residential Structure Fire		Heather Hughes Andrew Levdahl Eric Rinker
Monday	March 9, 2026	ANNEX	REVIEW : Firefighter II Course		
Wednesday	March 11, 2026	ANNEX	EXAMINATION : Firefighter II Course		
Saturday	March 14, 2026	WFCRTC	CERTIFICATION EXAM : VDFP Firefighter II Course		
Sunday	March 15, 2026	ANNEX	LECTURE : Firefighter Survival and Rescue		
Monday	March 16, 2026	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Firefighter Survival and Rescue		
Wednesday	March 18, 2026	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Firefighter Survival and Rescue		
Saturday	March 21, 2026	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Firefighter Survival and Rescue		
Sunday	March 22, 2026	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Firefighter Survival and Rescue		
Monday	March 23, 2026	WFCRTC	PRACTICAL : Firefighter Survival and Rescue		
Tuesday	March 24, 2026	Millbrook H.S.	Graduation Ceremony – Basic EMS Academy # 18 and Basic Fire Academy # 24		

Location Abbreviations:

ANNEX – Training Division Annex (860 Smithfield Avenue Winchester VA 22601)

WFCRTC – Winchester/ Frederick County Regional Training Center (1716 Woodstock Lane Winchester VA 22602)

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