Frandford Mutual Aid Fire Training Association's

10th Annual

Western Maine Fire Attack School (WMFAS)

The Bethel Inn & Bethel Fire Dept May 21st & 22nd 2016

All 2016 courses are two-day courses – Saturday & Sunday

Leadership

RIT in The Rural Zone ***sponsored by Western Maine Firefighters Association***

Instructor: Chief Paul Smeltzer, Waldoboro FD (Maine)

This 2-day course examines the complexity of rural mutual aid response logistics for establishing a functional Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) at fire and other emergency scenes. The program is designed for individuals who are assigned RIT Officer and RIT Firefighter responsibilities at emergency incidents. A specific focus on operations within an Incident Command System (ICS) as a RIT Commander or RIT Company firefighter is a main focus of this course. Firefighters and Officers attending this course should have a working knowledge of the ICS, multiple company operations, building construction principles, and fire dynamics.

Community Risk Reduction

Instructor: Mark Stevens, EMCC ***sponsored by Maine Fire Services Institute***

The National Fire Academy Community Risk Reduction leadership program is designed to help fire and emergency services personnel understand what community risk reduction is and how to build organizational support for it. This course will address the challenges fire and EMS departments face in shifting their priorities from response to prevention. In many departments community risk reduction is still considered a low priority. Participants in this course will learn how community risk reduction helps you and your department become more of a community player.

Firefighter Courses

Basic Pumps and Rural Water Supply

Instructor: Michael Robitaille, Chief Yarmouth Fire Rescue (Maine)

Water shuttle operations and relay pumping are two methods for providing water to emergency scenes in rural and back country areas. This course provides information and experience with a focus on advanced water supply operations. Water shuttle operations to be included: basic fill & dump sites, relay pumping operations and the process for setting up standard rural water relay. Field exercises require set up, operation, and maintenance of dump tanks, fill sites and related equipment. Students will also work to ensure proper setups along with hose lays and holding tanks to provide water during all phases of a simulated incident. *(combines with Wildland RT-130 students for Sunday evolutions)*

Wildland Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is required. Pumps I and EVOC prerequisites for students operating apparatus. Students operating apparatus must possess a valid Maine driver's license and have Chief's permission to drive and/or pump apparatus.

Progressive Rope Rescue Refresher

Instructor: Lt. Gene Cote, Portland FD

The course refreshes in-depth discussion and practical scenarios on safety rules, rescue equipment, rescue knots, anchors and anchoring systems. Outside classroom activities cover rappelling, belaying, lowering, and self-rescue. Hands-on evolutions are spent reviewing basic mechanical advantage systems, belays, patient packaging and low angle stretcher work. This course is a recommended refresher for rescue personnel who will be sent down to the injured party. Emphasis is on rappelling techniques, safely reaching, securing, stabilizing and packaging the patient for extraction.

PPE required: EMS extrication / wildland FF PPE, gloves, helmet -w/visor or approved goggles

Firefighter Courses cont:

Introduction to Wilderness Search & Rescue (SAR)

Instructors: Norm Lewis and Josh Smith, Maine Warden Service

Introduction to Wilderness Rescue is designed to provide knowledge concerning the responsibilities, skills, abilities, and equipment needed for persons who would be part of a search or rescue in a wilderness setting. The course is based for rural and wilderness environments but the material is recommended as a base of knowledge for all SAR environments. Items covered include: SAR: What is it and how do you fit in? Components, resources and management of the SAR system, land navigation and orienteering, search philosophy, tactics, and operations. Clue consciousness and lost person behavior. Practical hands on simulations and evolutions will also be part of this course.

Class limit of 8 students.

Required gear: Non-cotton wilderness ready gear, work boots and gloves.

Intermediate Wilderness Search & Rescue (SAR)

Instructors: Bob Baribeau and Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue

Intermediate Search and Rescue is designed to educate the experienced field searcher in preparation for training as a crew leader on a search. This course expands on the knowledge and skills taught in the Introduction to Wilderness SAR. Beginning with expanded management concepts, crew tactics, crew and SAR dog tactics, crew safety skills and continuing through stress management, the course focuses on the added responsibility of a crew leader and how this relates to the crew members, search managers, and the outcome of the search.

Prerequisites: Introduction to Wilderness SAR or permission of the instructor.

Class limit of 8 students

Required gear: Non-cotton wilderness ready gear, work boots and gloves.

Annual Fireline Safety Refresher (RT-130) Training and Pack Carry*

Instructors: Brad Bucknell & Jay Bernard, Maine Forest Service

Attendance at an RT-130 is required for designated positions in order to maintain currency, and for all personnel assigned to positions with fire line duties and for any position assigned to the fire line for non-suppression tasks. RT-130 training will focus on mandatory core content subjects and not on a minimum time frame standard (number of training hours). The required number of hours is determined by the agency. *Students may bring their own back pack, weighted to 45lbs. Day 2 of this program will focus on portable pumps and water relay for wildland water supply and hose lay operations.

Required gear: NOMEX jacket, leather work boots, goggles, hardhat and gloves for Sunday

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