



COLLEGE OF
THE
ALBEMARLE



FIRE SCHOOL 2024

COA AND THE ALBEMARLE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

February 23 - March 3 • Elizabeth City, NC





Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God,
whenever flames may rage,
give me the strength to save some life
whatever be its age.

Help me to embrace a little child
before it's too late,
or some older person
from the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert
and hear the weakest shout,
and quickly and efficiently
to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling
and give the best in me,
to guard my neighbor
and protect his property.

And if according to Your will
I have to lose my life,
please bless with Your protecting hand
my children and my wife.

Welcome to College of The Albemarle for the 42nd Annual Fire School!

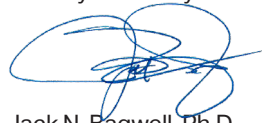
On behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff at College of The Albemarle, I welcome you to our campus and to this year's Fire School. This is one of the most significant regional training programs that we offer at COA throughout the year and I am excited about your decision to attend. We are proud to co-sponsor this annual event with the Albemarle Firemen's Association to bring the very best training and instruction to northeast North Carolina. Thank you to Billy Bass and all of our course instructors for developing a premier Fire School that enhances training and explores best practices for our regional partners and departments.

If you have attended our Fire School before, you know that the dedicated instructors overseeing these courses ensure that each student receives exceptional training. Through progressive techniques, dynamic participation and advanced equipment, you will leave this weekend with the knowledge and skills that you will be able to immediately put into practice. The skillset you acquire through this training will inevitably support your successes throughout your career. College of The Albemarle is committed to helping students achieve their goals and "transform their tomorrows." This is our goal for everything we do and we trust you will see this in the training you receive this weekend.

The role you play in our communities is of critical importance. This Fire School will not only enhance your skills in delivering lifesaving services, but it will also ensure you are attentive to best practices for both your own safety and the safety of other members of your fire squad. The team at COA has been fully engaged in planning for the outcomes of this weekend's training, guaranteeing the delivery of excellent public safety training that will be directly related to your skill attainment.

Thank you for giving COA the opportunity to provide educational training and assist in your personal growth. We consider it an honor and a privilege to host each of you on our campus each year. I commend you for your willingness to serve our communities and your devotion to the safety of our citizens. Your commitment to serve in this important capacity is truly appreciated and I wish you the very best in your future. Thank you for all you do!

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Jack N. Bagwell, Ph.D.
President

Class Schedule

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

Emergency Vehicle Driver

Friday, February 23, 6pm - 10pm
Saturday, February 24, 8am - 5pm
Sunday, February 25, 8am - 5pm

Haz-Mat Ops

Friday, February 23, 6pm - 10pm
Saturday, February 24, 8am - 5pm
Sunday, February 25, 8am - 5pm
Friday, March 1, 6pm - 10pm
Saturday, March 2, 8am - 5pm
Sunday, March 3, 8am - 5pm

The Firefighter Role at EMS Calls

Friday, February 23, 6pm - 10pm
Saturday, February 24, 8am - 5pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

Attributes of Leading

Saturday, February 24, 8am - 12pm

Basic Hose Handling for the New Firefighter

Saturday, February 24, 8am - 5pm

Basic Pumps

Saturday, February 24, 8am - 5pm
Sunday, February 25, 8am - 5pm

Beyond the Fire

Saturday, February 24, 8am - 5pm
Sunday, February 25, 8am - 5pm

Chief 101

Saturday, February 24, 8am - 5pm

Leadership So Everyone Goes Home

Saturday, February 24, 1pm - 5pm

RIT: Back to the Basics

Saturday, February 24, 8am - 5pm

TR Rope Rescue Ops

Saturday, February 24, 8am - 3pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Strategy and Tactics for ICO

Sunday, February 25, 8am - 3pm

TR Ropes Mechanical Advantages

Sunday, February 25, 8am - 3pm



Class Descriptions

Attributes of Leading (AOL) – 4 Hours

This course is designed to build more effective fire service leaders of all ranks, is a highly interactive, real-world applicable, case study-based course. The program focuses on twelve essential qualities of effective leading: Competence, Constructive influence, Grit, Humility, Presence, Resilience, Self-mastery, Self-regulation, Stepping up, Trust, Vigilance, Wellness. Through a process of view, review, introspection and discussion, the program challenges attendees to focus on qualities that constructively influence members regarding overall performance, health, and safety. Short videos for each attribute featuring firefighters and officers from across the country, combined with thoughtful words from the late Chief Alan Brunacini are used to stimulate discussion.

Instructor: Tony Bailey, NC OSFM and Bryant Pitchford, Littleton Fire Department

Materials Needed: Note taking items

Schedule: Saturday, February 24, 1pm - 5pm

Basic Hose Handling for the New Firefighter – 8 Hours

This 1 day class will provide students the opportunity to learn some of the "Nozzle Forward" techniques. Students will learn about and use of different types of nozzles, loading and deploying different types of handlines, as well as handling and advancing these handlines in different scenarios.

Instructor: Grant Walker, Captain Elizabeth City Fire Department

Materials Needed: Full Turnout Gear

Schedule: Saturday, February 24, 8am - 5pm

Basic Pumps – 16 Hours

This class serves as an introductory to basic pumps in the fire service. In class, students will be exposed to nursing operations, drafting operations, hydrant operations and relay pumping.

This hand-on class will enable students to charge 1 or 2 lines and maintain a water supply.

Instructor: Jonathan Boyce, Battalion Chief Elizabeth City Fire Department

Materials Needed: Full Turnout Gear

Schedule: Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25, 8am - 5pm

Beyond the Fire – 12 Hours

In this class the students will learn the importance of the additional functions beyond fire attack required on the fireground. This is real world street strategies and tactics geared toward volunteer departments that may not have a designated Ladder or Ladder Truck Company. This class will go over the importance of Ladder Functions and Techniques dealing with Forcible Entry, Utility Shutoffs, Search Techniques, Ground Ladders and Ventilation.

Instructor: Steven Murray, Captain Elizabeth City Fire Department

Materials Needed: Full Turnout Gear

Schedule: Saturday, February 24, 8am - 5pm; Sunday, February 25, 8am - 12pm



Class Descriptions

Chief 101 – 8 Hours

This certification-related course is designed to apprise chief officers of the various aspects and complexities surrounding the operations and organization of North Carolina Fire departments. Emphasis will be placed on ratings and inspections, NFIRS reporting, prevention and relief funds, grant programs, basic line of duty death information, various state associations, and an overview of chief officer expectations in North Carolina. This class will satisfy the 9S insurance inspection criteria as specified by the North Carolina Administrative Code.

Instructor: Barry Overman, NC OFSM

Materials Needed: Note taking items

Schedule: Saturday, February 24, 8am - 5pm

Emergency Vehicle Driver – 20 Hours

This course deals with the safe operation of emergency vehicles, driving skills, legal implications of emergency driving, departmental standard operating procedures, and abilities to satisfy the key requirements of NFPA 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications (2017 edition).

Instructor: Chris Carver, Fire Chief Elizabeth City Fire Department

Materials Needed: Turnout gear, or dress for weather

Schedule: Friday, February 23, 6pm - 10pm; Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25, 8am - 5pm

Haz-Mat Ops – 40 Hours

This course is designed to cover initial response objectives to a hazardous materials incident. This block will present the candidate with the knowledge, skills, and ability to satisfy the requirements of OSHA 1910.120 and Chapter 4, 5, 6.2, and 6.6 of NFPA 1072: Standard for Hazardous Materials/ Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications (2017 edition).

Instructor: Jason Sample, Valhalla Fire Training

Materials Needed: Full Turnout Gear

Schedule: Friday, February 23, 6:30pm - 10:30pm; February 24 and February 25, 8am - 5pm; March 1, 6:30pm - 10:30pm; March 2 and 3, 8am - 5pm

College of The Albemarle Parental Acknowledgment Form for Fire and Rescue Training

I _____ (Parent/Guardian Name) give permission for my child _____ (Student Name) who is 16 or 17 years old and is a member of a bona fide fire department as defined in NC G.S. 58-86-25 or a bona fide rescue squad as defined in NC G.S. 58-86-30 to participate in fire and rescue classes offered by the College of The Albemarle. I understand that my child is allowed to participate in these classes per NC G.S. 95-25-5. (n). I understand that my child will be participating in fire and rescue activities to include, but not limited to, the following:

- Climbing and operating at heights over ten (10) feet.
- Operating power tools to include, but not limited to chainsaws, cutoff saws, saw alls, hydraulic cutting and pushing equipment and similar fire and rescue equipment.
- Operate cutting torches.
- Wearing and operating in self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
- Removing and replacing equipment and tools from trucks.
- Operating from a roof structure or simulated roof prop using tools and power equipment.

I also understand that my child may participate in live fire training evolutions in an engineered burn building, but may not participate in live fire evolutions inside or upon acquired structures, in accordance with the College of The Albemarle's live burn policy.

The College of The Albemarle supports local fire and rescue agencies in their attempt to build the future of their organization. As a result, 16 and 17 years old who hold membership in a volunteer fire department or rescue squad are eligible for admission to fire and rescue courses. However, the college reserves the right to restrict enrollment to courses of a non-hazardous nature.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Fire/Rescue Chief: _____ Date: _____

Department Name: _____

**COA - Division of Workforce Development &
Continuing Education Student Registration Form**
(Form may be reproduced)

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|--|-------|---|
| Social Security # | | |
| Last | First | MI |
| Address | | |
| City | State | Zip |
| Home Phone | | Work Phone |
| Department Name | | Title/Rank |
| County of Residence | | Date of Birth |
| Gender? <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | NC Resident? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| US Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Employed Full-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Employed Part-Time |
| Race? <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Am. Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | Highest Grade Completed? <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> GED <input type="checkbox"/> Associates <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| Date | | |
| Signature | | |
| E-Mail | | |

Course Preferences: (Number your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Choice)

- _____ **Attributes of Leading**
- _____ **Basic Hose Handling for the New Firefighter**
- _____ **Basic Pumps**
- _____ **Beyond the Fire**
- _____ **Chief 101**
- _____ **Emergency Vehicle Driver**
- _____ **Haz-Mat Ops**
- _____ **Leadership So Everyone Goes Home**
- _____ **RIT: Back to Basics**
- _____ **Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations**
- _____ **The Firefighters Role at EMS Calls, Back to the Basics of Basic Life Support**
- _____ **TR Ropes Mechanical Advantages**
- _____ **TR Ropes Rescue Ops**

Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students should make first, second, and third course choices on their registration forms. Every effort will be made to accommodate the student's choices. Firefighters under the age of 18, but who are at least 16 years of age, must complete the High School Release Form and Parental Acknowledgment Form that are in this booklet. **No registrations will be accepted or reserved over the phone!**

You should complete the registration form in this booklet and return to the address below by **February 6th** to help ensure your course selections. However, late or walk-in registrations will be accepted on a space availability basis.

REGISTRATION FEES: All Classes – \$25 per student who is a member of any N.C. Fire/Rescue, EMS and Law agency. Non-members will be charged an additional \$70 registration fee. Include payment with registration forms.

Make all checks payable to and mail to: COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE, Workforce Development & Career Readiness, PO Box 2327, Elizabeth City, NC 27906-2327

For Information, call Billy Bass at 252-333-0476 (cell) or 252-335-0821 ext. 2518

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COA - Workforce Development
P.O. Box 2327, Elizabeth City, NC 27906-2327

*If more than one student is given permission to take the same course, their names may be listed below:

Class Descriptions

Leadership So Everyone Goes Home – 4 Hours

A course of the Everyone Goes Home Program of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation designed to assist in the reduction of LODD's utilizing a series of case studies. Each study will include what happened, why it happen, what could have avoided it, were safety measures available and used, and how we can prevent this in the future. The benefit of this program is the review of cultural change or adaptive challenge, rather than just enacting a technical fix, which in most cases does not work. A great program for senior officer and administrative officers. This is learning from actual incidents and will assist the chief level officer to define the tools to identify:

1. Issues that could lead to a line of duty death or serious injury.
2. How the death/injury occurred,
3. How it could have been prevented,
4. What steps,
5. Should a fire department take to reduce the possibly of experiencing this action.

Instructor: Tony Bailey, NC OSFM, and Bryant Pitchford, Littleton Fire Department

Materials needed: Note taking items

Schedule: Saturday, February 24, 8am - 12pm

RIT: Back to Basics – 16 Hours

This course will provide students the knowledge and skills necessary to perform while operating as a member of a RIT/RIC during fireground operations. This course will cover MAYDAY procedures, packaging of downed firefighters, diagnosing and correcting air emergencies, rescue and removal of downed firefighters from various IDLH environments. This is a Non-Certification hands-on class.

Instructor: Tyler Liebno, Captain Elizabeth City Fire Department

Materials Needed: Full Turnout Gear, Air pack and 2 Spare Bottles

Schedule: Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25, 8am - 5pm

Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations – 8 Hours

This 8hr interactive program focuses on initial company operations for the initial company officers on the fireground. There is a strong emphasis on identifying and implementing incident action plans from the initial company officer's perspective. The course will explore prioritizing strategy and tactics based on your own organization's response plan and resources whether you operate in a rural setting, a suburban setting, an urban setting, or any combination of settings. The course focuses on the initial actions on the fireground and how the initial actions can impact the incident outcome. Interactive scenarios will be used during the course to reinforce the critical skill of initial strategies and tactics. During these scenarios, artificial stressors will be used to challenge participants in the decision-making process. All this is done to not only practice command skills but to provide the participants with training ideas to take home with them to their own departments.

Instructor: Real Fire Training

Materials Needed: Note taking items

Schedule: Sunday, February 25, 8am - 5pm



Class Descriptions

The Firefighters Role at EMS Calls, Back to the Basics of Basic Life Support – 12 Hours

This course, entitled "The Firefighters Role at EMS Calls" with an emphasis on "Back to The Basics of Basic Life Support" will guide the Firefighters response to EMS calls inclusive of both Acute Medical & Trauma patients. From the new and upcoming Firefighter with little to no EMS experience, to the seasoned Fire Officer looking to refresh and recall their Medical & Trauma training, this course is for all experience levels. Instruction will be delivered through both lecture and hands-on formats, with a focus on student-involved learning. This course is not designed to debate current trends or personal beliefs or opinions, but rather, how to effectively treat and manage the acutely ill or injured patient, of all types.

Topics to be covered include, but are not limited to:

- E911, Responding, Approaching the EMS Incident & Basic Medical Terminology
- EMS Tiered Response/Signal 5, 6, 20, 32 & 50
- PPE, Tools & Equipment (Carried on Fire Apparatus)
- Priority Documentation
- Who is in Command?
- Rapid/Initial Triage (Red, Green, Yellow, Black)
- CPR/AED/First Aid/Blood Born Pathogens (Certification)
- Patient Assessment & Vital Signs & What are VITAL Signs?
- Cardiac Arrest & Pit-Crew Response
- Airway Management
- Chest Pain, Breathing Problems & Stroke
- High Acuity Trauma (MVC, GSW, Penetrating, Spinal Immobilization vs Extrication)
- Are pediatric patients just little people?
- Anaphylaxis
- Overdose & Naloxone
- Is the Patient Deceased?
- Ambulance Operations/Equipment & Crew Support & Helicopter Ops
- Dealing with the Grieving Bystander and False Hope
- Responder Wellness/Mental Health

Instructor: Joshua Smith, Elizabeth City Fire Department

Materials Needed: Note taking items, dress for the weather

Schedule: Friday, February 23, 6pm - 10pm; February 24, 8am - 5pm



Class Descriptions

TR Ropes Mechanical Advantages – 6 Hours

This class will present the Technical Rescuer with the correct techniques for the setup, operation, and function of different types of mechanical advantage systems used during rope rescue incidents.

Instructor: David Reed, Response Training Services

Materials Needed: Helmet, Gloves and Eye Protection

Schedule: Sunday, February 25, 8am - 3pm

TR Ropes Rescue Ops – 6 Hours

This class will present the Technical Rescuer with the requirements for pre-planning, scene size-up, and hazards assessment for incidents involving rope rescue. This class will also introduce the Technical Rescuer to applicable standards addressing rope rescue, PPE, accessory gear, rope software, and rope hardware.

Instructor: David Reed, Response Training Services

Materials Needed: Helmet, Gloves and Eye Protect

Schedule: Saturday, February 24, 8am - 3pm

Albemarle Firemen's Association Membership

Bertie County

- Aulander Fire Department
- Merry Hill Midway Fire Department
- Windsor Fire Department

Camden County

- South Camden Fire Department
- South Mills Fire Department

Chowan County

- Center Hill Cross Roads Fire Department
- Edenton Fire Department

Currituck County

- Crawford Fire Department •
- Lower Currituck Fire Department
- Moyock Fire Department

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- Gates Fire Department
- Gatesville Fire Department
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Hyde County

- Fairfield Fire Department
- Scranton Fire Department
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Pasquotank County

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- Winfall Fire Department

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- Tyrrell County Fire Department

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- Creswell Fire Department
- Lake Phelps Fire Department
- Mid-County Fire Department
- Plymouth Fire Department
- Roper Fire Department



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