



# COURSE CATALOG

**102nd Annual Fire School + Conference**

May 15-18, 2025 | Wenatchee, WA

Washington State Fire Fighters' Association



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# TED TALKS - THURSDAY, MAY 15

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## **Session 1 - 1000-1045 (choose one)**

- I'm Promoted or Want to be-Now What?
- The Role of the Training Officer
- Drons and the Fire Service
- Preparing for a WSRB Evaluation, what your Department Needs to Know

## **Session 2 - 1100-1145 (choose one)**

- A Fire Officer's Dozen- I'm Promoted Now What?
- The Role of the Training Officer
- Drons and the Fire Service
- Preparing for a WSRB Evaluation, what your Department Needs to Know
- WSFFA Benefits-Meet the Board

## **Session 3 - 1330-1700: Fully Involved Leadership, Mark VonAppen**

Leadership is a process that we can all put our own unique spin on. Here at FULLY INVOLVED, I see it as a course: learn, coach, lead, ignite, that is continually repeated throughout our career if we wish to maintain, and pass on, the passion for our craft. Nothing gives a coach, or teacher, greater satisfaction than seeing the people that they have worked with, standing behind them when they need support, and leading from the front when adversity arises, develop and eventually go on to do great things - watching them become leaders in their way - in the organization. That is what gives me the greatest sense of accomplishment, seeing people grow and become better than they thought they could be. Your leadership will be defined by the people that come through your firehouse, and who they become as a result of your teachings. Growth and forward progress are not possible without a mutual understanding of what the team goals are and how to achieve them. You must outline what your expectations are, you must establish a standard of performance, and hold yourself and others to that standard. The FULLY INVOLVED standard of performance: Do your job, treat people right, give all-out effort, and have an all-in attitude.



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## HANDS-ON TRAINING SERIES

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### ***Farm Medic (2-day class, Friday-Saturday)***

The FARMEDIC provider course is best described as technical rescue for the agriculture industry. We cover agricultural operations, their buildings, chemicals and pesticides, livestock, and the challenges of extrication from unique situations such as entrapment and engulfment.



### ***Live Fire, Back to the Basics (offered twice, Friday + Saturday)***



Back to the basics focus on the when, where, and how to apply your hose stream for maximum effectiveness in single and multi-room fires. Techniques focus on the stretch up and down stairways, determining the best location for attack line placement, and combating fire extension to include stretching, advancing, and flowing hose lines. Full PPE required including SCBA, a spare cylinder, and documentation of a current FIT test.

### ***Basic Vehicle Extrication (offered twice, Friday + Saturday)***

This class is for individuals with minimal to moderate extrication experience. The focus will be on patient care and look at the vehicle's construction and the best way to remove it from our patients. This is a hands-on class, with vehicles on wheels, side and roof. Full PPE required

### ***Aerial Operations (offered Friday only)***

This one day class will focus specifically on utilizing rope systems with aerials. We will be setting up various rope systems designed to reduce the loading and eliminate the potential for shock loading to your ladder or platform. A dynamometer will be utilized to measure real time force. We will have both a straight stick and platform apparatus available for the practical. The only PPE required will be a helmet and gloves.

***Intro to Thermal Imaging with Live Fire (offered twice, Friday + Saturday)***

This class will help students to be familiar with the NFPA 1801 - Standard on Thermal Imagers for the Fire Service and Training Fire Service Personnel in the Basic Fundamentals, Operation, Use and Maintenance of Thermal Imagers in compliance to NFPA 1408. And will help firefighters to better understand the basic theory and technology associated with thermal imaging which also includes limitations, and imager interpretation and misinterpretations.



***Ventilation - Why, When, Where, How (offered twice, Friday + Saturday)***



This one-day ventilation class will start with a short discussion covering the Why, When, Where, and How of ventilation. Following the discussion there will be hands on vertical ventilations training. Students will learn techniques for safe and effective rooftop operations. Cutting vent holes to relieve smoke and hot gasses improving the conditions for crews and victims below.

***Stairwell Hose Operations (offered twice, Friday + Saturday)***

Firefighter stairwell hose management and development, this class will focus on the proper techniques for handling and deploying fire hoses within a stairwell, including strategies for efficiently advancing the hose line, managing its movement around corners and landings, and ensuring safe and effective access to the fire location while navigating confined stairwell spaces.

***General Rope Rescue (offered Saturday only)***

This one day all hands on class will focus on the art of rope rescue. Scenarios will range from steep angle to high angle rope rescue to include discussion on Mail/Belay systems and Twin Tension. We will cover anchoring, mechanical advantage, high directionals utilizing the Vortex and belay methods. PPE will include a helmet, harness, gloves, and AZTEK kit if you have one. I will have extra gear if necessary. Expect short offsite travel.



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## LECTURE SERIES- - - - - X

### ***NFA - Fire Investigation for First Responders (2-day class, Friday-Saturday)***

This 2-day course covers a basic overview of a fire investigation for the first responder. Students will participate in a live lecture that will review the basics of fire chemistry and develop an understanding of the role of the first responder in relation to fire suppression and fire investigation. The course will stress the importance of fire scene awareness, evidence identification, preservation and the basics of fire chemistry. Students will develop an appreciation for the convergence of suppression, investigation, science and law.

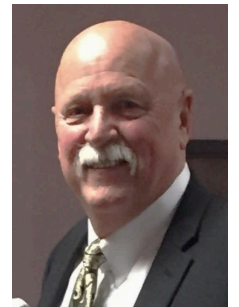


### ***Tactical Considerations for Building Construction (offered Friday only)***

It is impossible to be a competent Fire Officer without understanding the ‘anatomy’ of the structural fireground: Building Construction. Building construction will be analyzed and classified strategically (not from a fire code perspective). Included will be strategic and tactical alternatives for both legacy and contemporary buildings.

### ***Fire Station Leadership for the Shift Officer (offered twice, Friday + Saturday)***

This class is designed to allow the student to see leadership from various perspectives. The student will see these roles and responsibilities through the lens of the company officer relating to communications, problem solving, and decision making, with a focus on character issues.



### ***Wildland Engine Company Tactics “Attack from the Black” (offered twice, Friday + Saturday)***

A basic understanding of wildfire and the dynamics shaping its behavior is vital to successful suppression and the safety of responders. This one-day course will review the wildland fire triangle and explore initial attack strategies through group problem solving and sand table exercises.

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***Basic Fire Pumps (offered Friday only)***

This course is designed for firefighters who are interested in operating the pumps on their fire department. This class will cover the core competencies of the pump operator and review Fire Engine pumps and their related controls. Instructors lead discussion on types of pumps, pump controls, establishing water supply from draft and hydrants, establishing relay pumping operations, troubleshooting common problems, and placing lines in service. Upon completion of this course, the student will have a better understanding of how pumping apparatus work.

***First Due - A Road Map for Success (offered twice, Friday + Saturday)***

This class emphasizes the crucial first few minutes upon arrival at a fire, including performing a quick size-up, identifying the best access points, and deploying the initial hose line to combat the fire quickly.

***EVIP - Train the Trainer (offered Saturday only)***

This course will give the student the necessary tools to instruct an EVIP student class as part of the WFC's CDL exemption program in Washington State. Access to all necessary instructional materials and forms will be provided after course completion.

***Nailing the First Due Responsibilities (offered Saturday only)***

Using a First-Due Status Board and Passports, you will learn a quick and easy Four-Box process that will enable you to nail your first-due Fire Officer strategic responsibility. The first-due Four-Box process is standards-based and assures compliance with WAC 296-305-05000 and WAC 296-305-05002.



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## GENERAL SESSION - SUNDAY, MAY 18

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### ***"Creating the Culture" For Behavioral Health in the Fire Service - Tim W. Dietz***

Firefighter suicides have been on the rise. A shift in departmental culture could be the key to suicide and other stress injury prevention. This presentation looks into the need for providing tools to organizations and individuals to literally create stress resistance, resiliency and speed recovery from overwhelming events.

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