

Fire Protection (FIP)

FIP 120. Introduction to Fire Protection. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0.

Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course provides an overview of the development, methods, systems and regulations that apply to the fire protection field. Topics include history, evolution, statistics, suppression, organizations, careers, curriculum, and related subjects. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate a broad understanding of the fire protection field.

FIP 124. Fire Prevention & Public Education. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0.

Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course introduces fire prevention concepts as they relate to community and industrial operations referenced in NFPA standard 101. Topics include the development and maintenance of fire prevention programs, educational programs, and inspection programs. Upon completion, students should be able to research, develop, and present a fire safety program to a citizens or industrial group.

FIP 128. Detection and Investigation. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0.

Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course covers procedures for determining the origin and cause of accidental and incendiary fires referenced in NFPA standard 921. Topics include collection and preservation of evidence, detection and determination of accelerants, courtroom procedure and testimony, and documentation of the fire scene. Upon completion, students should be able to conduct a competent fire investigation and present those findings to appropriate officials or equivalent.

FIP 132. Building Construction. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0.

Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course covers the principles and practices reference in NFPA standard 220 related to various types of building construction, including residential and commercial, as impacted by fire conditions. Topics include types of construction and related elements, fire resistive aspects of construction materials, building codes, collapse, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to understand and recognize various types of construction and their positive or negative aspects as related to fire conditions.

FIP 136. Inspections and Codes. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0.

Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course covers the fundamentals of fire and building codes and procedures to conduct an inspection referenced in NFPA standard 1730. Topics include review of fire and building codes, writing inspection reports, identifying hazards, plan reviews, site sketches, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to conduct a fire code compliance inspection and produce a written report.

FIP 140. Industrial Fire Protection. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0.

Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course covers fire protection systems in industrial facilities referenced in NFPA standard 1. Topics include applicable health and safety standards, insurance carrier regulations, other regulatory agencies, hazards of local industries, fire brigade operation, and loss prevention programs. Upon completion, students should be able to plan and evaluation an industrial facility's fire protection program.

FIP 146. Fire Protection Systems. 4.0 Credits. Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0.

Lab-2.0. Work-0.0

This course introduces various types of automatic sprinklers, standpipes, fire alarm systems, and fixed and portable extinguishing systems referenced in NFPA standard 25, including their operation, installation, and maintenance. Topics include wet and dry systems, testing and maintenance, water supply requirements, fire detection and alarm systems, including application, testing, and maintenance of Halon, carbon dioxide, dry chemical, and special extinguishing agents utilized in fixed and portable systems. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of sprinkler and alarm systems, both fixed and portable, including appropriate application, operation, inspection, and maintenance requirements.

FIP 152. Fire Protection Law. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0.

Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course covers fire protection law as referenced in NFPA standard 1. Topics include legal terms, contracts, liability, review of case histories, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to discuss laws, codes, and ordinances as they relate to fire protection.

FIP 220. Fire Fighting Strategies. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0.

Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course provides preparation for command of initial incident operations involving emergencies within both the public and private sector referenced in NFPA standards 1561, 1710, and 1720. Topics include incident management, fire-ground tactics and strategies, incident safety, and command/control of emergency operations. Upon completion, students should be able to describe the initial incident system as it relates to operations involving various emergencies in fire and non-fire situations.

FIP 221. Advanced Fire Fighting Strategies. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0.

Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course covers command-level operations for multi-company/agency operations involving fire and non-fire emergencies. Topics include advanced use of the Incident Command System (ICS), advanced incident analysis, command-level fire operations, and control of both man made and natural major disasters. Upon completion, students should be able to describe proper and accepted systems for the mitigation of emergencies at the level of overall scene command.

Prerequisites: Take FIP 220

FIP 224. Fire Instructor I & II. 4.0 Credits. Class-4.0. Clinical-0.0.

Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course covers the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to train others in fire service operations. Topics include planning, presenting, and evaluating lesson plans, learning styles, use of media, communication, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to meet the requirements of the Fire Instructor I and II objectives from National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1041.

FIP 226. Fire Officer I & II. 4.0 Credits. Class-4.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0.

Work-0.0

This course covers the knowledge, skills, and requirements referenced in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1021 for Fire Officer I and II training. Topics include officer roles and responsibilities, budgets, fire cause determination, inspections, education, leadership, management, public relations, and other requirements included in the NFPA standard. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of relevant NFPA standards as required for state Fire Officer I and II certification.

FIP 228. Local Government Finance. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course introduces local governmental financial principles and practices. Topics include budget preparation and justification, revenue policies, statutory requirements, audits, and the economic climate. Upon completion, students should be able to comprehend the importance of finance as it applies to the operations of a department.

FIP 229. Fire Dynamics and Combustion. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course covers the theories and fundamentals of how and why fires start and spread, and how they are safely controlled referenced in NFPA standard 1001. Topics include components of fire, fire sources, fire behavior, properties of combustible solids, classification of hazards, and the use of fire extinguishing agents. Upon completion, students should be able to describe the properties of matter and dynamics of fire, identify fuel sources, and compare suppressants and extinguishment techniques.

FIP 230. Chemistry of Hazardous Materials I. 5.0 Credits. Class-5.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course covers the evaluation of hazardous materials referenced in NFPA standard 1072. Topics include use of the periodic table, hydrocarbon derivatives, placards and labels, parameters of combustion, and spill and leak mitigation. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate knowledge of the chemical behavior of hazardous materials.

FIP 231. Chemistry of Hazardous Materials II. 5.0 Credits. Class-4.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-2.0. Work-0.0

This course covers hazardous materials characterization, properties, location, handling and response guidelines, hazard survey principles, and other related topics referenced in NFPA standard 1072. Topics include radiation hazards, instruments, inspections, and detection of the presence of hazardous materials in industrial/commercial occupancies. Upon completion, students should be able to inspect chemical/radioactive sites and use on-site visits to gasoline and/or LPG storage facilities/chemical plants to develop a pre-plan.

Prerequisites: Take FIP 230

FIP 240. Fire Service Supervision. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course covers supervisory skills and practices in the fire protection field. Topics include the supervisor's job, supervision skills, the changing work environment, managing change, organizing for results, discipline and grievances, and safety. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of effective fire service supervision, meeting elements of NFPA 1021.

FIP 248. Fire Service Personnel Administration. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course covers the basics of setting up and administering the personnel functions of fire protection organizations referenced in NFPA standard 1021. Emphasis is placed on human resource planning, classification and job analysis, equal opportunity employment, affirmative action, recruitment, retention, development, performance evaluation, and assessment centers. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate knowledge of the personnel function as it relates to managing fire protection.

FIP 256. Municipal Public Relations. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course is a general survey of municipal public relations and their effect on the governmental process referenced in NFPA standard 1035. Topics include principles of public relations, press releases, press conferences, public information officers, image surveys, and the effects of perceived service on fire protection delivery. Upon completion, students should be able to manage public relations functions of organizations which meet elements of NFPA 1021 for Fire Officer I and II.

FIP 276. Managing Fire Services. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course provides an overview of fire department operative services referenced in NFPA standard 1021. Topics include finance, staffing, equipment, code enforcement, management information, specialized services, legal issues, planning, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to understand concepts and apply fire department management and operations principles.

FIP 277. Fire and Social Behavior. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course covers fire-related aspects of human behavior, with an emphasis on research and a systems approach to human-behavior analysis. Topics include identification of populations and structures at high risk, evaluation of systems models, and use of computer models to predict human behavior during fires. Upon completion, students should be able to identify and anticipate human behavior in response to various residential, commercial, board-and-care facility, and wildland/rural fire events.