



ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE

CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER: BLOCK 1 SYLLABUS FSC 106A 40 CLOCK HOURS

Prerequisite(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrance requirements set out in NFPA 1001 • 18 years of age <p>Prior to Certification as a Volunteer Fire Fighter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Pro Board or IFSAC) Certified Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations
Course Description	<p>This course is based on <i>NFPA 1001: Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications</i>. The Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter Block courses prepare the student for the Volunteer Fire Fighter State Certification Examination. The course is highly structured to provide academic information through a series of lectures and demonstrations augmented with visual aids. Practical skills are developed with a specified degree of proficiency through selected manipulative evolutions. Specific subject topics covered in Volunteer Fire Fighter Block 1 include orientation and fire service, fire department communications, NIMS, fire behavior, fire fighter safety and health, personal protective equipment, SCBA, portable fire extinguishers, water supply, fire hose, fire streams. This course is recommended for all Volunteer Fire Fighters.</p>
Student Learning Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate the response to a reported emergency. • Receive a business or personal telephone call. • Transmit and receive messages via the fire department radio. • Use SCBA during emergency operations. • Respond on apparatus to an emergency scene. • Operate in established work areas at emergency scenes. • Force entry into a structure. • Exit a hazardous area as a team. • Set up ground ladders. • Attack a passenger vehicle fire operating as a member of a team. • Extinguish fires in exterior Class A materials. • Conduct a search and rescue in a structure operating as a member of a team. • Attack an interior structure fire, operating as a member of a team. • Perform horizontal ventilation on a structure, operating as part of a team. • Perform vertical ventilation on a structure as part of a team. • Overhaul a fire scene. • Conserve property as a member of a team. • Connect a fire department pumper to a water supply as a member of a team. • Extinguish incipient Class A, Class B, and Class C fires. • Illuminate the emergency scene. • Turn off building utilities. • Combat a ground cover fire operating as a member of a team. • Perform a fire safety survey in a private dwelling. • Present fire safety information to station visitors or small groups. • Clean and check ladders, ventilation equipment, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), ropes, salvage equipment, and hand tools. • Clean, inspect, and return fire hose to service.
Required textbook and Course Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u><i>Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations, IFSTA, 6th Edition</i></u> • <u><i>2016 Emergency Response Guidebook</i></u> <p><u>Other Required Equipment:</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFPA compliant turnout gear • SCBA and spare bottle • PASS device <p>*Mandatory Requirement: Complete and Submit JPRs: 3-1, 6-1, 6-2, 15-2, 15-12 prior to testing*</p>
Reading Prior to Arrival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Textbook material suggested
Daily Activities and Class Participation	This course will involve discussion, questions and answers on the materials, and case studies. Class participation is expected from all students.
Basis	Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission, Administrative Code, Chapter 360-X-2-.01: Requirements for Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter
Certification Requirements	To be issued certification, the candidate will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide documentation of prerequisites. • complete required training hours including skills training. • successfully complete cognitive written exam. • successfully complete practical exam.
Grade Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Examination: Perform to a minimum 70% competency on the examination, calculated at 50% of the final score for the course. (One retest is allowed after 30 days but within one year of course end date.) • Practical Examination (if applicable): Successfully complete a skills/project evaluation to a minimum of 70% competency and successful completion of all critical points. Evaluators will test at least 25% of the skills for each level of skill sheets. Skill sheets will be randomly selected by AFC Certification Unit for this practical examination. The Practical Examination Portion is calculated at 50% of the final score. (One retest is allowed after 30 days but within one year of course end date.) <p>Example:</p> <p>Written examination - 70/100 possible points 70 x 50% = 35 points awarded for written exam portion</p> <p>Practical/project - 40/100 possible points 40 x 50% = 20 points awarded for practical portion</p> <p>Total Points = 55 points (student awarded F, score not 70%>)</p>
Accreditation	Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission maintains accreditation with the Pro Board and IFSAC. Each student will automatically receive national registration and certification upon successful completion of all requirements for certification.
Contact Information	<p>Link: Alabama Fire College Website 1-800-241-2467</p> <p>Link: Alabama Fire College Bookstore Website 1-866-984-3545</p>
Academic Misconduct	Academic misconduct or dishonesty, such as cheating and plagiarism, is not permitted in class. Suspected cases of academic misconduct will be reported to the Executive Director. Conduct detrimental to the fire service, on or off campus, will not be tolerated. AFC will investigate any complaints. If a complaint is valid, the student will be dismissed and his/her agency will be notified.
Attendance Policy	<p>Attendance will be recorded at every class or lab meeting at the beginning of class and after long breaks for required hours. For a week-long certification course, students are required to attend all sessions to obtain certification. For VA students, it is especially important because they will receive benefits only for those days in attendance.</p> <p>Special Policy: Fire Fighter I/II: Students are expected to attend all classes. Failure to appear in class for a scheduled activity will be considered an absence unless prior permission is received from the instructor. For any absence to be excused and makeup work to be allowed, it must be accompanied by a written description of extenuating circumstances.</p> <p>No-Show: Students who have registered for a fee-waived or stipend course and fail to withdraw according to Alabama Fire College withdrawal policy will not be allowed to register for another fee-waived or stipend course for a period of one year.</p> <p>Department Delivery: To qualify to attend department delivery courses, students must be Alabama residents or a member of an Alabama fire department.</p>
Tardiness	Students must adhere to class schedules. Students are required to be punctual for all classes and class activities. Classes will begin promptly at the scheduled time unless specific instructions are given otherwise.
Safety	Safety of the students is a top priority for Alabama Fire College. Students must adhere to safety regulations while attending a class at the Fire College. Safety instructions are posted in every classroom, as well as escape routes and tornado actions.

Quality Enhancement Plan	An evaluation form will be provided for each student at the end of the course. Students may use this evaluation form as a means of communicating their opinion of the overall course, course content, instructor, and facilities.					
Course Schedule	<i>Suggested course schedule</i>					
	Chap	Subject	Required Hours	Skill Sheet #	Skills/JPR Reference (NFPA 1001)	
	1	Orientation & Fire Service History	2			
	3	FD Communications; NIMS	2	3-1(M); 3-2	5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3	
	5	Fire Behavior	2			
	2	FF Safety & Health	2	2-1,	5.3.2, 5.3.3	
	6	FF PPE	4	6-1(M)	5.1.2, 5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.3.3	
	6	FF SCBA	4	6-2(M), 6-3, 6-4, 6-5, 6-6	5.2.4, 5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.3.9, 5.5.1	
	7	Portable Fire Extinguishers	4	7-1,	5.3.16	
	14	Water Supply	4	15-12	5.3.15	
	15	Fire Hose	8	15-1; 15-2(M); 15-3; 15-4; 15-5; 15-6; 15-7; 15-8; 15-9; 15-10; 15-11; 15-12(M); 15-13; 15-14	5.3.10, 5.3.15, 5.5.2	
	16	Fire Streams	8			
	TOTAL BLOCK I HRS		40			
	<i>The schedule is subject to change.</i>					