

ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE

AND PERSONNEL STANDARDS & EDUCATION COMMISSION



COURSE SYLLABUS

Rapid Intervention Crew Member

FSC 239

40 clock hours

PREREQUISITES

- (Pro Board or IFSAC) Certified Fire Fighter I **OR** Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter
- High School Diploma/GED

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS

- **Alabama Fire College: *Fire Service Rapid Intervention Crews***
Required Equipment:
 - NFPA Compliant turn-out gear
 - SCBA with spare bottle
 - PASS device
 - Knee Pads and Elbow Pads (optional)
 - Any other equipment typically carried on the body during normal firefighting activities

DESCRIPTION

This course is based on NFPA 1407: *Standard for Training Fire Service Rapid Intervention Crews*. The course familiarizes students with the rapid intervention crew concept and gives them the tools to develop or enhance rapid intervention crew programs. Rapid intervention should be considered by any emergency response organization whose personnel enter environments that can place their lives and health in immediate danger. All emergency responders and personnel who may act as Incident Commanders at emergency incidents should be familiar with rapid intervention concepts, so they can effectively use this risk management tool.

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Pre-plan for Rapid Intervention Crews according to applicable codes and standards and understanding the need for Rapid Intervention on the fire ground.
- Understand the Rapid Intervention Crew concept including crew composition, tasks, RIC equipment, RIC deployment, operations, and factors limiting RIC operations.
- Explain and demonstrate fire fighter rescue techniques including vertical lifts using ropes and pike poles and vertical lowering techniques using ropes and ladders.
- Perform fire fighter survival skills and MAYDAY situations.

ACCREDITATION

Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission maintains accreditation with Pro Board and IFSAC. Each student will automatically receive national registration and certification upon successful completion of all requirements for certification.

COURSE SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Day One:	Introductions, Lecture on Chapters 1-12
Day Two:	Complete lecture on Chapters 1-12: Firefighter Survival, Drags and Carries, UAC Familiarization
Day Three:	Tag Line Searches, Incident Simulations, Drill Field Evolutions
Day Four:	Incident Simulations, Drill Field Evolutions
Day Five:	Final Scenario and Skills Testing, Survey, Certification Examination

GRADE ASSESSMENT

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Perform to a minimum 70% competency on the examination,
(One retest is allowed after 30 days but within one year of course end date.)

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

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. Skill sheets to be tested will be randomly selected by AFC Certification Unit for the practical examination. (One retest is allowed after 30 days but within one year of course end date.)