

# ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE

## AND PERSONNEL STANDARDS & EDUCATION COMMISSION



### COURSE SYLLABUS

**Volunteer Fire Fighter:**

**FSC 106A**

**40 clock hours**

### Module I

#### PREREQUISITES

- 18 years of age
- Physical Statement - [AFC & PSEC Form 05](#)

Prior to Certification as a Volunteer Fire Fighter:

- (Pro Board or IFSAC) Certified Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations

#### REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS

- [IFSTA: Essentials of Fire Fighting, 7th Edition](#)

#### Required Equipment:

- NFPA Compliant Turnout Gear
- SCBA and Spare Bottle
- PASS Device

#### DESCRIPTION

This course is based on NFPA 1001: *Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications*. The Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter Module 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 Module I include: Intro to Fire Service and Firefighter Safety, Communications, Building Construction, Fire Dynamics, and Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment. This course is recommended for all Volunteer Fire Fighters.

\*This is a physically demanding course which requires students to be in good physical condition.

#### STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 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.

#### CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be issued certification, the candidate will: provide documentation of prerequisites, complete required training hours including skills training, successfully complete the cognitive written exam, and successfully complete the practical exam.

#### 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)

The Instructor will provide students with a daily schedule prior to the start of class each day and as noted this schedule is subject to change at any time at the Instructor's discretion.

#### 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.)