

# Northeast District Firefighters Association

## Spring Fire School

### March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Host: Aberdeen Rural Fire Department, Aberdeen SD  
School will be held at the Aberdeen Civic Arena (ARCC)  
(Former Aberdeen Central complex)

203 S. Washington Street

Registration 0730-0830

Intro and Safety 0830-0900

Classes 0900-1200

Lunch 1200-1300

District Meeting 1230-1300

Classes 1300-1600

Class cost \$30

On-Line Registration will be available through SDDFA website.

#### **Controlling the CHAOS** (6-hours)

The fireground can be very dynamic. Whether volunteer or career, it is important that all firefighters have a strong understanding of the job. We all have a role in tactical decisions, accountability, risk reduction and managing the incident. This class is a next step progression for firefighters that may fill a future role as fire service leaders or currently serve as department officers. The class will discuss various incidents and topics will include Scene size-ups, fire behavior, smoke conditions, strategies and tactics, water supply, utilization of outside resources and a strong incident command system. There will be a radio exercise and radios will be provided.

This will be an interactive learning opportunity to discuss various ideas and review traditional incident response plans.

*Prerequisite – None, No class limit*

*Open to all ranks*

*Instructor: JR Huebner, Battalion Chief/Paramedic/Instructor at Aberdeen Fire and Rescue.*

#### **SCBA Confidence Course** (6-hours)

This course is designed to give the firefighter the confidence to successfully deal with situations that may be encountered in a fire situation. Firefighters will practice using the SCBA and will increase comfort and confidence to relate to real-life situations. Students will also gain information about air management

**\*\*Participants will need to have full structural gear and functional SCBA (extra cylinder is recommended). SCBA bottles will be able to be filled at Aberdeen Fire and Rescue (across the street from school venue) \*\***

**Class size limited to 20**

*This is a strenuous activity course.*

*Prerequisite-None*

*Instructors: Chris Holmes, FF/Instructor, Aberdeen Rural Fire Department*

*Kent Warrey, FF/EMT/Instructor, Aberdeen Fire and Rescue and Aberdeen Rural Fire Department*

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### **Strategy and Tactics for Rural and Suburban Departments** (6-hours)

This class will help the experienced firefighter make tactical decisions throughout an incident. This class will also focus on building construction and water supply considerations in rural and suburban departments. If you are an experienced firefighter or new officer within your organization, this class may be a good fit for you.

*Prerequisite: None, No class limit.*

*Geared toward the experienced firefighter, but open to all ranks.*

*Instructor: Mike Eliason, Lieutenant/EMT/Instructor, Aberdeen Fire and Rescue*

### **Electric Vehicle Awareness** (3-hours, AM and PM class offered)

Electric vehicles are becoming more visible on our highways and roadways. We as responders need to be aware of how to handle an emergency that involves these vehicles. This course will help responders identify these vehicles and be aware of emergency situations that may involve electric vehicles. Instructors are working to secure some EV's to provide visual inspections.

*Prerequisite – None, Class Limit: 20 in each session*

*Open to all ranks.*

*Instructors: Stuart Donaldson, Captain/Instructor with Aberdeen Rural Fire Department and a Firefighter/Paramedic/Instructor with Aberdeen Fire and Rescue.*

*Trent Anderson, Lieutenant/Instructor with Aberdeen Fire and Rescue and Firefighter/EMT with Groton Fire and Rescue.*

### **EMS Incident Command** (3-hour morning session only)

This course is designed to broaden your command skills and understand where EMS fits into a large-scale incident. This course is open to anyone but will have focus on the stand-alone EMS agencies that work with but are not part of Fire Departments.

*Prerequisite: None, but having ICS100, ICS200, NIMS700 would be a plus, No Class limit*

*Open to all ranks.*

*Instructor: Kyle Moser, SD Deputy State Fire Marshal, Firefighter/EMT/Instructor with Warner FD/Rescue Squad, Leola FD, and Leola Ambulance, SDEMSEA District IV training officer.*

### **Basic Ropes Class** (6-hour class)

This course is designed to get participants more familiar with ropes and rigging. This course will help you understand knots, rigging systems, harnesses, and everything else rope related.

Students will come away with a better knowledge of how to perform basic rope operations and be ready to assist a technical rescue team when they arrive on one of these complex scenes.

*Prerequisites: None, but an understanding of knots and completion of a SD Certified FF class would be a plus.*

*\*\*Harness, helmet, gloves, and safety glasses are needed to attend this course\*\**

*Open to all ranks. Class size limited to 20*

*Lead Instructor: Keith Sharisky, Training Section Chief/Instructor with Aberdeen Fire and Rescue.*

### **Report writing** (3-hour class morning only)

This course is designed to help those officers who enter NFIRS reports into the state system. Please bring a laptop or tablet with a keyboard to this class. This class is interactive and will walk you through the reporting steps.

*Prerequisite: None but would be helpful to be the person or persons who enters these reports.*

*Instructor: Doug Hinkle, SD Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal, FF/EMT/Instructor with Pierre Fire Department and Fire Chief of Pierre Rural Fire Department.*

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### **Fire Service and EMS roundtable** (3-hour class afternoon only)

This course will be an open discussion about any issues that you or your fire department or EMS service is facing. With the number of demands that are placed on our responders daily, we must communicate with each other and share ideas that might help your neighbors. Focused conversation will be about the generation challenges that we face within our departments, training opportunities for both Fire and EMS, and any other discussion that is brought to the table. We will also touch on some of the resources that are available to new Fire Chiefs and EMS leaders.

*Prerequisites: None, except bring discussion to the group.*

*Moderators: Doug Hinkle and Kyle Moser*

**\*\*Lunch is included with your registration and will be at the school venue\*\***

**\*\*Please check the Events tab on the SD Firefighters web page to sign up\*\***

**\*\*EMS hours will be available for all classes\*\***

[Home - South Dakota Firefighters Association \(sdfirefighters.org\)](http://sdfirefighters.org)

Pre-registration is not required, but will be helpful, as this school has seen upwards of 80 participants the last 2 years.

Please contact any of the district officers if you have any questions. Below you will find contact info.

*This school is going to be tremendous, with the number of awesome classes that we have, put on by some of the best instructors that our region has to offer will make for a "Can't miss" spring school. Mark your calendars and make plans for you and members of your department to attend this fantastic day of training. This district school has been very well attended in recent years and we hope to see you all in Aberdeen on March 25<sup>th</sup>.*

*Aberdeen Rural Fire Department is the host department for this school and has been working hard to prepare for a big event.*

*Contact anyone below if you have any questions*

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