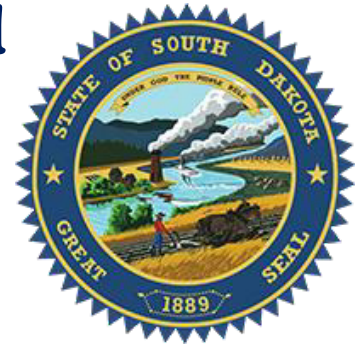


2024

State Fire School

June 13-14-15



South Dakota Firefighters Association

Lake Area Technical College

Watertown Fire Rescue

**South Dakota Firefighters Auxiliary
and**

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History of SDFA and State Fire School

The South Dakota Firefighters Association, Incorporated, was established by South Dakota Codified Law 9-17-6, as a public state institution in the early 1900s.

The firefighters of South Dakota have been participating in statewide training conventions, tournaments, and schools since 1884. The first South Dakota Firefighters Association convention was held in Aberdeen. The annual convention was held for every year, except 1899 & 1918.

In 1930, the annual convention was converted to State Fire School, offering training opportunities with the latest techniques, equipment, and apparatus of the time. Since then, State Fire School has continued every year, except 2020, and has been hosted at different locations throughout the state.

Today, the South Dakota Firefighters Association continues to uphold that established purpose to the fire and rescue service agencies and their members. There are approximately 8300 firefighters in South Dakota, with an estimated 7800 being volunteer.

All with the continued spirit to help those that need it, the best we can.



South Dakota State Fire School 2024 Schedule

Most events will be at the Lake Area Technical College (LATC), 1201 Arrow Avenue
*schedule may be subject to change; be aware of updates *

Thursday, June 13th

- 9:00 – 3:00 – Tradeshow set-up – LATC Student Services Center (SSC)
- 3:00 -- Registration & Vendor Show open
- 5:30 – Registration & Vendor Show closes
- 5:30 -- Instructor Meeting – LATC (TBA)
- 6:00 – Watertown Thursday Night Live Events - Downtown
- Supper on your own – 3rd St SE, E Kemp Ave intersection



Friday, June 14th

- 7:00 -- Registration Opens – LATC
- 7:30 – Opening Remarks & Membership Meeting – LATC SSC Events Center**
- 8:00 – Tradeshow Opens
- 8:30 – Classes begin
- After 11:30 -- Dinner – (schedule may vary by class) – food on-site – SSC Commons
- 1:00 – Classes Resume after dinner
- 5:00 – Registration and Tradeshow Closes
- 5:30 – Firefighters Memorial Service – LATC Events Center**
- Supper on your own



Saturday, June 15th

- 7:30 – Registration & Vendor Show Opens
- 8:30 - Classes Begin
- 11:00 – Election polls open**
- After 11:30 – Dinner –
- 12:00 -- Tradeshow closes
- 1:00 – Classes resume after dinner
- 2:00 – Election polls close
- Upon completion of last class – Closing Ceremonies / Membership meeting / Awards**
- LATC Events Center (approx. 430pm)



School Area Map and General Information

Lake Area Technical College is located at 1201 Arrow Avenue in Watertown.



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Class listing & rooms

- 1 PRAIRIE LAKES HEALTHCARE CENTER OF LEARNING**
Anatomy Lab, Community Health Worker, Dental Assisting, Med/Fire Rescue, Medical Assisting, Medical Lab Technician, Mount Marty University, OTA, Photo/Media, PTA, Nursing, Test Center
- 2 BUILDING 200**
Business, Center for Student Life: The NET, Counseling, Department of Labor Job Services, Diversity, Esports, Financial Services, Leonard Timmerman Library, Retention Coordinator, Student Activities
- 3 BUILDING 300**
Cosmetology, Inspire Salon & Spa, MakerSpace
- 4 STUDENT SERVICES CENTER**
Academics, Administration, Admissions, Campus Event Center, Conference Rooms, Market 65 Food Services, Mind Grind Coffee Shop, Stax Bookstore
- 5 BUILDING 500**
Business Offices, Campus Accounts, Computer Information Systems, Conference Room, Financial Aid, Foundation, Help Desk, Information Technology Center, Institutional Research, Registrar, Theaters
- 6 CUSTOM PAINT & FABRICATION**
Custom Paint & Fabrication
- 7 AUTOMOTIVE & CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY CENTER**
Automotive Technology, Building Trades Technology, **Main Entrances**

Most classes will be held in the Student Services Center (SSC) Building sections 100, 200, 700

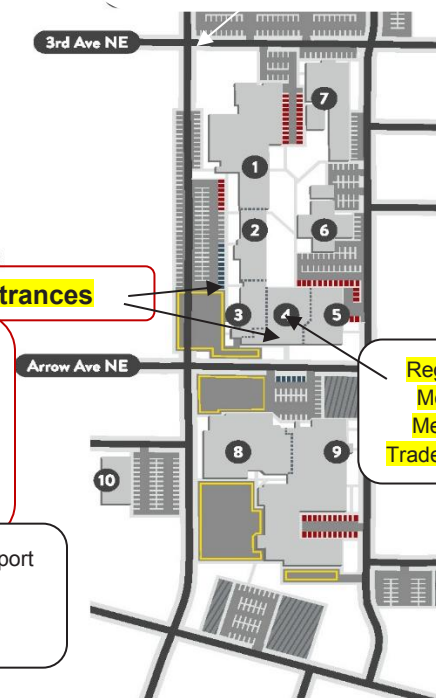
Meetings and Memorial 400 upper level

Aviation Class at LATC Aviation Facility at the airport
2600 Boeing Ave (& Cessna Street)

Watertown Training Site
500 Golf Course Road (County Road 12)
1) SCBA; 2) Rope Rescue;
3) Truckless Truckie
4) Flashover burn trailer will start at LATC and move to Training site
Limited parking – car pool

Registration Meetings, Memorial & Tradeshow area

Vehicle Extrication at
Performance Towing
(south of Walmart)
1402 26th Street SE
Limited parking – car pool



The registration area, vendors, and a majority of the courses and activities will be centered in, or around the LATC facilities.

Some classes will be off-site at the Watertown Fire Rescue training site, LATC Aviation building at the airport, Performance Towing, and WFD Station 1.

The Membership Meetings and Memorial Service will be at the Events Center at LATC Building 400 upper level.

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Welcome to the 139th S DFA Membership Meeting and 138th State Fire School

The South Dakota Firefighters Association Board of Directors welcome all of you to Watertown and Lake Area Technical College for the 2024 State Fire School.

LATC and Watertown Fire Rescue and the businesses of Watertown are looking forward to the return of Fire School and the firefighters of South Dakota.

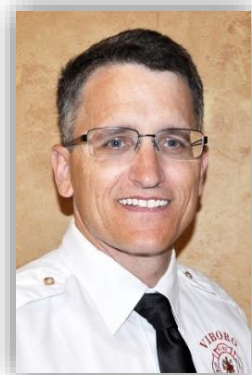
Being at the same location makes for efficiency in planning, adjustments, and new ideas in providing meaningful training to our attendees.

We try to provide reliable favorites, new ideas, and something for all levels of experience. Whether you are learning something brand new or taking it for a refresher, we want you to have the knowledge, skills, and ability to perform the most effective and safest way with your department capabilities. Hopefully you won't need to use, but glad you'll know how.

Thank You to Watertown Fire and Rescue and LATC personnel for the pre-planning arrangements for fire school. When you see someone from Watertown Fire or LATC, be sure to express your appreciation to them. We are looking forward to continue working with LATC and Watertown for future fire schools.

Although it can be limited, time for socialization and enjoyment with friends outside the classroom is equally important. Introduce yourself to someone new and try to greet each other throughout the weekend.

We're firefighters. You'll always have something to talk about.



It is always enjoyable to visit with old friends and acquaintances and meet new sisters and brothers in fire. I hope the fire service has been, and continues to be, a fulfilling part of your life. Take care of yourself and your family.

Enjoy your State Fire School.

And as Always, Be Safe,
 Charlie Kludt
 S DFA President

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10 -ESV

On behalf of the City of Watertown and Watertown Fire Rescue,

I would like to welcome you and your families to the 138th Annual State Fire School. We are humbled and honored to have all of you join us in this wonderful education opportunity at Lake Area Technical College and the Watertown Fire Rescue Regional Training Center.



It was a privilege for Watertown to host the event last year in 2023 with more than 550 registered firefighters attending classes. In addition, the water fights on Thursday night were well attended by many firefighter teams participating. There will also be live music again Thursday night at the Foundation Park in downtown as well.

Please take the opportunity to take advantage of all that Watertown has to offer, from its lakes, shopping, entertainment, and dining. It is our desire that this year's State Fire School exceeds your expectations.

Don Rowland
 Fire Chief
 Watertown Fire Rescue



On behalf of the Med-Fire-Rescue program and LATC, Welcome to State Fire School. State Fire School provides LATC the opportunity to showcase our programs, campus, and what Watertown can offer. Have safe and enjoyable weekend,



Troy Breitag
 Dept Supervisor
 LATC Med-Fire Rescue





State Fire Marshal's Office

South Dakota Firefighters, Welcome to State Fire School! This traditional event provides a multitude of opportunities for you to enhance your existing skills and acquire new ones in the dynamic field of fire and rescue services.



We deeply appreciate the commitment and sacrifices you have made to be a part of this fire school, as well as your participation in various training events. Your unwavering dedication is evident not only in your presence here but also in the countless real fire calls and emergencies you bravely respond to in your respective communities.

On behalf of the State Fire Marshal's Office, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for choosing to serve. Your decision to attend this fire school demonstrates your passion for safeguarding lives and property, and we commend you for it.

We sincerely wish you a safe and successful experience throughout the duration of the fire school. May you acquire invaluable knowledge, refine your skills, and forge lasting connections with fellow firefighters and rescue professionals. Once again, welcome to State Fire School, and we are honored to have you here.

Sincerely,

Paul Merriman
State Fire Marshal

South Dakota Firefighters Auxiliary

On behalf of the South Dakota Firefighters Auxiliary, I would like to welcome you all to Fire School 2024! We are excited to be back at Lake Area in Watertown!



Toni Schmidt, President
Tea, SD
State Firefighters Auxiliary

This year's lineup of classes has a little bit of education, hands on, discussion and crafts!

- We all have seen fire extinguishers around the station, at our places of work and around our homes, but have you ever actually used it?

- We will also be offering a CPR class. I am not good in emergent situations (which is why my husband is the first responder and not me. lol), so both of these classes would be a great way to be prepared for the unexpected, in case they happen when we are present.

- We will be having a round table on Friday afternoon. I love a good round table. You can get an outside perspective on an issue your auxiliary is having, get ideas for fundraisers, or find ways to help the firefighters that you haven't thought of yet.

There will be a metal tooling activity Saturday after the luncheon for those of us feeling crafty! It is always fun to make something that we can then bring home with us to remember the weekend.

Our annual business meeting and luncheon is going to be Saturday at the Terry Redlin Center. We had such a great time last year. Meeting will begin at 9 am (1200 33rd St SE #310) and our elections, then our meal afterwards. We left some time for you all to check out all the Terry Redlin Center has to offer. I am a fan of Redlin's work, and it is fun to see how he evolved over time. The prints we had as kids don't measure up to the originals.

Remember to take in what Watertown has to offer: a wonderful zoo, numerous breweries, distillery, parks, shops and much more. Be sure to get out and enjoy Watertown!

The start of something you!

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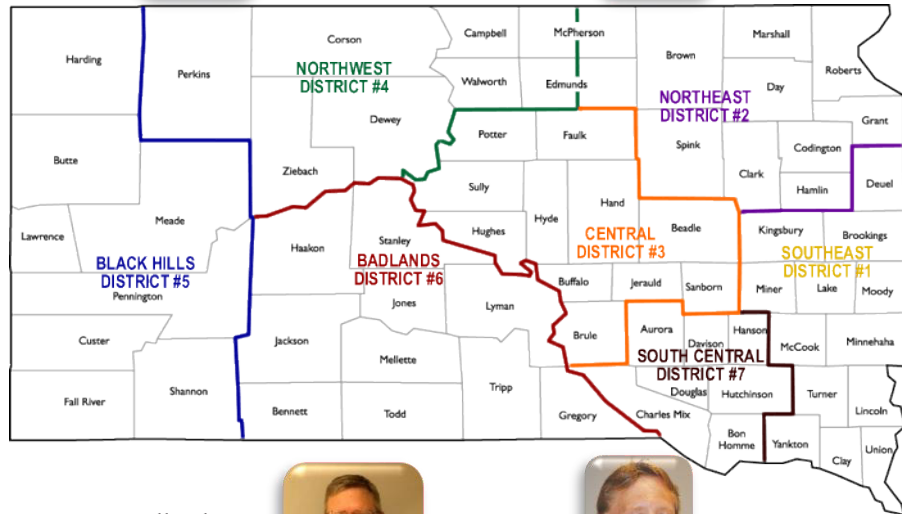
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SD Firefighters Association Application for Membership

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Department _____

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100% Department Membership - \$25.00/year/member. Please include a complete list of department members and their mailing addresses with your application for 100% membership.

Department Only Membership - \$100.00 / year

Individual Only Membership– \$50.00 /year

Mail to: Attn: Denny Gorton, Treasurer
South Dakota Firefighters Assn.
PO BOX 1884
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- \$25.00 Per Rostered Firefighter
- SD Firefighter newspaper mailed monthly to each rostered member
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- *Discount registration to State Fire School*

DEPARTMENT ONLY

- \$100.00 per department
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- No Voting
- Allows individuals to purchase an individual membership and get basic insurance coverages

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

- \$50.00 per individual
- 1 copy of the SD Firefighter newspaper mailed to the individual monthly
- Voting
- Insurance eligibility (if department is SDFA Department Only members)

SD Firefighter Newspaper

- We publish a monthly newspaper which keeps our 100% membership up-to-date on fire events throughout the State. The newspaper is sent to all State legislatures, the congressional delegation, Governor and Secretary of Public Safety and Agriculture.

See the SDFA website at www.sdfirefighters.org for the latest information

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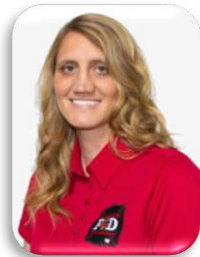
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The purpose of the South Dakota Firefighter Auxiliary shall be to promote friendship among the members of the South Dakota Firefighters, to counsel local auxiliaries and to cooperate with the South Dakota Firefighters Association and Annual State Fire School.

Members shall be composed of all or any persons affiliated, associated or involved with active, retired or deceased firefighters.

2024 State Fire School Auxiliary Schedule

Friday, June 14th

7:00-9:00 - Registration (\$30.00) - Lake Area Tech - Meet and Greet

9:00-11:00 - Fire Extinguisher Class - You have one, now learn how to use it!

LUNCH on your own

1:00 - 3:00 - Round Table discussions - We'll have some, but bring a topic with you.

OR

3:00 - 4:00 - CPR Class

Saturday, June 15th

9:00 - 12:00 - Annual Meeting, Elections & Luncheon

Terry Redlin Art Center (1200 33rd St SE #310)

1:00 Raffle Drawings LIVE on Facebook

1:00 - 3:00 - Northern Prairie Art - (metal tooling a Maltese cross) - \$25.00

Notice of Auxiliary Board & Officer positions for nomination & election:

President (2-year term) Secretary (2- year term) Director (2-year term)

Submit a letter of intent to run to a board member, or, nominations at meeting



South Dakota Firefighters Association Convention & Tournament
Years 1884-1929

Aberdeen	1884	Yankton	1900	Belle Fourche	1915
Sioux Falls	1885	Pierre	1901	Yankton	1916
Pierre	1886	Mitchell	1902	Rapid City	1917
Mitchell	1887	Chamberlain	1903	None	1918
Huron	1888	Canton	1904	Redfield	1919
Yankton	1889	Armour	1905	Hot Springs	1920
Pierre	1890	Sioux Falls	1906	Mobridge	1921
Sioux Falls	1891	Watertown	1907	Madison	1922
Watertown	1892	Pierre	1908	Deadwood	1923
Mitchell	1893	Rapid City	1909	Wagner	1924
Sioux Falls	1894	Chamberlain	1910	Miller	1925
Scotland	1895	Lead	1911	Rapid City	1926
Canton	1896	Pierre	1912	Pierre	1927
Madison	1897	Hot Springs	1913	Tripp	1928
Yankton	1898	Parkston	1914	Hot Springs	1929
None	1899				

South Dakota Firefighters Association Fire Schools
Years 1930 – current

1	Madison	1930	39	Belle Fourche	1968	77	Minnehaha Co. FF	2006
2	Huron	1931	40	Madison	1969	78	Fort Pierre	2007
3	Rapid City	1932	41	Chamberlain	1970	79	Spearfish	2008
4	Yankton	1933	42	Deadwood	1971	80	Pennington Co. FF	2009
5	Mitchell	1934	43	Yankton	1972	81	Brookings	2010
6	Hot Springs	1935	44	Sturgis	1973	82	Brown Co. FF	2011
7	Brookings	1936	45	Pierre	1974	83	Yankton	2012
8	Pierre	1937	46	Huron	1975	84	Belle Fourche	2013
9	Mobridge	1938	47	Lead-Deadwood	1976	85	Brown Co. FF	2014
10	Deadwood	1939	48	Pierre	1977	86	Pierre	2015
11	Madison	1940	49	Spearfish	1978	87	Minnehaha Co.	2016
12	Sioux Falls	1941	50	Vermillion	1979	88	Mitchell	2017
13	Watertown	1942	51	Chamberlain	1980	89	Mitchell	2018
14	Sioux Falls	1943	52	Pierre	1981	90	Mitchell	2019
15	Yankton	1944	53	Yankton	1982	91	SDFA Conference, Pierre	2020
16	Regional Brookings, Pierre & Hot Springs	1945	54	Sturgis	1983		(Fire School cancelled due to pandemic issue)	
17	Brookings	1946	55	Minnehaha Co.	1984		Fort Pierre	2021
18	Mitchell	1947	56	Belle Fourche	1985		Fort Pierre	2022
19	Hot Springs	1948	57	Aberdeen	1986		Watertown	2023
20	Huron	1949	58	Rapid City	1987		Watertown	2024
21	Rapid City	1950	59	Spearfish	1988		Watertown	2025
22	Pierre	1951	60	Pierre	1989		* Manchester	2026
23	Yankton	1952	61	Brookings	1990		Polo	2027
24	Sioux Falls	1953	62	Aberdeen	1991		Kyle	2028
25	Hot Springs	1954	63	Yankton	1992		Alpena	2029
26	Deadwood	1955	64	Rapid City	1993		Mission	2030
27	Brookings	1956	65	Minnehaha Co.	1994		Bath	2031
28	Mitchell	1957	66	Pierre	1995		Whispering Pines	2032
29	Spearfish	1958	67	Huron	1996		Lake City	2033
30	Madison	1959	68	Chamberlain	1997		Gann Valley	2034
31	Chamberlain	1960	69	Spearfish	1998		Buffalo	2035
32	Sturgis	1961	70	Mitchell	1999		Wakpala	2036
33	Yankton	1962	71	Custer	2000		Cavour	2037
34	Pierre	1963	72	Aberdeen	2001		St. Onge	2038
35	Hot Springs	1964	73	Pierre	2002		Vienna	2039
36	Spearfish	1965	74	Belle Fourche	2003		Veblen	2040
37	Brookings	1966	75	Brookings	2004		*Chester*	2041
38	Mitchell	1967	76	Yankton	2005		*2026 to 2041 probably will change	☺

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Firefighter and Year the year their Lifetime Membership was Granted

Art Summer—1968 *
 Gerald A. Brinkman—1987
 A.E. "Murph" Anthony—1988 *
 Joseph Egger—1988 *
 Richard "Bud" Gould—1989
 Lloyd Erickson—1990
 Squire Broel—1990
 James E. Tish—1993
 Gail Johnson—1993
 Patrick Smith—1996
 Orlen Norgaard—1996
 Oliver "Ole" Olson—1996
 Dale Hartmann—2005

Don Opie – 2005
 Russ Hendrix – 2008
 LeRoy Koopman - 2010
 Chuck Jarding – 2011
 Ben Huber – 2011
 Jesse Luce – 2011
 Paul Smith – 2015*
 Mike Ball - 2017
 Duane Hofer - 2018
 Dennis Gorton - 2018
 Tarzan Mullinix – 2021
 Reuben Vollmer - 2022
 Glenn Sealey - 2022

*indicates awarded posthumously

Visit SDFA website for full details of nomination criteria

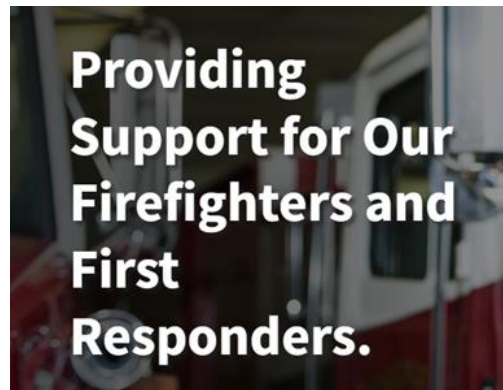
First Responder Assistance Program

855-207-1747

The **First Responder Assistance Program (FRAP)** offers **FREE** confidential support, resources, and referrals any time day or night by phone for South Dakota volunteer first responders and their family members of all ages for issues regarding:

+ Stress Management

- + Depression
- + Family Conflict
- + Substance Misuse
- + Grief and Loss
- + Addictions



- + School
- + Child and Elder Care
- + Relationships
- + Financial or Legal
- + Problem Gambling

*****If you need help, JUST CALL*****



Dear Old Timers

Dear Old Timers (DOTs) is a gathering of firefighters, husbands and wives, and families of the fire service. Some with over 60 years!

The DOTs Social will be at the Fall Fire Conference in Fort Pierre

Everyone is welcome

Come and enjoy longtime friendships and reminisce at Dear Old Timers.

\$10.00 Membership donations to DOT are used to assist funding the annual scholarship given to a high school senior.



Scholarship Winners for 2024

Aiden Cole
Hudson

Diesel Tech
Lake Area
Technical College



Rachel Erk
Castle Rock

Nursing
Mount Marty
University



Fire School Class Descriptions

4.00= 4 Hour Classes 8.00= 8 Hour Classes 16.00= 16 Hour Classes

Class #04-01 – You don't know what you don't know about gas leaks

This training is based on what I did not know that almost killed me when the routine gas leak caused the house to explode, nearly killing me while operating with my volunteer FD. Natural gas and propane emergencies are very dangerous alarms.. This fast paced class is practical, hands on, interactive, fact filled, reality based, back to basics program that covers what fire officers and firefighters need to know about natural gas and propane emergencies. Focus is on our mission of life safety for civilians, protection of our members using the kill box concept and tactical use of sweeping search procedures in very dangerous conditions. Take-homes from this program: understanding your current gas detector, use of new laser gas detectors, new tactics/strategies and sample/model SOPs. Instructor(s): Jerry Knapp



Class #04-02 - Pump Operations - This is an operations class for all levels from beginner to advanced. During the classroom portion of the class, students will learn why handlines and hose lays are pumped at designed pressures. They will learn how to react to emergency situations that happen on a fireground, such as a kinked or ruptured line. They will also learn how to figure friction loss. Students will be taught how to operate both electronic pressure governors and pressure relief valve type control systems. Students will then conduct hands-on training on a fire engine to see how to recognize situations that are happening on the hose lines. There will also be discussions on relay pumping, static and pressurized water supplies. **Instructor(s):** Chris Noeldner, Watertown FD

Class #04-03 – ISO Fire Suppression Rating Schedule

The FSRS considers three main areas of a community's fire suppression system: emergency communications, fire department (including operational considerations), and water supply. Topics such as training, record keeping, pump testing, and more. In addition, it includes a Community Risk Reduction section that recognizes community efforts to reduce losses through fire prevention, public fire safety education, and fire investigation. **Instructor(s):** Rob Holso

Class #04-04 – SDFA Mobile Live Fire Training Unit

Participants must have a minimum 3 years of experience as a SD or other Accredited Fire Service Instructor and must be a current member of the South Dakota Society of Fire Service Instructors. Classroom session covering Overview, SOGs, Best practices, MINOR Theory of Operation and Safety. Following the brief classroom session there will be hands on training with the trailer. Participants will be given the opportunity to operate the unit, and participate in some basic fire suppression evolutions to experience behavior of the fire props

Class #04-05 – Funding and Grant Workshop

During these events, Jeff will talk through local, state, and federal funding opportunities and the excess property program. The goal is to help your department or organization determine the next steps to take to gain funding for the equipment you need to protect your citizens and district. **Instructor:** Jeff Bryant & Chad Bromenschenkel, Dinges Fire

Class #04-06 – Public Education, Fire Safety and Intro to the Fire Service Profession

An activity for youth as well as an opportunity for Firefighters/Officers to learn about presenting/offering Fire Prevention and Safety Messages in their community. Youth, as well as adult Firefighters from around the State will be learning together in the class. The course will introduce youth to some of the fire department job duties and to go over some safety messages. The course will introduce basic concepts of fire fighting in a fun way along with educating them on the physical requirements of the job and the different job of the profession. Adults will learn fun and inovative ways to present public education to all ages. **Instructor:** Sioux Falls Fire Rescue Fire Safety & Public Education members



Class #04-07 – Reading Smoke for Tactical Decision Making

Using the concepts of "reading smoke" developed by Dave Dodson, students will learn to recognize, predict, and prevent hostile fire events and determine where the fire is, where it is not, and where it is going next. Students will also be challenged to understand decision making and how recognition prime decision making affects our ability to act on the fire ground. All of this will lead to the primary course objective, making tactical decisions to reduce life safety concerns, lead to incident stabilization, and preserve as much property as possible. **Instructor(s):** Ben Willey, Fargo FD



Thank You to Andy Wicks and all his crew at Performance Towing & Recovery for hosting extrication classes at his shop location.

Andy is strong believer in training and being safe on any incident, especially vehicle and highway scenes. He is a Traffic Incident Management System instructor and trains tow truck operators, fire, rescue, EMS and law enforcement personnel across the country.

Thank you for your knowledge, equipment, and being an important part of State Fire School

Class #04-08 – SDFA Happenings and Updates

Join us for a discussion-based roundtable on current and future happenings with the SDFA and the South Dakota Fire Service. Discussion Topics to include, but not limited to: - Basic things every department should know -Grant programs available for volunteer departments - SDFA Membership Costs/Benefits -SDFA Mobile Live Fire Training Units - (MLFTU) -Legislative Issues - OSHA & NFPA proposal - NVFC - YOUR questions

DEPARTMENT ROSTER UPDATING on GrowthZone Association Management Software; Membership Billing, Event Registration

Class #08-01 – Aviation Response for the Volunteer Department

This class will cover what a responding agency should do, and, should not do, when responding to an aircraft incident. Local military, general commercial and small frame aircraft response will be discussed. Basic extrication on an aircraft; evidence collection and securing the scene of a crash site. Common military aircraft and probable/possible components and hazards associated; General aircraft and what you might be looking for at a crash scene. Instructor(s): LATC Aviation Program Personnel; Eric Hoogendoorn & Charlie Kludt, Joe Foss Field

Class #08-02 – Heavy Rescue, Stabilization & Vehicle Extrication - The class will cover basic to advanced vehicle extrication using struts, cribbing, hand tools and hydraulic tools. Heavy rescue techniques will be demonstrated and performed. Students will be doing lots of cutting and heavy work. Scenarios with semi-trailers, heavy farm equipment, tractors and lots of tunneling into cars. Be prepared for who-knows-what type of “accident” you might be working. Instructor(s): Karter Lesmann, Patriot Fire & Safety crew; and Performance Towing personnel

Class #08-03 – No Gimmicks Handline Movement

This class will include handline management and proper body mechanics, as well as hose advancement techniques with an emphasis on limited staffing scenarios. Students will learn to combine their knowledge of fire behavior, water application and hose advancement to achieve rapid extinguishment. Instructors: Stone Face FOOLS



Class #08-04 - Flashover Simulator

This trailer lets the firefighter witness the awesome life cycle of an unfriendly fire from ignition to flashover. Learn to recognize the conditions leading to Flashover—how it happens, how to recognize the rapidly developing fire, dense smoke, high heat, and rollover which are all present in the unit. Learn to use defensive techniques. Who would send a Firefighter to face a situation in the real world that he has not seen in training? – Students must be competent in nozzle operation and SCBA usage.

Instructor(s): Customized Firefighter Training

Class #08-05 – Best Practice, Strategy, and Tactics in the Electric Vehicle Era

Electric vehicle (EV) adoption is growing in every market segment, including passenger vehicles and light trucks, heavy trucks and fleet vehicles, RVs, mass transportation, material handling equipment, heavy equipment, even farm equipment. Situation-specific fire/explosion hazards, systematic hazard elimination, planning for response, suggested operating guidelines, post-fire handling, and hands-on coordinated tactical skills training are included in the training. Learners in this course will demonstrate recognition of high risk of electric vehicle hazards, high-risk situations, proven technology and procedures to reduce risk while improving effectiveness and safety in approach to EV vehicle incidents. Inst: Dan Miller



Class #08-06 – EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course) & HIPPA Basics

Drive to Arrive! This class and driving course will help to show you what's involved while responding with lights and siren. It may also help if the tragic happens and your driving record is called into question. Completing a recognized EVOC class will give you some information on “where to start” with driving first response vehicles. Bring sunglasses and be prepared to drive the course!

HIPPA is also offered as a part of this course, as patient privacy is a big part of our first responder world. This will also get you another step closer to completing your checklist for the SD Ambulance Driver Competencies Instructor(s): Brad Georgeson, Hurley VFD & Turner Co EM

Class #08-07 – Small Engine BASIC Maintenance, Repair and Troubleshooting

Participants will understand the inner workings of a 4 Cycle and 2 Cycle Gasoline engine as well as basic troubleshooting procedures. Does your department have a small engine that's not running at 100%? Here is your chance to understand how you can troubleshoot and possibly repair your engine. If you have a small engine that isn't running properly bring it with you, if class time permits the opportunity to fix it in class may be possible. Instructor(s): Greg Kock – Small Engine Technology Instructor



Class #08-08 – Small Engine ADVANCED Troubleshooting & Repair

The small engines Advanced Troubleshooting and Repair Class will cover field expedited troubleshooting as well as in-depth shop troubleshooting and repair, we will also discuss common wear and replacement items for small engines utilized in fire departments. Students attending this class should have attended previous small engine repair courses or have a very good understanding of engine operation and theory. Instructor(s): Gregory Kock – Small Engine Tech Instructor

Class #08-09 – Creating a Culture of Craft

We will address buy-in, culture and mindset with an emphasis on the importance of clearly defining expectations up front. All members are leaders. Commonly referred to as “informal to formal” leadership, we will discuss leadership in all aspects and how to apply them to YOUR organization. Students should come to class prepared to participate in discussion. This class is appropriate for all levels of experience and rank. Instructor(s): Stone Face FOOLS



Class #08-10 – Rural Firefighting Tactics

This course is an informational discussion of the “New” fire chemistry, a review of hostile fire events, descriptions of the on-going NIST/ UL studies, and the attack methodology that can be used to solve the problems that arise in the rural and urban settings of today's fire ground. Focus will be placed on water supply and the first 10 minutes of on-scene actions at a working structure fire. This offering is for any rank within the fire service that deals with suppression duties, especially interior attack fire personnel and command officers. The overall focus of this class is to show the need for fire ground commanders to re-evaluate what tactics are being used by their personnel during initial attack operations.. Instructor(s): Derek Petersen & David Radtke

Class #08-11 – Water Supply Officer

This will course covers the duties and responsibilities of the fire department Water Supply Officer in both the emergent and non-emergent setting.. We review ISO's water supply requirements, the components of municipal water systems, the development of alternative water supplies, the testing and inspection of water supply system components, the use of water supply vehicles, water supply pre-planning, and the water supply function in ICS. Inst Mark Davis

Class #08-12 – Building the Fire Officer

This basic course is intended to provide information to the responding firefighter on what to look for and begin to document in a suspicious fire scene. Topics discussed will include initial observations, occupant information, right-of-entry, fire suppression efforts, scene preservation, evidence collection, and much more. Attendees should gain a better understanding of the fire investigation process and what to expect once a case turns into a criminal arson investigation through courtroom prosecution. Discussion/demonstrations of an ATF Accelerant Detection Canine and actual SD case studies will be utilized in support of classroom discussion. Instructor(s): Derek Petersen & David Radtke

Class #08-13 – SCBA Confidence Course

This class is designed to help build confidence with SCBA usage. This class will benefit entry level firefighters as well as a seasoned veteran. Students will be using many different training props thought out this course. Upon completion of this class students will walk away with an increased level of SCBA usage. Instructor(s): Dalton Axelson, Watertown Fire Rescue



Class #08-14 – Grain Bin Entrapment

Students will be provided with information from size up to termination of a grain bin incident, including the number of rescuers needed and the dangers that grain bins present to rescuers. Instructor(s): Beth Locken, AGTEGRA Technical Rescue Team

Class #08-15 – Rope Rescue – Basic & Advanced

The course he will be teaching will be separated into two classes of eight-hour days, if you wish to take both PART 1 AND PART 2 make sure you register for both! PART 2 Shouldn't be taken unless you have taken PART 1 and/or have a good working knowledge of ropes, knots and haul systems. Both days will contain a vast majority of hands on skills. Day one will feature a high amount of operations level skills and information. Keep in mind most of this training will be at ground level. During this time, we will cover everything the ground level technician needs to know (the guy who isn't going over the edge). It will cover everything from basic NFPA standard overviews to lowering systems and haul systems using mechanical advantage. Instructor(s): Cameron Mack, and Watertown Fire Department personnel

Class #16-01 – SD Certified Fire Instructors Course

The South Dakota Certified Fire Instructor course prepares future instructors to train members of their own organization as well as traveling to other departments. This course begins with pre-course work at home, plus one weekend of classroom study and presentations. Instructor(s): SD Fire Marshal Staff

Class #16-02 – Truckless Truckie

There are certain tasks that must be accomplished on every scene. This class will have stations covering the essential functions to include: forcible entry, window and door based searches, ventilation, and the many applications of ground ladders. We will utilize structures to present a realistic learning environment to teach the skills presented and finish the day with a set of challenging scenarios. Students should expect to work hard, be challenged, and come away with a deeper understanding of what it means to be a “Truckless Truckie”. Instructor(s): Pheasant Country FOOLS



Class #16-03 – NFA Fire Investigation for First Responders

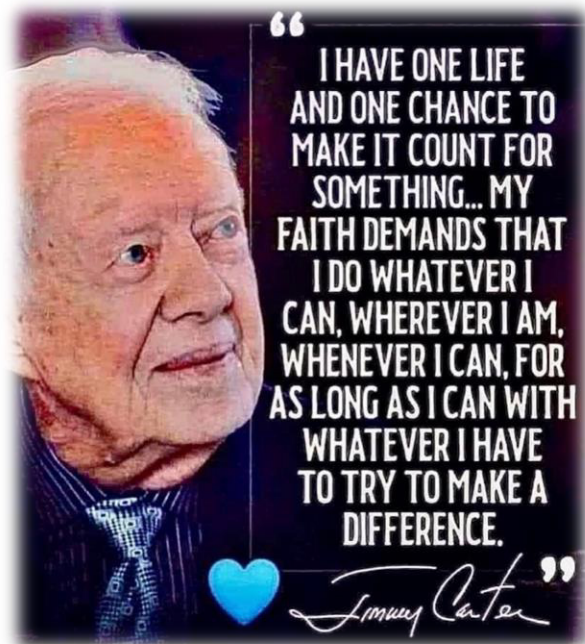
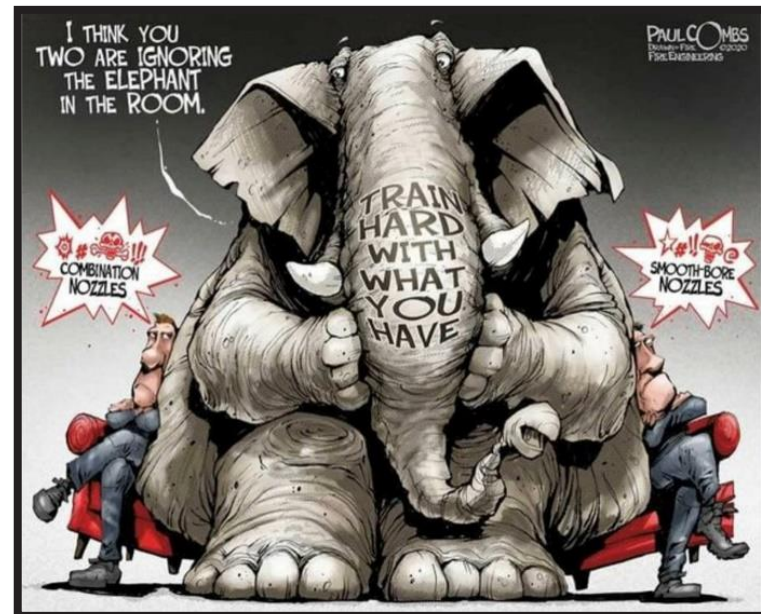
This course presents a basic overview of a fire investigation. Students will review the basics of fire chemistry and develop an understanding of the role of the first responder in relation to fire suppression and fire investigation. The importance of fire scene awareness, evidence identification, preservation and the basics of a fire investigation. Students will develop an appreciation for the convergence of suppression, investigation, science and law.

Class #16-04 – NFA Leadership in Supervision: Frameworks to Success F0648

This course is designed to provide Company Officers (COs) with a better understanding of multiagency needs and a Unified Command structure. This course will provide the attendees with an understanding of the requirements of a Unified Command organization and provide learners with the knowledge and skills necessary to operate effectively in complex incidents.

Class #16-05 – Grief Following Trauma

In the course of one's career, it is inevitable that professionals will encounter traumatic death and loss issues both personally and professionally. Professionals often feel ill prepared to provide effective care throughout the grief process. This course will cover key grief and loss concepts relating to trauma and traumatic death. Participants will increase their knowledge of how trauma impacts the grief process and will gain skills for evaluating and supporting persons who have experienced traumatic death and loss. This course is designed for anyone who works with people who experience grief and loss following a traumatic event.. **Instructor(s):** Rev Dr Ed Hatcher, Federation of Fire Chaplains, and Rev Rodney Veldhuizen, New Trails Ministries, Custer SD



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• 4 Attended Trainings	• 0 Attended Trainings
• 65 Attended 7 CISDs	• 15 Attended 1 CISDs
• 2 Website Hits	• 0 Website Hits
• 121 Individuals Accessing Services	• 62 Individuals Accessing Services
• Impact Rate = 0.93%	• Impact Rate = 0.48%

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**The 2024 Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service will be held
 Saturday, September 28th, at Capital Lake, Pierre, SD at 4:00pm CST.**

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BEST PRACTICES

for Preventing FIREFIGHTER CANCER

- 1

Full protective equipment (PPE) must be worn throughout the entire incident, including SCBA during salvage and overhaul.
- 2

A second hood should be provided to all entry-certified personnel in the department.
- 3

Following exit from the IDLH, and while still on air, you should begin immediate gross decon of PPE using soap water and a brush, if weather conditions allow. PPE should then be placed into a sealed plastic bag and placed in an exterior compartment of the rig, or if responding in POVs, placed in a large storage tote, thus keeping the off-gassing PPE away from passengers and self.
- 4

After completion of gross decon procedures as discussed above, and while still on scene, the exposed areas of the body (neck, face, arms and hands) should be wiped off immediately using wipes, which must be carried on all apparatus. Use the wipes to remove as much soot as possible from head, neck, jaw, throat, underarms and hands immediately.
- 5

Change your clothes and wash them after exposure to products of combustion or other contaminants. Do this as soon as possible and/or isolate in a trash bag until washing is available.
- 6

Shower as soon as possible after being exposed to products of combustion or other contaminants. "Shower within the Hour"
- 7

PPE, especially turnout pants, must be prohibited in areas outside the apparatus floor (i.e. kitchen, sleeping areas, etc.) and never in the household.
- 8

Wipes, or soap and water, should also be used to decontaminate and clean apparatus seats, SCBA and interior crew area regularly, especially after incidents where personnel were exposed to products of combustion.
- 9

Get an annual physical, as early detection is the key to survival. The NVFC outlines several options at www.nvfc.org. "A Healthcare Provider's Guide to Firefighter Physicals" can be downloaded from www.iafc.org/healthRoadmap.
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Tobacco products of any variety, including dip and e-cigarettes should never be used at anytime on or off duty.
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