



We're pleased to announce the Tenth Annual

2023 South Dakota Wildland Fire Academy



The 2022 national wildfire season was considerably slower compared to the past few years we have had, much to the disappoint of many including me! This unfortunately didn't allow for a lot task book work to be done, but many were able to persevere through severity assignments and traveling to the far west.



It is easy to get discouraged as a trainee when you have to bring a task book into another fire season, but I hope 2023 has a lot more to offer! Even with a slow year, 62 volunteer fire department members completed their task books and were certified. It is great to see so many firefighters moving up in their qualifications! I hope you all are having a great "off season" and I look forward to seeing you at trainings this spring!



Sincerely, Tamara

WHEN: March 23 - 26, 2023

LOCATION: Fort Pierre, South Dakota

COST: Non-Refundable Fee of \$35.00 per student

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 10, 2023

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<https://forms.gle/rjs6dKWB7pomiz44A>

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COURSE	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	CLASSROOM LOCATION
	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
S-131			X	X	Stanley County High School
L-280			X	X	Stanley County High School
S-230/231-Blended			X	X	Stanley County High School
S-219		X*	X	X	Stanley County High School
S-244		X	X	X	Stanley County High School
S-212		X	X	X	Stanley County High School
S-130/S-190/L-180	X	X	X	X	Drifters Conference Center
S-290	X	X	X	X	Fort Pierre VFD Training Room

*S-219 is slated for three days dependent on a live fire field day. If conditions aren't conducive to burning, the class will be two days. We will let you know as early as possible if this is the case.

A room block has not been established, but lodging is available throughout Pierre and Fort Pierre. See more information at the link below:

<http://business.pierre.org/list/ql/lodging-travel-15?c=247&q=&st=1>

I highly suggest finding lodging early as hotels fill quickly in this area.

- ◆ No meals are provided with this training, but the area has a variety of food options including fast food and sit down restaurants.
- ◆ **Students must attend ENTIRE class to receive credit, no exceptions!!!**
- ◆ Students must provide all wildland PPE to participate in field exercises including hard hat, eye protection, leather gloves, Nomex shirt/pants, fire shelter (w/ pack if available) and boots.
- ◆ **Classes will begin at 0800 (Central Time Zone) on their respective days where listed in the class schedule.**
- ◆ We want to thank the agencies and individuals that help ensure the academy's growth and success each year.



2023 South Dakota Wildland Fire Academy

S-130 Basic Wildland Firefighter, S-190 Introduction to Fire Behavior, L-180 Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service

Start: Thursday, March 23, 2023, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2023, 1700

Location: Drifters Conference Center, 325 E Hustan Avenue, Fort Pierre, SD

Prerequisites: None

Course Description: **S130**—The intent of this course is to train new firefighters in basic firefighting skills and includes a required field exercise. **S190**— Introduces students to the basic concepts of wildland fire behavior including: the primary wildland fire environment components; how characteristics and interactions of fuels, weather, and topography affect fire behavior; and how fire behavior affects risk to firefighters. **L180**— This course exposes students to human performance concepts as part of basic wildland fire training.



Required to become a basic wildland firefighter (FFT2)

S-131 Firefighter Type 1 Training

Start: Saturday, March 25, 2023, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2023, 1700

Location: Stanley County High School, 10 E. Main Avenue, Fort Pierre, SD

Prerequisites: Qualified as Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2)/No pre-course work required.

Course Description: S-131 is a course designed to meet the training needs of the Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) and/or Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5). It is designed to be interactive in nature and contains class discussion and several tactical decision games designed to facilitate learning the objectives. Topics include operational leadership, communications, LCES, and tactical decision making.

Required for Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) and Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5)



S-230 Crew Boss and S-231 Engine Boss (Blended Course)

Start: Saturday, March 25, 2023, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2023, 1700

Location: Stanley County High School, 10 E. Main Avenue, Fort Pierre, SD

Prerequisites: Must be qualified as an FFT1 and have successfully passed S290—Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior. Must also satisfactorily pass the pre-work modules.

Special Instructions: Pre-course work instructions will be sent to all students who have submitted nominations.

Course Description: This course was developed using a **blended approach** to learning, meaning that it contains a mix of online and instructor-led training (ILT). Students are required to complete the online training portion of the course and pass an online assessment prior to taking the ILT. The ILT will reinforce the content learned online and provide opportunities to apply this knowledge to real-world scenarios and practical exercises. Upon completion of the ILT, students must then take and pass a final assessment in order to receive credit for the course. The final assessment covers content from both the online and ILT portions of the course.

S230 is required for all Single Resource Boss Positions

S-244 Field Observer

Start: Friday, March 24, 2023, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2023, 1700

Location: Stanley County High School, 10 E. Main Avenue, Fort Pierre, SD

Prerequisites: Qualified as Single Resource Boss for FOBS (Field Observer) **OR** Fire-fighter Type 2 for FEMO (Fire Effects Monitor) **AND** Successful completion of S290—Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior **AND** satisfactory completion of pre-course work.

Special Instructions: Pre-course work instructions will be sent to all students who have submitted nominations.

Course Description: The course provides students with the skills necessary to perform as a Field Observer and/or a Fire Effects Monitor. Topics include roles and responsibilities of the FOBS and FEMO; how to make observations and document them; how to produce hand drawn and GPC Field maps; and how to navigate using a compass and GPS.

Required for FEMO (Fire Effects Monitor) and FOBS (Field Observer)



S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaws

Start: Friday, March 24, 2023, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2023, 1700

Location: Stanley County High School, 10 E. Main Avenue, Fort Pierre, SD

Prerequisites: Must be qualified as a Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) and satisfactorily complete the pre-course work.

Special Instructions: Pre-course work instructions will be sent to all students who have submitted nominations.

Course Description: The course lessons provide introduction to the function, maintenance and use of internal combustion engine powered chain saws, and their tactical wildland fire application. Field exercises support entry level training for firefighters with little or no previous experience in operating a chain saw, providing hands-on cutting experience in surroundings similar to fireline situations. Proper PPE and chaps are required.

Required for any Faller (FAL) qualification

S-219 Firing Operations

Start: Friday, March 24, 2023, 0800*

End: Sunday, March 26, 2023, 1700

Location: Stanley County High School, 10 E. Main Avenue, Fort Pierre, SD

Prerequisites: You must be qualified as FFT2. Pre-course work must be done before class and the requirements will be sent out with the class acceptance letter.

Special Instructions: Pre-course work instructions will be sent to all students who have submitted nominations.

Course Description: This course uses a blended approach to learning with both online and Instructor Lead Training (ILT). Students are required to complete the online training portion of the course prior to taking the ILT. The course introduces the roles and responsibilities of a firing boss (FIRB) and outlines duties of other personnel who may engage in firing operations. It also discusses and illustrates common firing devices and techniques. Although comprehensive in nature, the course work is not a substitute for the dynamic fire environment. The course provides students with important information regarding general tasks required to be successful.

***The class may be shortened to two days if conditions aren't conducive to live fire.**

Required for State of SD Employees and Cooperators pursuing the Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 3 (RXB3) qualification



S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior

Start: Thursday, March 23, 2023, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2023, 1700

Location: Ft. Pierre Volunteer Fire Department, 305 Deadwood Street, Fort Pierre, SD

Prerequisites: Completion of S190—Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior and satisfactory complete of pre-selection assessment and pre-course work.

Special Instructions: Pre-course work instructions will be sent to all students who have submitted nominations. Attendance in the class is dependent upon completing this!

Course Description: This is a classroom-based skills course designed to prepare the prospective fireline supervisor to undertake safe and effective fire management operations. It is the second course in a series that collectively serves to develop fire behavior prediction knowledge and skills.

Required for RXB3 and all Single Resource Bosses

L-280 Followership to Leadership

Start: Saturday, March 25, 2023, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2023, 1700

Location: Stanley County High School, 10 E. Main Avenue, Fort Pierre, SD

Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of the pre-course work and successful completion of L180—Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service.

Special Instructions: Pre-course work instructions will be sent to all students who have submitted nominations.

Course Description: This training course is designed as a self-assessment opportunity for individuals preparing to step into a leadership role. The course combines one day of classroom instruction followed by a second day in the field with students working through a series of problem solving events in small teams (Field Leadership Assessment Course). Topics include leadership values and principles, transition challenges for new leaders, situational leadership, team cohesion factors, ethical decision making, and after action review techniques. Some course delivery may be arduous in nature.



Great Leadership and Development Course

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