

Clarendon County Fire Department Training Program Overview

The Clarendon County Fire Department Training Program provides comprehensive, high-energy, high-impact training that is driven by the mission of the department. The program is designed to give each firefighter the opportunity to meet the competency levels dictated by their position in the department. The training program includes topics that cover all aspects of the department's operations such as fire suppression, emergency vehicle operations, pump operations, leadership, incident command, CPR, first aid, extrication, etc. The purpose of the training program is to produce an effective, efficient, well-rounded, and SAFE firefighter and to keep each firefighter's skills sharpened.

The training program takes advantage of classroom, as well as hands-on training. In addition to other courses that are offered throughout the year, the following programs of study are provided on an annual basis.

Monthly Firefighter Training – at least 33 hours annually per Division
(includes (1) 3 hr. drill on Haz-Mat and (1) 3 hr. drill on Bloodborne Pathogens)

Monthly Officer Training – at least 30 – 33 hours annually

Bi-annual Driver/Operator Training – at least 12 hours annually per Division

According to department guidelines, each firefighter is allowed to miss up to 25% of the required training in each of the above categories.

Weekly Staff Training – Every Monday, the career staff has a minimum of 3 hrs. of training on a variety of topics. Topics come from the following weekly categories:

1st Monday of the Month: Physical Fitness Training (could range from running to combat challenge-type exercises)

2nd Monday of the Month: Firefighter Training

3rd Monday of the Month: Driver/Operator Training

4th Monday of the Month: Rescue/Medical/Haz-Mat (could range from Vehicle Extrication to Search and Rescue Operations during a structure fire or First Responder or Haz-mat related topics)

5th Mondays are Station Clean-up Days

****Every Monday, a minimum of 20 Pre-fire plans are reviewed****

Recruit Firefighter Training – 143 hrs. for Basic Firefighter (80 hrs. for OSHA Firefighter + 3 hrs. for Bloodborne Pathogens + 12 hrs. for CPR/First Aid + 16 hrs. for ICS + 24 hrs. for Haz-Mat Ops. + 4 hrs. for POV Response + 4 hrs. for Orientation) + 60 hrs. for Firefighter I + 1 full year of monthly drills (33 hrs.) + 16 hrs. for Auto Extrication + 8 hrs. for Flammable Liquids and Gases + 36 hrs. for Firefighter II
Total = 176 hrs. – 296 hrs. per Recruit

New Driver Training – Each new driver is required to complete a minimum of 10 hrs. of driving time...in addition to getting their Class E license. They are also required to attend the 12 hrs. of Bi-annual Driver/Operator Training.
Total = minimum of 24 hrs. per new driver