



Maine Fire Service Institute Director's Biweekly Update December 21, 2012

Note from MFSI Director

On November 19, 2012 the Maine Fire Service Institute welcomed our new Deputy Director of Operations Jim Graves. Since his arrival Jim has been working diligently to become familiar with MFSI operations. It is my privilege to welcome Jim as a member of the MFSI Staff. Jim has been asked to share a few words with you.

A note from the new Deputy of Operations

Good day fellow fire service professionals. I wanted to take some time and set my hands to type, introduce myself and give you all some idea of who I am and what I believe. I currently live with my seven year old daughter Cora in Manchester, just west of Augusta. My hobbies include hunting and fishing, more specifically ice fishing, football and baseball, but ultimately find happiness in landscaping my property and doing home improvement projects.

I started my fire service career on a small volunteer fire department in 1985. I had always known I wanted to be a firefighter as far back as I can remember. Early on in my career I had a Captain that taught so much about firefighting, auto extrication, and pumping water that to this day I think on his lessons and how it impacted my career. That was the training side. After attending a Firefighter I program, I was introduced to a Deputy Chief from Nashua New Hampshire. His words echo in my mind frequently, ***"If you want to become a professional firefighter son, you best get an education that is the way of the future career Firefighter."***

So the second phase began, and I earned an Associate's Degree in Fire Science. Within a few months of completing the program I was hired as a Career Firefighter with the City of Waterville. In my time with the Waterville Fire Department training was not only the primary goal of the department but mine as well. This was a much better economic climate, funds were available to attend all kinds of train the trainers, command schools, advanced foam training in Pennsylvania, the National Fire Academy in Maryland. Not only was the training excellent but the people I met, worked and trained with were exemplary. Firefighters and Fire Officers from departments all across the great State of Maine, came together and worked as one to achieve a common goal.

The networking that took place during this ten year period helped me discover new ideas for my own department. Ideas such as RIT teams, managing the mayday event, carbon monoxide response, different foam uses, and the current hot topics of that time, whatever it may



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have been. It is my belief that this type of training environment saved tax payers money, promoted networking, created friendships and brought the Maine fire service closer together as a whole. This is what I would like to see or assist in making happen. I understand it will take time, but that is the only end I envision for our future.

My goal is to work hard to bring the best, quality fire service training to each and every firefighter and fire officer in the state of Maine. I have always been very proud to know so many of you, and now I am equally proud to serve you. To me our mission here at the Maine Fire Service Institute is a noble one, providing all of you with the best training possible, and it is my intention to do just that. I look forward to working with you in the near future, please be safe when the alarm sounds in whatever town or city you reside or work.

Most sincerely and respectfully,

Jim Graves

Deputy of Operations Maine Fire Service Institute

jgraves@smccme.edu

Deputy Director Ed Marks Last Day Reminder!

Do not forget that Deputy Director Ed Marks' last day of work at MFSI will be Friday December 28, 2012. Please join the MFSI staff as we take time to send off Ed to his retirement. The send-off event will be held on Friday December 28, 2012 at the MFSI office from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MFSI Holiday Schedule Update!

The Maine Fire Service Institute office will be closed at 12:00 p.m. on December 24, 2012 and will open at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday December 26, 2012. We will be open during normal business hours on December 31, 2012 but close all day January 1, 2013 and will be open on January 2, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.



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The Maine Fire Service Institute and Maine Office of State Fire Marshal are hosting a 2 Hour Course on “*Bridging the Gap: A Guide to Implementing a Residential Sprinkler training program.*”

The 2 hour course is designed for Code Enforcement Officials, Water Surveyors, Elected Officials, Fire Service Personnel, Contractors and anyone with an interest in residential sprinklers. Courses will be offered in 4 locations throughout the state of Maine in April of 2013. Look for dates and locations where the course will be offered early in the month of January 2013.

MFSI Acquires New Fire Extinguisher Trainer

The Maine Fire Service Institute is excited to announce the arrival of our new Fire Extinguisher Trainer. The unit operates on propane and water rather than a chemical extinguishing agent. It is our hope the acquisition of the unit will permit a quick turnaround for servicing to allow for training needs. Please submit requests to use the training prop through the MFSI website drop-down menu at www.MaineFSI.org

New Training Opportunity for Maine's Fire Departments!

**The Maine Department of Environmental Protection offers a 45-60 minutes course
“*Introduction to Maine DEP Oil Spill Response*”**

The course will cover the following topics:

- How to determine appropriate clean-up method.
- How to apply sorbent boom properly.
- Sheen v. Free Product.
- How to properly handle and dispose of contaminated materials.
- Responding to a home heating oil tank.
- Notifying the DEP.

To schedule a training session for your fire department please contact the following:

Franki Delaney, Oil & Hazardous Materials Responder I

207-822-6366

1-888-769-1036

207-446-9899 Cell Phone



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New National Fire Academy Student ID Requirements

As mentioned in the previous edition of the MFSI Director's Biweekly, the National Fire Academy has implemented new student ID # system for anyone applying for on campus, off campus and online programs!

(This includes all courses offered by MFSI on behalf of the National Fire Academy as local deliveries!)

Please review the following information:

National Fire Academy students interested in applying for **on-campus (10-/6-/2-day)**, **off-campus (10-/6-/2-day)** and **NFA Online courses** need to register for a FEMA Student Identification Number (SID). This number is used in place of a Social Security Number and is obtained through the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP).

Applications for NFA courses that do not include a SID will not be processed.

To obtain a SID Register at <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

1. Select "Need a FEMA SID?" on the right side of the screen.
2. Follow the instructions to create your account.

You will receive an email with your SID. Save this number in a secure location.

Use the SID in place of the SSN on the General Admissions Application Form (FEMA Form 119-25-1) and General Admissions Application Short Form (FEMA Form 119-25-2).

Additional Information

General Admissions Application forms are being revised to eliminate the need for the SSN and include a field for the SID.



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Reminder for Fire Chiefs and Training Officers!

Please notify Certification and Curriculum Manager Peter Rines at 207-844-2074 or prines@smccme.edu prior to starting an in-house or regional Firefighter I and II, Fire Instructor I and II or Fire Officer I and II program.

Upcoming Maine Fire Chiefs Workshop Offerings:

January 12-23, 2012 in Skowhegan hosted by Somerset County Fire Chiefs. Contact Chief Roger Lightbody for details and registration information madfire@beeline-online.net

February 2-3, 2012 in York County hosted by the Goodwin Mills Fire and Rescue contact Chief Roger Hooper for details and registration at Email: chief@gmfd.org or Call 207-499-7878

Important Reminder!

Anyone desiring to participate in certification testing need to have progress charts no less than 2 weeks prior to the scheduled written or skills examination. Walk-ons are not permitted. Contact Peter Rines, Certification and Curriculum Manager at prines@smccme.edu for more information

Training Resource Available to the Fire Service

The National Fallen Firefighter Foundation has excellent training resources available at no charge to fire departments. Go to www.firehero.org for information and resources.



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2013 Written Certification Examination Dates

SMCC- Place 3rd	Floor	Howe Hall	RM 301
EMCC- Place 2nd	Floor	Penobscot Hall	FIRE SCIENCE ROOM
BRUNSWICK	SMCC Midcoast Campus	MFSI Office	

<u>Location</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>SMCC</u>	<u>MFSI</u>	<u>EMCC</u>
January 28, 2013	January 7, 2013	January 14, 2013
February 25, 2013	February 11, 2013	NO TEST
March 25, 2013	March 4, 2013	March 11, 2013
April 29, 2013	April 15, 2013	NO TEST
May 20, 2013	May 6, 2013	May13, 2013
June 24, 2013	June 10, 2013	NO TEST
July 29, 2013	July 22, 2013	July 15, 2013
August 26, 2013	August 12, 2013	August 19, 2013
September 30, 2013	September 9, 2013	September 16, 2013
October 28, 2013	October 7, 2013	NO TEST
November 4, 2013	November 18, 2013	NO TEST
December 18, 2013	December 4, 2013	NO TEST



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FIREFIGHTER I AND II SKILLS TESTING 2013 and 2014

April 26, 2013 Auburn

May 18, 2013 Hollis or Yarmouth TBA

June 1, 2013 Hollis

June 29, 2013 Ellsworth

September 21, 2013 Caribou

October 12, 2013 Hollis

October 26, 2013 Bangor

June 7, 2014 Ellsworth

June 21, 2012 Hollis

October 11, 2014 Bangor

October 25, 2014 Brunswick or Yarmouth TBA

NFA Maine State Weekend April 13 & 14, 2013

****W458-Preparation for Initial Company Operations***

W349- Fire Service Safety Culture: Who Protects Firefighters from Firefighters

W520- Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Skills within Communities

W804- Leadership II for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Personal Success

W121- Politics and White Helmet

"The new Technology Course originally scheduled for 2013 has been cancelled by the NFA."



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Be on the lookout for the NFA State Weekend 2013 Flyer to come out in late November or early December 2012!

NFA in-State Deliveries

March 9-10, 2013- Brunswick, Maine *Go to www.MaineFSI.org for registration details*

F457- Decision Making for Initial Company Operations

F522- Executive Skill Series: Exercising Leadership through Difficult Conversations

September 28-29, 2013- Brunswick, Maine *Go to www.MaineFSI.org for registration details*

F121 - Politics and the White Helmet

F522 - Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership through Difficult Conversations

Fire Instructor I and II Courses

The Maine Fire Service Institute will be offering Fire Instructor I and II courses in the following locations during the spring of 2013

Waterville, Ellsworth and Caribou (the Caribou course was moved from the fall of 2013 to increase enrollment.)

Courses planned in the fall of 2013 include Western Maine, York County and Brunswick. Look for registration information to be posted in early December. Go to Maine Fire Service Institute Website

www.MaineFSI.org for registration details and information.

**Please contact the Maine Fire Service Institute if you have a
Firefighter, Fire Instructor or Fire Officer program
announcements at**

**Director Bill Guindon, bguindon@smccme.edu or
207-844-2076**

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**SMCC Fire Science
presents
Mid-Coast Firehouse
Campus:
Bringing Fire Science Closer to the
Firehouse**



Spring 2013 Course: FIRE 115 Building Construction for the Fire Service

A required course in the SMCC Fire Science AAS Degree Program

At SMCC's Mid-Coast (Brunswick Landing) Campus, Academic Building

Monday evenings, January 14 thru May 06, 2013

This course provides an exploration of the basics of building construction as it relates to the municipal fire service. Students will learn the basics of building construction, the identification of common structure types and their associated hazards while reviewing current and past case studies used to illustrate the importance of understanding building construction in the fire service.

The course will be offered Monday evenings from 1800 – 2045 hours. Students who successfully complete this course will earn 3 required course credits toward their Fire Science AAS degree.

Required text: Brannigan's Building Construction for the Fire Service (4th edition, 2008). Publisher: Jones and Bartlett. ISBN: 978-0-7637-7802-6.

Course Introduction: This course provides an introduction to the components of building construction that relate to the fire service and life safety. The focus of this course is on firefighter safety and the assessment of buildings related to this topic. The elements of construction and the design of structures are shown to be key factors when inspecting buildings, preplanning fire operations and operating at emergencies.

Course objectives: The students will be able to.....

- Identify the basic principles of building construction
- Recognize and be able to describe different types of building construction



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- Evaluate building materials and their implications for fire ground operations
- Review and analyze case studies from publications and published reports
- Conduct a field study; create a report and present important information to the rest of the class



Course dates: Monday evenings, January 14 thru May 06, 2013; 1800 – 2045 hours

To Register: Contact SMCC Enrollment Services:
741-5800 (Course # FIRE 115-BK)

Add/Drop Deadline is 01/22/13 @ 5 PM (No refunds after that day/time)

Location: Academic Building, SMCC Mid-Coast Campus, Brunswick, ME

Enrollment: 25 students maximum, 10 students minimum

Instructor: Mr. Mark J. Stevens, Inspector, Maine State Fire Marshal

For more info contact Robert Lindstedt: rlindstedt@smccme.edu or 207-741-5750

SMCC Fire Science presents *Fire Inspector I Certification Lab*

Preparation for NFPA's CFI-1 Certification

At SMCC's Brunswick Landing Campus, Academics Building, Spring, 2013

This course provides practical application of material found in the NFPA codes and standards to prepare the student to sit for the NFPA Certified Fire Inspector I exam. Upon completion of the exam the applicant will complete a series of practical application exercises required by NFPA for certification.

Course prerequisites:

Attendance in this class requires successful completion of FIRE 150 within the past five years –OR– at least two years of verifiable work experience relating to fire inspections or code enforcement.

The course will be offered on the following dates and times: (Attendance at all Sessions is Mandatory)

- 1) Thursday, January 24, 2013 from 6:00PM to 9:00PM
- 2) Saturday, February 16, 2013 from 8:00AM to 4:30PM
- \3) Saturday, March 2, 2013 from 8:00AM to 4:30PM
- 4) Saturday, March 9, 2013 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM



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Required texts:

- ☐ Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement (6th edition or 7th edition). Publisher: IFSTA/FPP
- ☐ NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code* (2009 edition) Publisher: National Fire Protection Association
- ☐ NFPA 1, *Fire Code* (2009 edition) Publisher: National Fire Protection Association
- ☐ NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Fire Sprinkler Systems* (2007 edition) Publisher: National Fire Protection Association
- ☐ NFPA 25, *Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems* (2008 edition) Publisher: National Fire Protection Association
- ☐ NFPA 72, *National Fire Alarm Code* (2007 edition) Publisher: National Fire Protection Association

NOTE: The NFPA codes and standards listed above are available from NFPA for \$90 when purchased as part of the CFI I certification program.

Why earn NFPA CFI-1 certification?

The public at-large today is demanding evidence of competency from professionals in their practice specialties. Certification is an important credential that can help you to meet this need.

- Gain professional recognition from your peers and others
 - Demonstrate your knowledge and competence
 - Document your commitment to your profession
 - Enhance opportunities for advancement

The NFPA Fire Inspector I (CFI) certification program is a result of requests by fire inspectors, plan reviewers, state agencies, and national organizations to develop certifications founded on the NFPA Professional Qualification Standards (NFPA 1031) and other applicable NFPA codes and standards.

Course dates: Jan. 24, Feb. 16, Mar. 2, Mar. 9 (see class times above)

To Register: Contact SMCC Enrollment Services: 741-5800 –(Course # FIRE 151-BK)

Location: SMCC Brunswick Landing Campus, Academics Building

Enrollment: 25 students maximum, 10 students minim

Instructor: Mark J. Stevens, NFPA CFPS, CFI II, CFPE

For more info: dmclean@smccme.edu or 741-5512 or Mark Stevens mjs581@yahoo.com



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The Maine Fire Service Institute and Maine Fire Chiefs' Association
presents;

"Maine Fire Chiefs' Workshop"

February 2 & 3, 2013

Hosted by the York County Fire Chiefs' Association

*Class Location: Goodwins Mills Fire-Rescue,
481 Goodwins Mills Road (Route 35)
Lyman, Maine.*

*Instructor: Bill Guindon, MFSI
Class is limited to the 20 students.
Priority will be given to Chief Officers.*

Please submit applications before January 18, 2013.

**Contact Chief Roger Hooper for details and registration information
E-mail: chief@gmfd.org Office: (207)499-7878**

The Maine Fire Chiefs Association and the Maine Fire Service Institute have collaborated to create a Fire Chiefs Workshop. The workshop was created with a goal to provide new and aspiring fire chiefs with information to assist in the management and leadership of a fire department in Maine.

Topics include: Legal Aspects, Professionalism and Politics, Fire Chiefs Role in Leading, Financial Management and Planning, Fire Chiefs Role in Coaching, Counseling and Correcting, Incident Management, Training Safety and Risk Management, Community and Media Relations.



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**Maine Fire Chiefs' Workshop
February 2 & 3, 2013, 8:00am – 5:00pm
Application**

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Name: _____

Department: _____

Rank: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell # _____

I certify that I am a member in good standing with the _____
Fire Department and am authorized to attend this class.

Signed: _____ Applicant

Date: _____

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E-mail completed application to: chief@gmfd.org

Or by fax: (207) 499-2893

Or by U.S. Mail: Fire Chief's Workshop
C/O Goodwins Mills Fire-Rescue
481 Goodwins Mills Road
Lyman, ME 04002

APPLICATION DEAD LINE IS: January 18, 2013.