

# Training Classes - At a Glance

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Inspector 1031 Recertification Training	Wed. 8:00 - 4:30
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VDFP Roundtable – Discuss EV Issues, OSHA Standards and More	Fri. 3:00 - 4:30

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**Registration for the Classes Closes on September 8, 2024**

# **2024 First Responder Virginia Conference**

## **Course Descriptions**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024, through Saturday, September 22, 2024**

**September 8<sup>th</sup> is deadline for registration.**

### **VDFP Fire Inspector 1031 Recertification Training**

**Wed. 8 am – 4:30 pm**

#### **Presenter:**

The course is open to all state and local inspectors and will provide CEU's for those that are currently certified with the VFMA and require recertification credits. Conference attendees are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to earn much needed recertification hours.

**This course qualifies for 8 hours towards 1031 recertification.**

### **VDFP Fire Investigator 1033 Recertification Training**

**Thurs. & Fri. 8 am – 5:00 pm**

The course is open to all state and local investigators and will provide CEU's for those that are currently certified with the VFMA and require recertification credits. Conference attendees are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to earn much needed recertification hours.

**This course qualifies for 16 hours towards 1033 recertification.**

### **Communicating With Your Community**

**Thurs. 1:00-4:30**

#### **Presenter:**

This entry level attendance course is designed for fire service personnel. The course covers communication techniques, including developmental characteristics and learning capabilities ranging from preschoolers to older adults. It also reviews classes of fire, fire extinguishers, firefighter's personal protection equipment and methods of discussing and delivering topics to the general public. This training provides the station firefighter with the knowledge, skills, and ability to deliver department approved fire safety messages, programs, and materials to their community as assigned.

Prerequisites: FLSE I is preferred but not required

Text: CWYC student note taking guide - provided in an electronic format

Hours: 4

Registration Cost: \$0

### **Revolutionizing Fire and EMS Recruitment: Harnessing the Power of Smartphone Video**

**Presenter: Chuck Moran**

**Fri. 10:30-12:00**

The shortage of candidates for volunteer and career fire and EMS departments has created a pressing need to find effective recruitment strategies. Traditional methods, such as posting uninspiring text or photos on social media, have proven ineffective. Departments must embrace new approaches that resonate with the younger generation.

Video has become a language, especially for young people. Additionally, 90% of information transmitted to our brains is visual. Viewers retain 95% of a message when they see it in a video compared to 10% in text.

Video offers a unique opportunity for departments to captivate and communicate their message

effectively. The challenge is knowing how. By utilizing smartphones, departments can create engaging videos in-house and on-demand without the need for expensive equipment or outside resources. Attendees at this training will discover how to craft videos that capture the attention of their target audience, resulting in higher engagement and interest.

**Street Smart Extrication**  
**Presenter: Tim O'Conner**

**Fri. 8:00 - 10:00**

Vehicle extrication is a puzzle. But its not a normal puzzle; it's a puzzle with constantly changing rules. Manufacturers strive to make the best vehicles on the road so they can make the most sales. They design their vehicles to perform safely when involved in a collision. What they don't care about is the fire department and its ability to extricate someone from one of their vehicles. Extrication challenges facing today's crews have grown exponentially with new vehicle components and construction practices. This class will help dismantle those practices and show real-world ways to beat them, sometimes by using them to your advantage to get trapped occupants out in a timely manner. Learn maneuvers that can be used to extricate trapped civilians in a tested, timely manner.

**Cancer...You're At Risk!**  
**Presenter: Steve Weissman**

**Fri. 8:00 - 10:00**

Cancer is the most dangerous threat to firefighters and EMS providers' health and safety today. A Study from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) indicated that a firefighter has a nine percent higher risk of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14 percent higher risk of dying from cancer than the population of the United States. In Virginia, on average, over 50 firefighters are diagnosed with cancer each year. This presentation will reveal the cancers that impact our profession, ways to reduce your chance of being diagnosed with cancer, how early detection saves lives and how the Firefighter Cancer Support Network supports firefighters and their family when diagnosed with cancer.

**Planning for a Firefighter Line of Duty Death**  
**Presenter: Ian Bennett & Steve Poff (NFFF)**

**Fri. 8:00 - 12:00**

This presentation will discuss the various aspects of handling a firefighter line of duty death with programs available from the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) to assist in the process.

- The Taking Care of Our Own class provides specific information and valuable insights on preparing a department for these unfortunate events.
- The NFFF has established Local Assistance State Teams (LAST) to assist in the event of a line-of-duty death to provide assistance and comfort to the family and department after a line-of-duty death and to help with filing for Federal, State and Local benefits.
- The NFFF has developed several uniformed outreach program initiatives: Chief, Incident Commander and Company Officer to address the distinct need to support these individuals in their healing and recovery.
- There will be a detailed discussion of the Department of Justice Public Safety Officer Benefit program including who is eligible for the benefit and how to apply.

**Making Live Fire Training Realistic and Compliant**  
**Presenter: Tom Berry**

**Fri. 10:30 – 12:00 pm**

Live fire training is an important part of any firefighter and fire officer's training. Unfortunately, many, if not most times we deliver live fire training in a manner that is not realistic in some

respects. Many times, this lack of training is blamed on standards and requirements while in fact they do no such thing. Other times the unrealistic nature of live fire training is brought upon us due to insufficient planning, ineffective props, or other hinderances that could be overcome. Live fire training in structural props as well as outside props will be looked at with ideas provided to make the most of any of these types of training events all while keeping NFPA standards in mind.

At the conclusion of this program the participants will:

- Have an increased knowledge of NFPA 1403, NFPA 1402, and NFPA 1400
- Have had exposure to Class A and Class B fixed and mobile live fire training structures
- Have had exposure to Class A and Class B exterior props

### **Lithium-Ion Battery Response Considerations**

**Fri. 1:00 – 2:30 pm**

**Presenter: Tom Berry**

Lithium-ion batteries have seen a steady increase in use and popularity over the past decade, and there is more to come. The most visible use of these types of batteries is in electric vehicles due to several high-profile incidents. This is concerning and needs to be addressed, but electric vehicle incidents are only a component of what the fire service needs to know since they make up only a small number of these types of fires

The course offers response considerations concerning many types of lithium-ion battery fires, from small cell phone batteries all the way up to stand-alone storage buildings. Exposure will include strategies, tactics, and tools that should be considered. With this investment of time, you can get the training to help be prepared to keep you and your team safe.

### **Dynamic Fire Behavior**

**Fri. 8:00 - 12:00**

**Presenter: Edward Landgrower BC Virginia Beach FD**

- **HOT** Program Virginia Office of EMS - Continuing Education Credit Category 2 Recent empirical research has provided the American fire service with a better understanding of the modern fire environment that we work within. Increased knowledge of fire behavior has improved recognition of unsafe and uncontrolled conditions that in the past have led to fireground injuries and fatalities. The flashover trainer offers firefighters an opportunity to observe those fire behaviors and precursors that lead to dynamic fire events. In a controlled IDLH environment, the student will observe the phases of fire flow path development, rollover, and eventual flashover. Emphasis will be on fire ground operations, ventilation practices, changing smoke conditions and fire attack.

**\*\*\*\* Students must bring: Full PPE, SCBA and have FF1 (VDFP) \*\*\*\***

### **Ops to Admin**

**Fri. 1:00 - 2:30**

**Presenter: Chief Michael Parris**

When the transition from operations to administration takes place are we ready to leave our comfort zone for the growth of the organization? Did we welcome it or did we go kicking and screaming?

## **Preventing the Preventable -NFFF**

**Fri. 1:00 - 4:30**

**Presenter: J.D. Jenkins**

The NFFF has developed a **4-hour training program** which will be delivered through the Everyone Goes Home® Advocate community. Strategies included in the course can be used to tailor a fire prevention and life safety education program to meet the needs of the specific fire department.

In order that this program to be successful, fire departments must commit to making a pivotal shift toward establishing an organizational culture of prevention. It has long been recognized that fire prevention and life safety education is an effective way to establish “fire safe” behavior among people of all ages and abilities. However, it is not as clear that firefighters have fully embraced fire prevention and life safety education programs in the context of “self-survival.”

The NFFF believes that elevation of these programs as a **priority** needs to begin with proper direction and support from the **fire chief**, who must also aggressively seek support from:

- local government administrators
- risk managers
- elected officials

## **VDFP Roundtable**

**Fri. 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

**Presenters: VDFP Staff**

- Join us to hear from VDFP Executive Director Brad Creasy and Training and Ops Branch Chief Jamey Brads regarding several agency initiatives and for a round table discussion.
- EV Issues, OSHA Standards

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