

Course Name: Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations w/ Hazmat (BEFO)

Full Description: This course prepares new firefighters to operate in the exterior or non-IDLH areas of the fire scene. Students participate in learning events covering firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE), self-contained breathing apparatus inspection and cylinder changing, fire department communications, building construction and fire behavior, modern fire control research, portable fire extinguishers, rope and knot tying, ground ladders, forcible entry, tactical ventilation theory, water supply, hose and fire streams, loss control, orientation to fire origin and cause determination, fire prevention and life safety initiatives, confined space awareness, overview of first aid and buddy care, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations. Designed for: Fire department personnel who, for whatever reason, will not be classified as an interior structural firefighter.

Course Length: 79 Hours

Course Number: 01-05-0101- 550

Course Location(s): Tonawanda Fire Tower

70 Fire Tower Rd Tonawanda, NY 14150

Prerequisites: Must be an active firefighter

Training Authorization Letters are required for this course. Please scan and email a valid Training Authorization Letter with the NYS course number listed to either alexander.doll@erie.gov, joleen.schlossin@erie.gov, or Jonathon.torre@erie.gov prior to the first day of class. A student will not be enrolled in a course if a valid TAL isn't on file. The application alone does not guarantee course enrollment. Any student who arrives on the first day of class without a valid TAL will be turned away.

I am running a few minutes late; my previous meeting is running over.



Each student MUST create a NYS Learning Management System account to be registered in any NYS course. Along with the TAL, this MUST occur for a student to be "enrolled" in any course.

Textbook: IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting 7th edition

Course Schedule:

Day	<u>Date</u>	Time	<u>Location</u>
Sunday	8/17/25	08:00	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Tuesday	8/19/25	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Thursday	8/21/25	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Sunday	8/24/25	08:00	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Tuesday	8/26/25	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Thursday	8/28/25	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Tuesday	9/2/25	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Thursday	9/4/25	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Sunday	9/7/25	08:00	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Tuesday	9/9/25	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Thursday	9/11/25	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Sunday	9/14/25	08:00	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Tuesday	9/16/25	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Thursday	9/18/25	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Sunday	9/21/25	08:00	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Tuesday	9/23/25	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Thursday	9/25/25	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Sunday	9/28/25	08:00	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Tuesday	9/30/25	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Thursday	10/2/25	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower