

Course Name: Firefighter 1 – Blended Learning – Orchard Park

Full Description: This course is designed for the highly motivated, self-directed student with access to high-speed internet who can commit to a very aggressive training schedule in a compressed time format. Students will be expected to read three chapters, complete the respective on-line interactive slide shows and score 80% on three on-line chapter tests each week. Students will be monitored and assisted by an instructor through email and on-line course contact. Corresponding skills instruction and evaluation will occur at a training facility during weeks three, eight and nine. Students must be available to attend a fourhour orientation session, weekend units at week three, and full week of units in week eight and week nine. Final written and skills evaluation will be performed at the end of week nine in person at the training facility. As the initial entry program for firefighting personnel, this combined course introduces firefighting concepts, practices and techniques necessary for the new member to become an interior structural firefighter who can perform under the direct supervision of a company officer. Completion of this course achieves the 21 objectives of function 4.2 Interior Firefighters of the OFPC Recommended Best Practices for FD Training Programs (01/15) document.

Course Length: 26 units of on-site skills training & 22 units of independent online learning

NYS Course Number: 01-05-0104

Course Location(s): Orchard Park Company

30 School Street

Orchard Park, NY 14127

Training Dates: 8/2/25 – 11/1/25

Prerequisites: Must be an active firefighter with a department.



Course Schedule:

Orientation morning will occur on Saturday August 2, 2025 @ 08:00 @ OP Central. A course syllabus will be given out at orientation. All students are required to bring an Officer with them to orientation as apparatus will be scheduled for the skill days.

Please bring your personal protective gear (coat, pants, helmet, hood, gloves, boots, SCBA, hand tool, and textbook to orientation)

You will be signing up for "Resource One" at orientation – this is your online platform. There is a cost for the online program. Most departments cover their firefighters' expenses for this. Be prepared to make an online payment at orientation.

In-person classes will take place on:

Saturday 8/2 - 08:00 to 12:00 @ OP Central

Saturday 8/23 – 08:00 to 16:00 @ OP Central

Saturday 8/30 – 08:00 to 17:00 @ Chestnut Ridge Tower

Saturday 9/27 – 08:00 to 17:00 @ Chestnut Ridge Tower

Tuesday 9/30 – 18:30 to 21:30 @ OP Central

Saturday 10/4 – 08:00 to 16:00 @ OP Central

Tuesday 10/7 – 18:30 to 21:30 @ OP Central

Thursday 10/9 – 18:30 to 22:30 @ Chestnut Ridge Tower

Saturday 10/11 - 08:00 to 17:00 @ Chestnut Ridge Tower

Tuesday 10/14 – 18:30 to 21:30 @ EC Fire Academy

Thursday 10/16 – 18:30 – 21:30 @ Chestnut Ridge Tower

Saturday 10/18 – 08:00 to 15:00 @ EC Fire Academy

Saturday 10/25 – 08:00 to 16:00 @ Chestnut Ridge Tower

Thursday 10/30 – 18:30 to 21:30 @ Chestnut Ridge Tower

Saturday 11/1 – 08:00 to 15:00 @ OP Central



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.

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.