

DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Training Announcement



**Fire Prevention
and Control**

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

Full Description: This course prepares new firefighters to operate under direct supervision in the exterior or non-IDLH areas of the fire scene. Students participate in training 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, Exterior fire suppression, 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, firefighter post fire decontamination, confined space awareness, overview of first aid and buddy care, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations. Graduates should be committed to exterior firefighting operations only. This course will not place the student in IDLH or contaminated atmospheres.

Course Length: 79 hours – 25 units

NYS Course Number: 01-05-0101

**Course Location(s): Tonawanda Training Tower
70 Fire Tower Drive
Tonawanda, NY 14150**

Prerequisites: Must be an active firefighter

Training Authorization Letters are **REQUIRED** for all courses. A student will NOT be enrolled in any course **UNTIL** a valid **TAL** is on file **PRIOR** to the first day of class. Any student who arrives at class without a valid TAL on file in the state system will be turned away. Priority for class enrollment will be given to those individuals who complete the course application and have a valid TAL on file. 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

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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. New account : <https://lmsportal-dhses.ny.gov/acadisviewer/WebForms/Public/DataCollectorList.aspx>

Textbook: IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting 7th edition

Course Schedule:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday	2/19/26	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Thursday	3/5/26	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Tuesday	3/10/26	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Thursday	3/12/26	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Sunday	3/15/26	08:00	Tonawanda Fire Tower (Full Day)
Tuesday	3/17/26	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Thursday	3/19/26	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Sunday	3/22/26	08:00	Tonawanda Fire Tower (Full Day)
Tuesday	3/24/26	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Thursday	3/26/26	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Sunday	3/29/26	08:00	Tonawanda Fire Tower (Full Day)
Tuesday	3/31/26	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Thursday	4/2/26	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Tuesday	4/7/26	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Thursday	4/9/26	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Sunday	4/12/26	08:00	Tonawanda Fire Tower (Full Day)
Tuesday	4/14/26	18:30	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Tuesday	4/28/26	18:00	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Thursday	4/30/26	18:00	Tonawanda Fire Tower
Sunday	5/3/26	08:00	Tonawanda Fire Tower (Full Day)