

PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

COURSE SCHEDULE

Fall 2009

Look for the new training classes. Although most classes are part of the PA State Fire Academy system, we are also offering WCCC-sponsored classes. See the symbol (WCCC) to identify WCCC classes. Both are taught by certified instructors. Certificates are awarded upon successful course completion. Some classes require successful skill and written exam completion while others may qualify for PA Department of Health con. ed. credits.

NEW: *Bus Rescue, Elevator Rescue and LifeFlight LZ Safety Program; back, High Rise Firefighting and Structural Fire Rescue.*

Courses are listed two ways: by date and by category: apparatus, fire suppression, etc. so you can quickly find the class you need.

To register, call: **1-800-262-2103**. We look forward to meeting your training needs.

August 2009

- **3** Hazardous Materials Operations, 6:30 p.m.
- **4** Ventilation Practices, 6:30 p.m.
- **18** Structural Firefighting, 6:30 p.m.

September 2009

- **8** Intro. to the Fire Service, 6:30 p.m.
- **15** Fireground Support, 6:30 p.m.
- **19** Emergency Vehicle Driver Training, 8 a.m.
- **21** LifeFlight LZ Safety Program, 7 p.m.
- **28** Pump Operations I, 6:30 p.m.

October 2009

- **2** Firefighter I written exam, 7 p.m.
- **3** Firefighter I skills test, 8 a.m.
- **5** Bus Rescue, 6:30 p.m.
- **6** Structural Fire Rescue, 6:30 p.m.
- **13** Exterior Firefighter, 6:30 p.m.
- **19** Elevator Rescue, 6:30 p.m.
- **26** High Rise Firefighting, 6:30 p.m.
- **27** Structural Firefighting, 6:30 p.m.

November 2009

- **2** Educational Methodologies for Local Level Instructors, 6:30 p.m.
- **3** Interior Firefighter, 6:30 p.m.

December 2009

- **10** Fire Instructor I exam, 7 p.m.
- **12** Fire Instructor I Skills test, 8:30 a.m.
- **14** Heartsaver First Aid, 7 p.m.

Apparatus

Emergency Vehicle Driver Training (EVOC)

PPRX 1752-79

The safe operation of emergency vehicles is crucial to “arriving alive.” Learn the importance of vehicle dynamics, driver selection criteria, preparing the vehicle, the PA Vehicle Code and safe operations. Includes behind-the-wheel practice in your vehicle. Must attend all sessions. PA Dept. of Health con. ed. credits applied for. Min. age, 18. **Sat. & Sun., Sept. 19 & 20, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., John Rock, \$38.**

Pump Operations I (PUOP)

PPRX 6658-79

Don't just be a “lever puller!” Learn how to establish pump settings for a variety of hand line layouts. Pump construction and theory, hose and nozzle layouts, simple hydraulic formulas and hand rules, preventative maintenance and testing procedures are included. Turnout gear required. Min. age, 18. **Mon. & Weds., Sept. 28 & 30, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Sun., Oct. 4, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., John Speidel, \$28.**

Fire Suppression

Essentials of Firefighting and Emergency Response

Essentials of Firefighting is offered as four (4) courses totaling 166 hours. If you just want to be a driver/operator, then take the first two courses. If you want to help on the fire ground but don't what to go inside, take the first three courses. If you want to do interior fire suppression, then you need all four.

WCCC is offering the four courses beginning **September 8** and ending December 3. The textbook: *Firefighter's Handbook*, Thomson/Delmar Learning and Skill Sheets manual are required for each course. A **FREE textbook** and skill sheets (a \$75. value) will be available to the first 20 registered students! Students will also need to provide a full set of turnout gear and a 20 ft. piece of rope (min. 7/16” diameter).

Certificates are awarded at the successful completion of each course. Junior firefighters may attend the first three courses. Minimum age for the final class, *Interior Firefighter*, is 18 by the first session. Limit 28. **Register today.**

Introduction to the Fire Service (ELIS)

PPRX 3700-79

This is the first in a series of four classes for entry level firefighters. An overview of the fire service, fire service organizational principles, firefighter health and safety, personal protective equipment and terrorism awareness are covered. You must provide a full set of turnout gear, notebook, pen/pencil. Satisfactory completion of a written exam required to receive a certificate.

Junior firefighters may attend. **Tues & Thurs., Sept. 8 & 10, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Sat., Sept. 12, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., David Hauger, \$20.**

Fireground Support (ELFG)

PPRX 2176-79

The class is geared to support personnel including driver/operators. Fire behavior and portable extinguishers, water supplies, fire hose and appliances, rope, knots and hitches and hazardous materials are covered. You must provide a full set of turnout gear, notebook and pen/pencil. Satisfactory completion of a written exam required to receive a certificate. Junior firefighters may attend. *Introduction to the Fire Service (ELIS)* is a prerequisite. **Starts Tues., Sept. 15. Meets: Sept. 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29 & Oct. 1, 6, & 8. Times: Tues. and Thurs., 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Shaun Teacher, \$57. + \$10. lab fee.**

Exterior Firefighter (ELEF)

PPRX 1800-79

The class is designed for those firefighters that don't want to enter burning structures with SCBA. Building construction, ladders, communications, fire detection and suppression systems, forcible entry and fire prevention covered. You must provide a full set of turnout gear, notebook and pen/pencil. Satisfactory completion of a written exam required to receive a certificate. Junior firefighters may attend. *Fireground Support (ELFG)* is a prerequisite. **Starts Tues., Oct. 13. Meets: Oct. 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27 & 29. Times: Tues. & Thurs., 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Kris Cattau, \$50.**

Interior Firefighter (ELIF)

PPRX 3660-79

The final class for entry level firefighters is for those persons that want to do live, interior fire suppression with SCBA. Self-contained breathing apparatus, nozzles and fire streams, rescue, ventilation, fire suppression, salvage and overhaul, firefighter survival and a live fire exercise are included. You must provide turnout gear, SCBA, notebook and pen/pencil. Satisfactory completion of a written exam required to receive a certificate. **You must be 18 by first class.** *Exterior Firefighter (ELEF)* is a prerequisite. **Starts Tues., Nov. 3. Meets: Nov. 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24 and Dec. 1 & 3. Times: Tues. & Thurs., 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Allen Clark, Jr., \$70. + \$10. lab fee.**

Firefighter Certification Testing

Firefighter I prerequisites and application forms have changed as of July 1, 2009. The next scheduled **Firefighter I** test is **October 2 & 3, 2009**. The application deadline is **4 p.m., Fri., Sept. 11, 2009**. New application packets are posted to the PA SFA website. The **Fire Service Instructor I** written exam is

Dec. 10, and the skills test is Dec. 12, 2009. (the application deadline is **Nov. 20**).

Check out these prerequisites:

Class	Hours
<i>Heartsaver First Aid</i>	3
<i>Heartsaver CPR Adult & Pediatric</i>	3.5
<i>Haz. Mat. Operations Level 472</i>	24
<i>Structural Firefighting (SBS)</i>	16

High Rise Firefighting (HIRI)

PPRX 3250-79

Tall structures present unique challenges to emergency responders. Firefighting tactics and support operations are presented to reach, search, rescue and extinguish fires in upper floors of high-rise buildings. Preplans, tactical checklists and implementation of the Incident Command System are stressed. Practical exercises involve stretching large and small hose lines in stair wells from standpipe systems, positive pressure ventilation and large-area search techniques, supporting sprinkler and standpipe systems, the use of elevators and resource management. Students should have engine, truck company and ICS experience. Full turnout gear, SCBA and spare cylinder required. **Mon. & Weds., Oct. 26 & 28, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 31, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Kris Cattau, \$25.**

Structural Firefighting: Live Burn Session (SBS)

PPRX 7703-79

This course exposes the student to live firefighting scenarios using the state-of-the art class A burn building where temperatures approach 1,000^o F. Review SCBA procedures, accountability measures, hose line and ladder techniques and safety procedures. Turnout gear and SCBA required. Student should have completed Essentials or Fundamentals of Firefighting or have a minimum of five years of fire ground experience. Min. age, 18. Limit 24. **Tues. & Thurs., Oct. 27 & 29, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 1, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Brian Wright, \$38. + \$10. lab fee.**

Rescue

Bus Rescue (BRES)

PPRX 0600-79

This course expands on the information presented in the Basic Vehicle Rescue program. Students will learn about the various types of large, passenger buses and the rescue challenges they present. The anatomy, construction materials and hazards presented by school, commercial and mass-transit buses are covered. Students will receive hands-on practice to stabilize, gain access, extricate and remove patients from available buses. Must have previously completed a Basic Vehicle Rescue course. Class offered based on bus availability. Min. age, 18. Limit 24. **Mon. & Weds., Oct. 5 & 7, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 10, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Michael Booker, \$38.**

Elevator Rescue📢

PPRX 1728-79

Although elevators are the safest form of transportation, emergencies do occur and emergency responders are called to resolve the situation. Rescues can be an emergency or non-emergency, however, both present difficult challenges. Learn what tools, safety equipment and mechanical hazards exist; what the major operating elevator types are; access points; how to de-energize the unit; what outside resources are available and what precautions you must take to avoid further injuries. Practical exercises will be based on the availability of operating equipment. Students should have basic mechanical, rope rescue and first aid skills. **Mon. & Weds., Oct. 19 & 21, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 24, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Thomas Bonura, \$28.**

Structural Fire Rescue (SFR)

PPRX 7705-79

Firefighters are trained to effectively locate and remove fire victims from above and below grade locations using various lifts, carries, drags and casualty transport devices. This is a rigorous, hands-on course requiring full turnout gear and SCBA. Learn general rescue techniques, rope, knot and hitch review, using litters and stokes baskets, ground ladders and lowering systems and residential, commercial and large area search techniques and practice. Students must have previously completed an Essentials or Fundamentals of Firefighting course. Limit 24. **Tues. & Weds., Oct. 6 & 7, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and Sun., Oct. 11, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tim Mills, \$33.**

Support Operations

Educational Methodologies for Local Level Instructors (EMLL)

PPRX 1600-79

Learn to become an emergency services instructor. This is a must course if you want to become a PA State Fire Academy field instructor. Presents the theory and practical concepts of adult education to teach others. The theories of adult learning, instructor attributes and ethics, class environment, instructor demeanor, writing effective learning objectives, selection and preparation of course materials including lesson plans and support materials and the **Fire Service Instructor I** certification examination provided. Must have a minimum of five (5) years of emergency experience, be at least 23 years old and provide the text: *Fire and Emergency Services Instructor*, Seventh edition. **Four Mons. & Weds. starting Nov. 2 (no class Nov. 25 or 30), 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. and one Sat., Dec. 5, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monica Shields, \$52. + text, limit 20.**

Heartsaver First Aid📢

MEDX 3028-79

An American Heart Association course of basic first aid skills only. **Satisfies the first aid requirement for Firefighter I [CPR also required, see below].** For workers needing OSHA-compliant first aid training, emergency first responders and the general public. Includes: rescuer safety, medical, injury and environmental emergencies. Wounds, bleeding, shock, stroke, seizures, allergic reactions, broken bones, sprains and bruises, choking, bites and stings, heat and

cold emergencies and poisonings are covered. Purchase and review *Heartsaver First Aid* text before class. Limit 16. **Mon., Dec. 14, 7 – 10 p.m., David Hauger, \$19. + \$8. material fee.**

Heartsaver CPR Adult, Child & Infant🔔

An American Heart Association course covering adult, child and infant CPR. Recognize sudden cardiac arrest, choking signs and how to perform CPR and airway maneuvers on adult and pediatric patients. Two-year certification card upon successful completion. Purchase and review the text, *Heartsaver CPR Student Workbook*, before class. **CPR classes held at the Youngwood Campus.**

MEDX 1014-01

Tues., Sept. 29, 6 – 9:30 p.m., Youngwood Campus, BIY 4300, \$25. + \$8. mat. fee.

MEDX 1014-02

Weds., Oct. 7, 6 – 9:30 p.m., Youngwood Campus, BIY 4300, \$25. + \$8. mat. fee.

LifeFlight LZ Safety Program🔔

PPRX 4844-79

Learn how to work with a medical helicopter air ambulance to safely land, load and evacuate critically ill or injured patients. Setting up a landing zone (LZ), safety and communicating with the unit are emphasized in the classroom. Practice setting up an LZ and landing a helicopter subject to unit availability. PA Dept. of Health con. ed. credits applied for. **Mon., Sept. 21, 7 – 9 p.m., LifeFlight Staff, FREE.**

Minimum Age

Participation of minors is subject to the Child Labor Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. See the website: <http://www.dli.state.pa.us/>.

The minimum age is sixteen (16) at the first class for all courses, except as noted. You must be eighteen (18) years old by the first class to enroll in: Structural Firefighting, Basic Vehicle Rescue classes, Aerial Apparatus classes, Pump Operations I & II, Rapid Intervention Crew Exercises, Emergency Vehicle Driver Training (EVOG) or other classes prohibited by the Child Labor Laws (Act of 1915, P. L. 286, No. 177, as amended). That would include, but not be limited to, classes involving live fires, operating hydraulic equipment/tools, using electrical equipment or torches, driving emergency vehicles and operating pumps.

Registration

Call us toll-free to register: **1-800-262-2103, press 1**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Most classes have class size limits and seats are filled on a first-call basis. The college reserves

the right to cancel classes with insufficient enrollment, to change meeting dates, times, locations and instructors.

Gear

Many classes require gear and/or breathing apparatus. See course descriptions. Unless the description says otherwise, you won't need gear for the first class session. The instructor will advise when and what gear is needed.

Course Cancellation

The college reserves the right to cancel classes with insufficient enrollment. An attempt will be made to call you when classes are cancelled. Provide two telephone numbers at the time of registration (and verify the accuracy of current information).

All tuition and fees are automatically refunded directly to the student when classes are cancelled. The student is responsible to return monies to third-party agencies, as required.

Course Fees

Course fees are now fixed for all students; no double-tuition for out-of-county residents. Once registered, a statement is mailed to your home. Fees are due and payable by the first class session to our accounts receivable office:

Accounts Receivable
Westmoreland Co. Community College
145 Pavilion Lane
Youngwood, PA 15697-1898

If your organization is paying the fees, take the Registration Statement to the appropriate person and instruct them to remove the tear-off portion and enclose with the check (payable to: WCCC). If paying in person, checks are suggested.

Radios, Cell Phones & Pagers

Today's cell phones and pagers help us in this fast-paced society. However, the interruptions these devices create in an educational setting are disruptive. Therefore, we ask you to turn off these devices during all lectures and practical training activities. However, the use of a laptop computer to take class notes is acceptable.

Refunds

All refunds are calculated from the official starting date of the course.

For courses through four weeks: If you officially drop through the first three days of the course, you may be eligible to receive a 100% refund of tuition and fees. There are no refunds after this date.

For courses five weeks through nine weeks: If you officially drop through the first week of the course, you may be eligible to receive a 100% refund of tuition and fees. There are no refunds after the first week.

For courses ten weeks or longer: If you officially drop through the first week of the course, you may be eligible to receive a 100% refund of tuition and fees. If you officially drop during the second week of the course, you may be eligible to receive a 60% refund of tuition. There are no refunds after the second week of the course.

Refunds of payments received by cash, check or credit card will be issued in the form a check made payable to the student.

You must contact the Registration Center to officially drop a course. If you do not officially drop, you remain obligated for all tuition and fees. Call the number below to withdraw.

Fall Fire Science Technology

Consider taking one of these Fall Fire Science Technology classes held at the Youngwood Campus: FST 101, **Intro. to Fire Science**; FST 103, **Fire Service Administration**; FST 109, **Building Codes & Standards**; FST 114, **Life Safety Code**; or FST 115, **Fire Service Occupational Safety**.

Don't forget WCCC has a tuition waiver program for active Westmoreland County volunteer firefighters. Contact our Admissions Office, 724-925-4077 for details. If you have a question about these credit classes, call 724-872-2447.

Outside Facility Rental

The WCCC Board of Trustees approved a policy to “. . . make many of the Public Safety Training Center facilities available, on a pre-scheduled and space-available basis, to any Westmoreland County public safety agency at no cost.” A certificate of insurance indicating minimum general liability, automobile liability and workers’ compensation is required.

Special Class Sections

If your department would like to have a field class just for your members at the Public Safety Training Center, call us.

Textbooks

Some classes require textbooks as noted in the course description. Books may be purchased at the WCCC Bookstore, Youngwood Campus. Call them for pricing information: **724-925-4174**.

Corporate Training

The Public Safety Training Center provides OSHA-compliant training for those companies needing training in hazardous materials, SCBA, industrial fire brigades and other topics. We have contracted to provide training for these area companies:

- Bechtel Bettis, Inc.
- Dai Nippon Printing (DNP)
- Eastman Chemicals
- Flexsys America
- Kennametal, Inc.
- Westinghouse Specialty Metals
- Westinghouse Waltz Mill

If your organization has a fire safety training need, give us a call, 724-872-2447.

Contact Information

Call the WCCC Public Safety Training Center, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., **724-872-2447**. Our FAX number is: **724-872-5546**.

You may also visit us on the web: <http://www.wccc.edu/pstc> or e-mail: haugerd@wccc.edu.



Essentials of Firefighting: Hose line advancement techniques.

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