



COLLEGE OF THE  
ALBEMARLE



# FIRE SCHOOL 2025

COA AND THE ALBEMARLE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

February 21 - 23 • Elizabeth City, NC





## Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God,  
whenever flames may rage,  
give me the strength to save some life  
whatever be its age.  
Help me to embrace a little child  
before it's too late,  
or some older person  
from the horror of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert  
and hear the weakest shout,  
and quickly and efficiently  
to put the fire out.  
I want to fill my calling  
and give the best in me,  
to guard my neighbor  
and protect his property.  
And if according to Your will  
I have to lose my life,  
please bless with Your protecting hand  
my children and my wife.

# Welcome to College of The Albemarle for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fire School!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff at College of The Albemarle, I welcome you to our campus and to this year's Fire School. This is one of the most significant regional training programs that we offer at COA throughout the year and I am excited about your decision to attend. We are proud to co-sponsor this annual event with the Albemarle Firemen's Association to bring the very best training and instruction to northeast North Carolina. Thank you to Billy Bass and all of our course instructors for developing a premier Fire School that enhances training and explores best practices for our regional partners and departments.

If you have attended our Fire School before, you know that the dedicated instructors overseeing these courses ensure that each student receives exceptional training. Through progressive techniques, dynamic participation and advanced equipment, you will leave this weekend with the knowledge and skills that you will be able to immediately put into practice. The skillset you acquire through this training will inevitably support your successes throughout your career. College of The Albemarle is committed to helping students achieve their goals and "transform their tomorrows." This is our goal for everything we do and we trust you will see this in the training you receive this weekend.

The role you play in our communities is of critical importance. This Fire School will not only enhance your skills in delivering lifesaving services, but it will also ensure you are attentive to best practices for both your own safety and the safety of other members of your fire squad. The team at COA has been fully engaged in planning for the outcomes of this weekend's training, guaranteeing the delivery of excellent public safety training that will be directly related to your skill attainment.

Thank you for giving COA the opportunity to provide educational training and assist in your personal growth. We consider it an honor and a privilege to host each of you on our campus each year. I commend you for your willingness to serve our communities and your devotion to the safety of our citizens. Your commitment to serve in this important capacity is truly appreciated and I wish you the very best in your future.

Thank you for all you do!



Jack N. Bagwell, Ph.D.  
President

# Class Schedule

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

### Emergency Vehicle Driver

Friday, February 21, 2025 – 6pm-10pm  
Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm  
Sunday, February 23, 2025 – 8am-5pm

### Flashover Simulator

Friday, February 21, 2025 – 6pm-10pm  
Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm

### Law & Administration

Friday, February 21, 2025 – 7pm-10pm  
Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm  
Sunday, February 23, 2025 – 8am-12pm

### National Fire Academy – Incident Safety Officer

Friday, February 21, 2025 – 6pm-10pm  
Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm  
Sunday, February 23, 2025 – 8am-12pm

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

### Basic Pumps

Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm  
Sunday, February 23, 2025 – 8am-5pm

### Engine Company Operations

Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm  
Sunday, February 23, 2025 – 8am-5pm

### Explosives, Bombings & Terrorism

Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm  
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### LP Gas

Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm  
Sunday, February 23, 2025 – 8am-5pm

### The Good News or The Bad News – Lithium-Ion Battery Response

Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm

### TR Rescue Rope Rescue Awareness

Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-6pm

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

### Chief 101

Sunday, February 23, 2025 – 8am-5pm







# Class Descriptions

## **Basic Pumps – 16 Hours**

This class serves as an introductory to basic pumps in the fire service. In class, students will be exposed to nursing operations, drafting operations, hydrant operations and relay pumping. This hand-on class will enable students to charge 1 or 2 lines and maintain a water supply. Student will need Full Turnout gear.

Instructor: Jonathan Boyce, Elizabeth City Fire Department

Schedule: Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm

Sunday, February 23, 2025 – 8am - 5pm

## **Chief 101 – 8 Hours**

This certification-related course is designed to apprise chief officers of the various aspects and complexities surrounding the operations and organization of North Carolina Fire departments. Emphasis will be placed on ratings and inspections, NFIRS reporting, prevention and relief funds, grant programs, basic line of duty death information, various state associations, and an overview of chief officer expectations in North Carolina. This class will satisfy the 9S insurance inspection criteria as specified by the North Carolina Administrative Code.

Instructor: Barry Overman, NC OSFM

Schedule: Sunday, February 23, 2025 – 8am-5pm

## **Emergency Vehicle Driver – 20 Hours**

This course deals with the safe operation of emergency vehicles, driving skills, legal implications of emergency driving, departmental standard operating procedures, and abilities to satisfy the key requirements of NFPA 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications (2017 edition).

Instructor: Chris Carver, Elizabeth City Fire Department

Schedule: Friday, February 21, 2025 – 6pm-10pm

Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm

Sunday, February 23, 2025 – 8am-5pm



# Class Descriptions

## **Engine Company Operations – Nozzle & Couplings – 16 Hours**

These courses have become our foundation. Lately there are so many arguments on modern fire behavior and extinguishment tactics, and less on the importance of the fundamentals of engine company skill sets. Identifying this as a problem we have dissected and placed extreme focus on each portion of engine company operations: the pack (load out), the stretch, the push, and the water. Increasing your proficiency on these items will allow you to improve decision making when encountering diverse challenges of the fireground.

No matter your rank or level of experience our focus is to take your skills to the next level. We focus on strengthening your foundation while increasing your ability to get water on the fire fast. Thus, developing you into a GAME CHANGER!!

Our Engine Company programs are broken down into a multitude of different sessions and each of them are their own program, but can be tailored to your needs. We offer 4hrs, 8hr, and 16hr programs with major focuses on:

- The Big Three
  - The Pack (the hose load)
  - The Stretch
  - The Push (nozzle work)
- The Oops!
- The Big Line
- The Art of the Leader Line
- Standpipe Operations
- Judging the stretch
- Stairwell stretches
- Line over Ladder

Instructor: Real Fire Training

Schedule: Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm

Sunday, February 23, 2025 – 8am-5pm

# College of The Albemarle Parental Acknowledgment Form for Fire and Rescue Training

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian Name)

give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ (Student Name) who is 15 to 17 years old and is a member of a bona fide fire department as defined in NC G.S. 58-86-25 or a bona fide rescue squad as defined in NC G.S. 58-86-30 to participate in fire and rescue classes offered by the College of The Albemarle. I understand that my child is allowed to participate in these classes per NC G.S. 95-25-5. (n). I understand that my child will be participating in fire and rescue activities to include, but not limited to, the following:

- Climbing and operating at heights over ten (10) feet.
- Operating power tools to include, but not limited to chainsaws, cutoff saws, saw alls, hydraulic cutting and pushing equipment and similar fire and rescue equipment.
- Operate cutting torches.
- Wearing and operating in self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
- Removing and replacing equipment and tools from trucks.
- Operating from a roof structure or simulated roof prop using tools and power equipment.

I also understand that my child may participate in live fire training evolutions in an engineered burn building, but may not participate in live fire evolutions inside or upon acquired structures, in accordance with the College of The Albemarle's live burn policy.

The College of The Albemarle supports local fire and rescue agencies in their attempt to build the future of their organization. As a result, 15 to 17 years old who hold membership in a volunteer fire department or rescue squad are eligible for admission to fire and rescue courses. However, the college reserves the right to restrict enrollment to courses of a non-hazardous nature.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire/Rescue Chief: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Course Preferences: (Number your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice)

\_\_\_ **Basic Pumps**

\_\_\_ **Chief 101**

\_\_\_ **Emergency Vehicle Driver**

\_\_\_ **Engine Company Operations – Nozzle & Couplings**

\_\_\_ **Explosives, Bombings & Terrorism**

\_\_\_ **Flashover Simulator**

\_\_\_ **Law and Administration**

\_\_\_ **LP Gas**

\_\_\_ **National Fire Academy Incident Safety Officer**

\_\_\_ **The Good News or The Bad News – Lithium-Ion Battery Response**

\_\_\_ **Technical Rescue Rope Rescue Awareness**

Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students should make first, second, and third course choices on their registration forms. Every effort will be made to accommodate the student's choices. Firefighters under the age of 18, but who are at least 15 years of age, must complete the Parental Acknowledgment Form that is in this booklet. **No registrations will be accepted or reserved over the phone!**

You should complete the registration form in this booklet and return to the address below by **February 6<sup>th</sup>** to help ensure your course selections. However, late or walk-in registrations will be accepted on a space availability basis.

**REGISTRATION FEES:** All Classes – \$25 per student who is a member of any N.C. Fire/Rescue, EMS and Law agency. Non-members will be charged an additional \$70 registration fee. Include payment with registration forms.

**Make all checks payable to and mail to:** COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE, Workforce Development & Career Readiness, PO Box 2327, Elizabeth City, NC 27906-2327

For Information, call Billy Bass at 252-333-0476 (cell) or 252-335-0821 ext. 2518

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COA - Workforce Development  
P.O. Box 2327, Elizabeth City, NC 27906-2327





# Class Descriptions

## **Explosives, Bombings & Terrorism – 12 Hours**

This class takes Emergency First Responders (EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement and Rescue) through a basic understanding of explosives, the latest Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) being employed overseas and domestically, how they are being constructed, and used by terrorists against first responders and the public. What first responders need to do to ensure their safety against this threat and how to integrate with bomb squads at the scene of a bombing or other terrorist events. This course will take the students through basic bomb and explosive understanding, bomb threats, search techniques and basic safety at bomb/terrorist scenes all of which they may encounter in their jobs. It will also discuss terrorist methods, activities and the latest cases. We will discuss ways we can help stop or prevent future terrorist events in the U.S.

This course will be presented through classroom instruction, and practical exercises including, indoor and outdoor IED searching, active shooter problems and live improvised explosive demonstrations.

Instructors: Doug Cotton, Wilkes County Sheriff's Office

Lt. Chris Wagoner, Wilkes County Sheriff's Office

Schedule: Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm

Sunday, February 23, 2025 – 8am-12pm

## **Flashover Simulator – 12 Hours**

The student will learn to understand the phenomenon of flashover, recognize the warning signs, learn nozzle techniques to delay fire development and progress; and ventilation's effect on interior room conditions. Training will consist of classroom session and use of the Live Fire Flashover Trailer. Students will need full Turnout gear and SCBA with spare bottle.

Instructor: Creative Fire Rescue Training Services

Schedule: Friday, February 21, 2025 – 6pm-10pm

Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm

# Class Descriptions

## Law and Administration – 16 Hours

The code enforcement Law and Administration course is an overview of NC's building regulation system and is designed for the education and training of building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing and fire prevention code enforcement officials. Topics include the structure of federal, state and local governments, the history of the NC State Building Code, relevant General Statutes, and the enforcement responsibilities of local inspection departments. Course standards are set by the Code Officials Qualification Board and administered by the Engineering and Codes Division of the NC Department of Insurance/Office of State Fire Marshal. Successful completion of this course along with others specified by the Qualification Board qualifies participants to take state inspector certification exams. Students will need the 2018 Laws and Administration Book.

Instructor: Barrett Graham, Attorney at Law

Schedule: Friday, February 21, 2025 – 7pm-10pm

Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm

Sunday, February 23, 2025, 8am-12pm

## LP Gas - 16 Hours

This 16-hour course is designed to educate the firefighter on various characteristics of gases and its behavior. Study will include definitions, flashpoints, product dangers; emergency shut-off valves, and safety devices, as well as other critical information necessary for the firefighter. This class includes Live Exterior Fire Training. All students must have met all NFPA Live Burn Standards 1403 as require by the North Carolina Fire Commission. Students will need Full Turnout Gear, SCBA and Spare Bottle.

Instructor: Tony Smart, Winterville Fire Department

Schedule: Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm

Sunday, February 23, 2025, 8am-5pm



# Class Descriptions

## **National Fire Academy Incident Safety Officer – 16 hours**

This class is designed to provide First Responders with the ability to identify and analyze safety concerns as they relate to all hazard scene evaluations and communicate recommended solutions to the command authority. This class examines the safety officer's role at emergency response situations. A specific focus on operations within an incident command system as a safety officer is a main theme.

Instructor: Curtis Teague, Concord Fire Department, Retired

Schedule: Friday, February 21, 2025 – 6pm-10pm

Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm

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## **The Good News or The Bad News – Lithium-Ion Battery Response – 8 Hours**

Lithium-Ion Batteries are everywhere! Does your department have established response guidelines or best practices when dealing with these Lithium Battery Emergencies? We will dive into different types of lithium-ion batteries including how and where they are used. This will include discussions on hybrid vehicles, EV vehicles, and lithium-ion batteries and their uses in several aspects. This class will assist your department in the battery fire response mindset, assisting you with developing best response practices for your organization. It is not a matter of will your department will have a response, it is a matter of when.

Instructor: Michael Peaks, Williamston Fire Department

Schedule: Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-5pm

## **Technical Rescue Rope Rescue Awareness – 9 Hours**

This certification-related course in rope rescue (awareness level) will present the Technical Rescuer (TR) with an introduction to rope rescue, size-up, hazards associated with rope rescue, supporting the operations, initiating a response, and technician level rescue incident. This course should be offered consistent with the most current NC Fire and Rescue Commission guidelines.

Instructor: Bill Laricos, Hatteras Island Rescue

Schedule: Saturday, February 22, 2025 – 8am-6pm



# Albemarle Firemen's Association Membership

## **Bertie County**

- Aulander Fire Department
- Merry Hill Midway Fire Department
- Windsor Fire Department

## **Camden County**

- South Camden Fire Department
- South Mills Fire Department

## **Chowan County**

- Center Hill Cross Roads Fire Department
- Edenton Fire Department

## **Currituck County**

- Crawford Fire Department
- Lower Currituck Fire Department
- Moyock Fire Department

## **Gates County**

- Eure Fire Department
- Gates Fire Department
- Gatesville Fire Department
- Hobbsville Fire Department
- Sunbury Fire Department

## **Hyde County**

- Fairfield Fire Department
- Scranton Fire Department
- Swan Quarter Fire Department

## **Pasquotank County**

- Elizabeth City Fire Department
- Pasquotank Newland Fire Department
- Pasquotank Nixonton Fire Department
- Pasquotank Providence Fire Department
- Pasquotank Weeksville Fire Department

## **Perquimans County**

- Belvidere Chappell Hill Fire Department
- Bethel Fire Department
- Durants Neck Fire Department
- Hertford Fire Department
- Inter-County Fire Department
- Winfall Fire Department

## **Tyrrell County**

- Tyrrell County Fire Department

## **Washington County**

- Creswell Fire Department
- Lake Phelps Fire Department
- Mid-County Fire Department
- Plymouth Fire Department
- Roper Fire Department

# Hotel Options

## **Best Western Plus**

848 Halstead Blvd • Elizabeth City • 252-331-7751

## **Comfort Inn**

306 S Hughes Blvd • Elizabeth City • 252-338-8900

## **Days Inn**

308 S Hughes Blvd • Elizabeth City • 252-335-4316

## **Fairfield Inn**

1640 City Center Blvd • Elizabeth City • 252-333-1003

## **Hampton Inn**

402 Halstead Blvd • Elizabeth City • 252-333-1800

## **Travelers Inn**

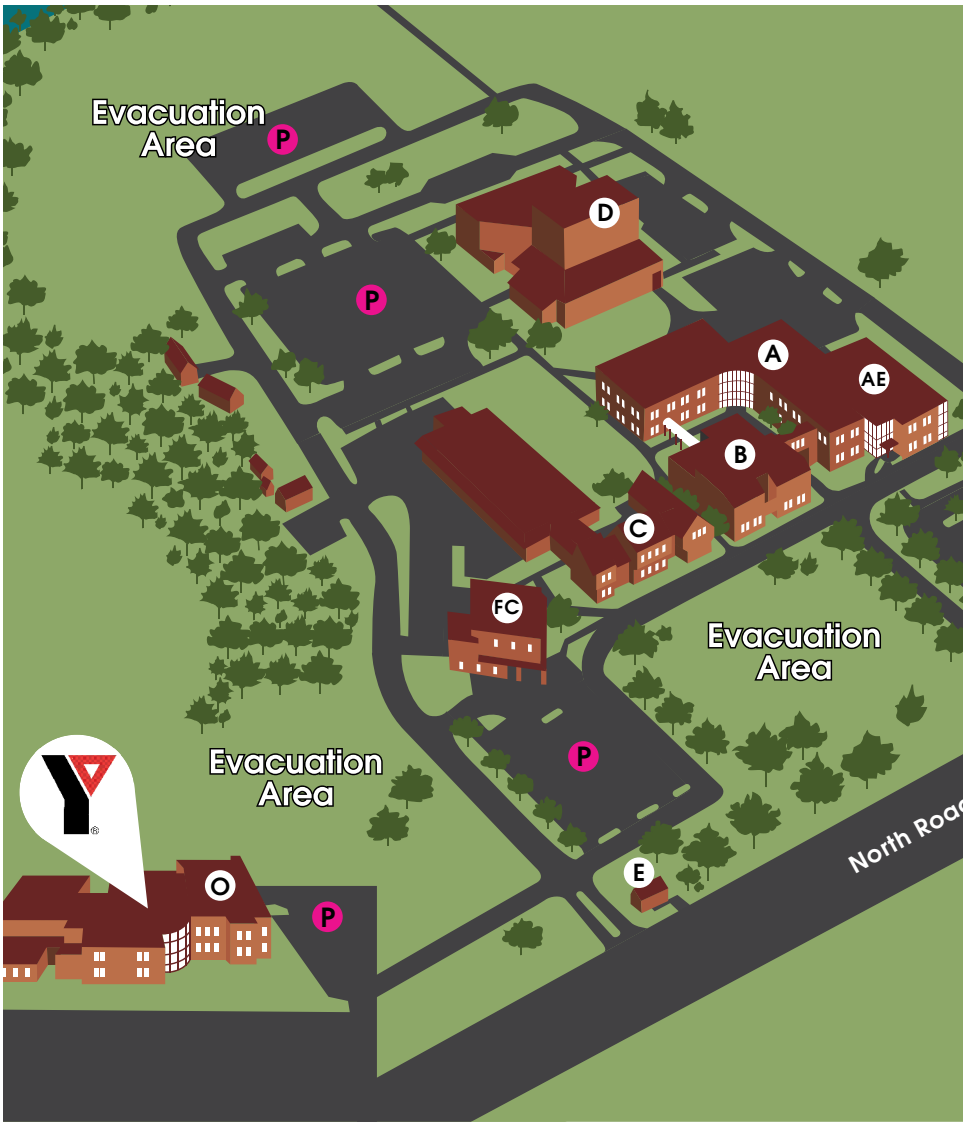
1211 U.S. Highway 17 N • Elizabeth City • 252-338-5451

## **Quality Inn**

522 S. Hughes Blvd • Elizabeth City • 252-338-3951

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