

Notes for participants enrolled in FF 1 class.

Tuition is \$45. Books are \$75. Supply Fee is \$50. The book is "Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills and Hazardous Materials Response 4th Edition" by Jones and Bartlett. Each participant must have access to a book to take home for study.

Participants in FF 1 must complete the HazMat training to receive FF 1 certification. There is no additional tuition charged for the HazMat Operations class for people in the FF 1 class. The HazMat part of the class may be opened to others outside of the Firefighter 1 class.

First Aid and CPR can be done as a part of the FF 1 class. If participants in the FF 1 class have a current CPR and First Aid card at the time the FF 1 class is tested, they don't have to attend the CPR/First Aid portion of the class, but copies of the cards must be submitted with class paperwork. No additional tuition for CPR or First Aid will be charged to participants of the FF 1 class. Anyone certified at a level higher than First Aid (EMR, EMT, etc) can provide a copy of the certification card instead of a First Aid card.

To receive Firefighter 1 certification participants have to:

- Complete the FF portion of the class (attend at least 90% of the class time)
- Complete all practical skills for FF 1
- Score 70 or higher on the FF 1 final exam
- Complete the HazMat Awareness/Operations portion of the class (attend at least 90% of the class time)
- Complete all practical skills for HazMat Awareness/Operations
- Score 70 or higher on the HazMat Awareness/Operations final exam
- Have current First Aid (or higher) and CPR certifications
- Complete Live Fire training

There are two separate final exams for FF and HazMat. Tests can be administered separately when the classroom training is complete for the subject matter. Participants are allowed to use the ERG as a reference when taking the HazMat test. WVPST offers testing accommodations for those with disabilities. For more information, see the Public Service Training Examination Accommodation Disability Policy. This policy is available on the WVPST website or by contacting the Public Service Training Coordinator.

Anyone who does not score 70 or higher on the first attempt at FF 1 or HazMat Awareness/Operations tests can test two more times. Anyone not successful on a third attempt must repeat the class before testing again. Participants must retest within one year of the failed attempt.

Free and confidential services are available through Adult Education for anyone who may need help with study skills, test preparation, reading, etc. Anyone who seeks help through AE prior to the second attempt at a test may be allowed an additional attempt, if needed. Note: any class participant still enrolled in high school is not eligible for services through AE. Students enrolled in school can seek similar help through their school and will also be provided an additional attempt if needed.

A study guide is available.

Participants can get college credit for the FF 1 class from Blue Ridge CTC. A Blue Ridge CTC Enrollment form must be completed and submitted to WVPST.

Junior Firefighters (age 16-17) must complete the Junior Firefighter Permission Form. This form must be completed before the second regularly scheduled class session. If this form is not signed, the Instructor will have no alternative but to dismiss the participant from class. Junior Firefighters can participate in live fire training as a part of a WVPST-authorized Firefighter 1 class. This is limited to a supervised controlled environment such as a "burn building" and specifically excludes any training in an acquired structure.

A Beneficiary Designation Form is provided to participants in a Firefighter 1 class. This form is submitted to the State Fire Marshal's Office. Contact your Fire Department or the Fire Marshal's Office with any questions about the form.

If you have any questions, ask your instructor or contact David Plume at the WVPST Martinsburg office: Phone - 304 596-2653 or 800 367-3728 Ext 112 Email - dplume@wvesc.org