

Notes for participants enrolled in a WVPST online FF 1 and 2 class.



To receive Firefighter 1 certification participants have to:

- Complete all required online chapters
- Complete all practical skills for FF 1
- Score 70 or higher on the FF 1 final exam
- Complete all HazMat Awareness/Operations online chapters
- 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

To receive Firefighter 2 certification participants have to:

- Complete all requirements listed above for FF 1 (or already have FF 1 Certification)
- Complete all required online chapters
- Complete all practical skills for FF 2
- Score 70 or higher on the FF 2 final exam

There are separate final exams for FF 1, FF 2, and HazMat. Tests can be administered separately when the online chapters and skills training are 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 WVPST Martinsburg office.

Anyone who does not score 70 or higher on the first attempt at FF 1, FF 2, 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. 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.

Participants can get college credit from Blue Ridge CTC. They need to obtain a Blue Ridge Enrollment form from WVPST and submit the completed form to WVPST.

First Aid and CPR can be done as a part of the class. A participant who has a current CPR/First Aid card at the time we test the FF 1 class won'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 will be charged to participants of the FF 1 class. Someone 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.

Junior Firefighters (age 16-17) must complete the Junior Firefighter Permission Form. This form must be completed before the practical skills training. 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 burn training as a part of a WVPST-authorized Firefighter 1 class. The approval is limited to a supervised controlled environment such as a "burn building" and specifically excludes any training in an acquired structure. Junior Firefighters can participate in all FF 1, HazMat, and FF 2 skills portions of the class.

Someone already certified at the Firefighter 1 level can participate in the class to receive Firefighter 2 certification. In this case, the participant must provide verification of Firefighter 1 certification, complete all online chapters containing Firefighter 2 information, complete all FF 2 skills, and pass the FF 2 written test.

Course Fee of \$225 includes tuition, books and online access. There is a \$50 supply fee.

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@wvpsc.org