

WVPST Beckley will be offering an on-line fire fighter 1 course with hazardous materials awareness/operations. The course will use the Jones and Bartlett interactive for the on-line firefighting course. Students will enroll through WVPST Beckley and they will be given a textbook and access to the Jones and Bartlett website for Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills Interactive. The cost of the course is \$225 per student which includes the textbook and on-line access.

Practical dates for the course are listed below. All practical skills days will begin at 9:00 am and are being held at Lindside VFD. The live burn day has not yet been set; it will be held at Lewisburg VFD.

January 9, 2022
February 6, 2022
February 20, 2022
March 6, 2022
March 13, 2022
March 27, 2022
April 3, 2022

These are mandatory dates and you must attend all practical skills days as part of the course.

To enroll please enter your information into the form on the website.

A mandatory orientation session will be held at Lindside VFD at 5:00 pm on December 6, 2021. This is when students will receive the information for the course. Payment is due in full at the mandatory orientation session on December 6, 2021. Bring a check for \$225 per student, made payable to SESC. No class materials will be issued without payment in full.

There will be an additional \$50 supply fee billed after the completion of the live burn training.

Students will be required to:

- Complete 100% of the required chapters.
- Complete all the on-line evaluations for the required chapters scoring at least 70%
- Complete 100% of the practicals (practical sheets must be completely filled out and turned in before the test)
- If the above requirements are not met, students will not be allowed to test.

After completion of the program and all practical exercises, each student will be required to pass a final written exam covering all the material. This exam will be given at the completion of the online program with arrangements made with your local WVPST office.

Students participating in an online class need to possess unique qualities. In general, the online student should possess the following qualities:

- Be open minded about sharing life, work and educational experiences as part of the learning process.
- Be able to communicate through writing.

- Be self-motivated and self-disciplined. With the freedom and flexibility of the online environment, comes responsibility. The online process takes a real commitment and discipline to keep up with the flow of the process.
- Be willing and able to commit to 4 to 15 hours per week for the course.
- Be able to meet the minimum requirements for the program. The requirements for the online are no less than that of any other quality educational program. The successful student will view online as a convenient way to receive their education – not an easier way.
- Be willing to speak up if problems arise. Many of the non-verbal communication mechanisms that instructors use in determining whether students are having problems (confusion, frustration, boredom, absence, etc.) are not possible in the online paradigm. If a student is experiencing difficulty on any level (either with technology or with the course content), they must communicate this immediately. Without this communication, the instructor will never know what is wrong.
- Accept critical thinking and decision making as part of the learning process.
- Have access to a computer and the internet. Students will be required to have an email address to participate in this program.
- Be able to think through before responding.
- Feel that high quality learning can take place without going to a traditional classroom. An online student is expected to:
 - Participate virtually in the classroom 5-7 days per week
 - Be able to use technology properly
 - Be able to meet the minimum standards as set forth by WV Public Service Training
 - Be able to complete assignments on time

The online learning process is normally accelerated and requires commitment on the student's part. Staying up with the class and completing all work on time is vital. Once a student gets behind, it is almost impossible to catch up. Basically, the student needs to want to be there, and needs to want the experience.

If you would like to participate in the online fire fighting 1 training, please register via the website at wvpst.org. The class will be limited to the first 20 students who register.

Payment is due in full at the mandatory sign up session on December 6, 2021. Bring a check for \$225 per student, made payable to SESC. No class materials will be issued without payment in full. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,
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Student Guidelines for Live Fire Training

All students attending and participating in live fire training as a part of their fire fighter 1 course must be aware of and adhere to the following guidelines.

1. No facial hair is permitted.
2. No shorts or sleeveless shirts are permitted.
3. Bring water and be sure to hydrate well the day before and morning of the burn.
4. Bring an extra t-shirt.
5. Students will not be permitted to participate with injuries.
6. Full structural firefighting PPE (helmet, coat, pants, hood, gloves, and SCBA with extra cylinder must be brought and utilized. The minimum PPE required for set up and cleanup will be helmet, gloves, boots, eye protection. No open toe shoes are permitted.
7. All PPE will be inspected for NFPA compliance. No rips, tears, burn spots and all closures must work.
8. Hoods must not be stretched out to where they prevent proper coverage.
9. Spectators will be required to stay in designated areas unless granted permission otherwise from the lead instructor and safety officer.
10. Plan accordingly by bringing snacks and/or a packed lunch to ensure appropriate caloric intake.

If a student does not meet these guidelines, or is unable to quickly correct a guideline they are not able to meet upon arrival, the lead instructor for the live burn reserves the right to restrict the student from participating in training that day.