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This issue is in memory of Daryl P. Wells, City of Augusta Firefighter and Paramedic, LODD June 6, 1987 (lest we forget)

Upcoming Trainings

- May 13-18: NFA 6-Day ICS (N0312)
- June 4-5: Rapid Risk Recognition
- June 4-5: Incident Safety Officer
- Sept. 21-22: NFA DMICO (F0457)
- Sept. 21-22: NFA ICS/RM (F0376)
- Fall TBA: NFA Leadership Series, Ellsworth

On June 7th at 10am, the SMCC/MFSI Advisory Committee will be held at MFSI HQ in Brunswick. The public is welcome to attend. Please email MFSI to RSVP.



Dear Maine Fire Service Professionals:

As we eagerly await the arrival of spring and warmer days, we wish you and your family a wonderful season

Upcoming Certification Programs

- Fire Instructor I & II, Fall, Alfred, TBA
- Fire Officer I, Fall, Winthrop, TBA
- Fire Officer I, Fall, Gorham, TBA
- **Fire Officer II Academy (Apply Today)**
- Live Fire Instructor/Instructor-In-Charge, Cumberland County, 8/1-9/29 (Flyer TBA)

External Resources

- May 4-5, The National Fallen Firefighters' Memorial Weekend will honor 226 Firefighters
- June 7-8, Kucsma Training Days, Gorham Fire Department (Register by May 15)
- June 16-21: Safety Stand Down Week, Theme: Fire Training: Back to the Basics

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If your department would like MFSI to share info on courses, trainings, or job openings, please email MFSI.

filled with quality time together. We appreciate your trust in us and want to assure you that we are committed to working towards the greater good.

At MFSI, our goal is to provide high-quality programs and ensure that your needs are met in a timely and effective manner.

As the fire service grows, it's important to emphasize the legislative intent of MFSI and the mission we work tirelessly to accomplish each day. [Read more](#)

We understand that there is always room for improvement and growth, and we hope to expand our resources to better serve the fire service in Maine. We value your understanding and remain dedicated to supporting the firefighters of Maine every day at MFSI.

Sincerely,
Director Jimmy Graves



NFPA & S.A.F.E. EV & Solar Panel Training Sessions

Two sessions, each spanning eight hours, were successfully conducted in Brunswick and Bangor over the weekend of April 27-28. The training was limited to a maximum of 50 participants per session, and we are pleased to confirm that both sessions were filled. We are committed to providing more opportunities for the fire service to receive this valuable training in Maine. Stay tuned for updates regarding future training sessions.

Watch the News Center Maine Feature

Record Scanning Update

MFSI has made significant progress in an internal project, resulting in improved efficiency and accuracy in responding to individual file inquiries. The organization has scanned thousands of Maine Firefighters' training records into a dedicated computer drive, fulfilling its responsibility to maintain copies of issued certifications under Maine law. Additionally, copies are backed up on the Pro Board Certification Registry and SMCC's credit software, ensuring the safety and accessibility of these important records.



Proposed Emergency Response Rule

Director Graves attended a [webinar](#) on the proposed changes with the North American Fire Training Directors (NAFTD). It is obvious that the impact on municipal fire departments is far more reaching than state fire training organizations. With that said, we will be working on keeping current as more information is available. If you have concerns about the OSHA Proposed Emergency Response Rule, we encourage you to make a public comment on the [OSHA website](#).

Practical Skills Exams

- May 22: Farmington (CTE-only)
- June 1-2: Hollis
- June 15: Ellsworth
- Sept. 21: Bangor
- Nov. 15: Yarmouth

Written Certification Exams

- May 13 at MFSI HQ
- May 14 at EMCC

Additional dates TBA. To schedule a practical skills test or written exam, contact John Churchill, 207-844-2074 and/or jchurchill@smccme.edu.



National Fire Academy News



MFSI has been awarded a Leadership in Supervision 6-Day program for May/June 2025. MFSI is eligible to apply through the Training and Data Exchange Program (TRADE) group which consists of FEMA Region I (New England).

This past April weekend, SFI Mike Azevedo represented MFSI at the NFA Maine/Florida state weekend of training in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Thank you to Paul Froman for coordinating the Maine State Weekend at NFA logistics. *Pictured: SFI Mike Azevedo and Paul Froman*

Save the date for the 2025 NFA Maine-Florida Weekend: April 26-27, 2025. Registration will open closer to the new year. 2025 courses announced:

- W0146 - Supervising EMS
- W0296 - Command & Control for Company-Level Operations
- W0443 - Initial Response to Terrorism
- W0457 - Decision-Making for Initial Company Operations
- W0523 - Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Ethically
- W0634 - Youth Fire-setting Program Manager
- W0722 - Incident Safety Officer

State Fire Instructor Spotlight: Cory Wyman

Cory is currently teaching the Fire Service Hydraulics class and serves on Bangor Fire Department as Lieutenant of Engine 6 on D-crew, EMT-P.

"My area of expertise is in teaching Pump Operations and Fire Protection Systems. I have become known as the math and numbers guy. I like being able to prove an idea on paper and then put it into practice and see how close we can come to the theoretical. We have lots of firefighters in this state that can get water, but we need Firefighters that are Pump Operators. I feel that I am in a unique spot where I can help improve the knowledge and practical application of our States Pump Operators."



As a third generation firefighter, Cory recalls, *"I remember going to the fire station with my Dad and hanging out for hours. I was too young to even be a member of the department, but I would tag along with Dad and help out by changing bottles and what not."*

1997 - 2000: First joined Dexter Fire Dept. After a year, his future outlook changed. "I went from, "I'm going to be an engineer" to "I want to be a firefighter." Graduated from SMCC's Fire Science program. As a Live-In



student in Windham, he earned Fire Fighter I & II, EMT-B, Fire instructor I.

2002 - 2008: Joined Waterville Fire Dept. Spent years as the Fire Alarm Technician and was sent to multiple class-one municipal fire alarms and interior fire alarms, which offered great insight into the workings of fire alarm systems.

2007 - Present: Director Graves recommended that Cory take over his teaching role with the Fire Protection Systems class at EMCC. Cory taught this course for many years and has been teaching in the Fire Science program since '07.

In 2019, Cory earned Fire Instructor I/II to keep learning new instructional techniques.

Fire Instructor/Fire Officer

Congratulations to all candidates who have completed or are in their final weeks of programming. A special thank you to State Fire Instructors for continued dedication to curriculum and delivery of these programs: Chief Chris McLaughlin, Chief Nate Schools, Chief Howard Rice, William Dingee and David McLean, and to each host department for offering a learning environment and community.

- Completed: Fire Instructor I/II - Ellsworth
- Completed: Fire Officer I - Brewer, Waterville (2), Alfred, Falmouth
- In Progress: Fire Officer I - Alfred



Apply to Upcoming Programs



Train-the-Trainers

MFSI has made significant investments in new training resources for municipal fire departments across the state. A series of Train-the-Trainer (TtT) courses were recently offered on the SCBA Air Management Trailer, also known as the Red Maze. Successful completion of these TtT courses ensures local instructors have the requisite knowledge to safely and effectively integrate these specialized props into their training curricula.

MFSI will begin hosting TtT courses this summer for municipal fire instructors on the new SUV Car Fire Prop. This prop simulates realistic vehicle fire scenarios. Deputy Director Jim Roy is the point of contact for fire instructors interested in participating in these upcoming TtT sessions on the SUV Car Fire Prop.

Note: Training officers and/or Chiefs are the only individuals that are allowed to request this equipment. If they have not completed a TtT themselves then they must write down who the lead instructor will be in the Comments section of the [equipment request form](#) so that Support Services can cross reference their name.

Prop Spotlight: Forcible Entry Door

MFSI has four forcible entry doors available to municipal departments for training purposes. The training door is designed to withstand repeated forcible entries, providing a realistic setting for firefighters to hone their skills. Because these doors are heavily used and often moved from department to department, MFSI needs to know when damages occur so that they can be repaired for the next delivery. Please contact Ray Bishop at 207-844-2072. Photos: *Forcible Entry "Blue Door" Prop at Fort Kent Fire & Rescue instructed by SFI Andrew Guerrette*



Hats off to the incredible State Fire Instructors who are going above and beyond to meet the overwhelming demand for programming throughout Maine. Their dedication and work ethic are truly commendable, as they navigate through a volume of trainings that hasn't been seen in years. State Fire Instructors are paving the way and ensuring that the fire service in Maine continues to thrive. A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for your commitment and outstanding service!

Until next time, stay safe if the alarm sounds.

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