

# YORK COUNTY CHIEFS ASSOCIATION



50TH ANNUAL FIRE  
TRAINING SCHOOL  
SEPTEMBER 27 - 28, 2025



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YORK COUNTY CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION FIRE TRAINING SCHOOL ~ SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2025

This year's programs will be held in various locations including Acton, Biddeford, Hollis, Kennebunk, Waterboro and Wells.

Course times, locations, and specific details are found within course description.

- \* Please note that some of the courses have prerequisites and/or PPE requirements.
- \* **Structural PPE** means structural firefighter protective gear
- \* **SCBA** means complete air pack and spare cylinders that meet NFPA standards.
- \* **PPE** for water rescue courses are outlined in the course description of each water program listed.
- \* Medical Clearance and SCBA FIT TEST are required for all students in courses utilizing SCBA.
- \* Students must be at least 18 years of age to participate in any hands on training.

**REGISTRATION:** A separate registration form must be completed for each applicant.  
Registration deadline is 4:00 pm **SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**.  
Registrations are being completed online by using the link provided below:

Click below to access Registration Form

[York County Chiefs Association - 51st Annual Fire & EMS Training School](#)

Invoices will be emailed directly to the email indicate on the registration form and will be sent in advance of the program.

**CONFIRMATION LETTERS** will be sent directly to the student's email address. Please note that some courses have a minimum enrollment requirement, you will be notified approximately 1 week before program delivery if course is cancelled.

### COURSE TIMES:

All full day courses begin 8:00 a.m. and are scheduled to run until 4:30 unless noted differently in the course descriptions.

**NOTE:** Due to courses being in different locations please plan your travel arrangements accordingly!

**REFUNDS:** A full refund will only be given if you cancel on or before **SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**

**CANCELLATION FEE:** There will be a \$25 fee for all cancellations after **SEPTEMBER 20, 2025**

**THIS BROCHURE** can be downloaded at: <https://yorkcountychiefs.org>

**2 DAY COURSES**  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2025**

**2.01 INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER (ISO)**

**\$550**

**FIRE**

**COURSE TIMES:** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. both days

**LOCATION:** York County Community College, 112 College Dr, Wells, ME

This course is an in-depth, fast-paced class that focuses on the knowledge and experience- elements required of an effective Incident Safety Officer. It gives participants the opportunity for situational exercises and scenario practice. This ISO Academy is an excellent tool to help participants prepare for the ISO Certification Exam. The course is ideal for any fire officer newly appointed as a Safety Officer or likely to fill the Incident Safety Officer role.

**COURSE TIME:** 16 HOURS

**PREREQUISITE:** Firefighter II

**Pro Board Certification Exam included.**

**INSTRUCTOR:** REGIONAL ALLIANCE FOR FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

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**2.02 Fire Ground Simulations: From the Front Seat to the Command Post**

**\$250**

**FIRE**

**COURSE TIME:** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. BOTH DAYS

**LOCATION:** YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 112 COLLEGE DR, WELLS, ME

As fire officers, many of us grow comfortable riding in the front right seat — leading a crew, making tactical decisions, and engaging directly on the fireground. But stepping out of that seat and into a command vehicle brings a new level of responsibility, perspective, and challenge.

This training session focuses on fire ground simulations specifically designed for officers making that transition. The goal is to sharpen decision-making, enhance situational awareness, and build confidence in managing incidents from a command post rather than the front lines.

Through realistic, scenario-based exercises, participants will face evolving fireground conditions requiring them to deploy resources, assign companies, manage accountability, and communicate effectively with crews operating in hazardous environments. We'll emphasize the shift from hands-on leadership to strategic oversight — seeing the "big picture," maintaining tactical discipline, and making decisions that prioritize life safety, incident stabilization, and property conservation.

We'll also discuss the psychological adjustments that come with stepping back from the action. As command officers, we must resist the urge to micromanage, trusting our crews and officers on scene while maintaining control of the overall incident.

This is a chance to refine your skills in a supportive, high-feedback environment before you're faced with these challenges on the street. Whether you're a newly promoted officer or preparing for that next step, this training will help bridge the gap between front-seat leadership and effective incident command.

Come ready to learn, challenge yourself, and grow as a leader on the fireground.

**Course Time:** 16 Hours

**Audience:** Captain/Lieutenant going into the right seat to an ICP.

**REQUIREMENT:** Firefighter II, Fire Officer I preferred.

**Instructor:** Chief Nate Schools, Asst Chief Jeremy Redlon, Buxton FD

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**2.03 RESIDENTIAL SEARCH & RESCUE**

**\$250 FIRE**



**COURSE TIMES: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. both days**

**LOCATION: Hollis Training Facility, 405 Plains Rd., Hollis, Maine**

SAFETY 1st. Residential Search For 'Them'.

Search And Find Everyone That's Your 1st Priority!

The ability to complete a search of a residential structure is one of the most basic skills a firefighter possesses, and it must come as second nature on any alarm. ALL firefighters must be on top of their game, you never know when it might be "your turn".

Join the New England FOOLS as we spend a weekend in a residential setting performing search based skills evolutions, techniques and scenarios under realistic heat and smoke conditions.

**PREREQUISITE: State Certified Firefighter Training or Firefighter I**

**REQUIREMENT: Full PPE, SCBA & 2 spare cylinders**

**INSTRUCTOR: NEW ENGLAND FOOLS**

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**2.04 EMS Skills Lab**

**\$250 EMS**

**COURSE TIMES: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. both days.**

**Location: York County Community College, 112 College Drive, Wells, ME**

Anaphylaxis · Trauma Triad & More

First Responder Health & Wellness

Cardiology & Pulmonary Emergencies

Cribbing & Extrication for EMS

Core Airway Skills

OB & Gynecological Emergencies for EMS

Preparing & Passing the NREMT

**PREREQUISITE: EMS LICENSE.**

**MAINE EMS CEU'S WILL BE OFFERED.**

**INSTRUCTOR: FIREMED.**

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**2.05 Intro to Ropes & Low Angle Rescue**

**\$250 FIRE**

**COURSE TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. BOTH DAYS**

**LOCATION: York County EMA, 149 Jordan Springs Road, Alfred, ME**

This is a dynamic "hands-on" class designed for firefighters, EMS, search and rescue teams, and outdoor professionals. This course provides foundational skills in rope rescue systems with a focus on low angle environments.

What You'll Learn:

- Rope types, knots, and hardware.
- Anchoring systems and mechanical advantage
- Litter rigging and patient movement techniques
- Safety, communication, and scene management
- Real-world scenario-based practice

Who Should Attend: Ideal for responders looking to learn new technical skills or those looking to refresh or build upon their skills in rope operations and basic rescue techniques. Please note this class will be a prerequisite for high angle rescue class offered at this facility in the future.

Course Details:

- Format: Classroom instruction + hands-on field exercises
- Prerequisites: None – all skill levels welcome
- Class Size: Limited to 10 participants for optimal hands-on learning.

**Course Time: 16 Hours**

**Instructor: Lt Ryan Gaudreau, Sanford FD**

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**2.06 BASIC PUMPS OPERATOR COURSE (BPOC)**

**\$250 FIRE**

**COURSE TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. BOTH DAYS**

**LOCATION: Acton Fire Department, 1725 Rte. 109, Acton, Maine**

This two day program incorporates the latest version of MFSI's Basic Pump Operator Course. The newly reformatted 2018 Edition of BPOC is designed to provide firefighters with a standardized means of providing water at fire scenes. **The classroom portion** of the program consists of lectures covering the evolution of fire apparatus, the principles of water, fire pump components, fire ground hydraulic calculations, and proper pump engagement procedures. **The practical evolutions** will include pump engagement, single and multiple line operations from a tank, pressurized water sources, and drafting from static water sources.

**Departments sending personnel to this program may be asked to assist with providing an engine at this program.**

**Course Time: 16 Hours**

**REQUIREMENT: PPE**

**Lead Instructor: Rick Smith & HAROLD SMITH, MFSI**



**2.07 EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS COURSE (EVOC)**

**\$250 FIRE / EMS**

**COURSE TIMES: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. both days**

**LOCATION: YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 112 COLLEGE DR., WELLS, MAINE**

For all Fire and EMS personnel! This 16-hour USDOT curriculum-based program meets the BLS Certification guidelines. It also meets the MEMS criteria effective January 2007 for all rescue drivers and is approved by Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Services (VFIS). Students will operate both a fire engine and ambulance as part of the requirements for this program.

**DAY 1: CLASSROOM:** Students learn the principles of safe emergency response, motor vehicle laws, emergency vehicle dynamics and physical forces, personal readiness, operational awareness and scene safety. Reviews firefighter/EMT injury-fatality data, liability protection, inspection, and maintenance.

**DAY 2: DRIVING:** Competency-based driving course onsite at YCCC.

**MAXIMUM STUDENTS: 14**

**INSTRUCTORS: Captain Mike Hersom, Waterboro FD**



**Mail Invoices to: YCCA ~ 149 Jordan Springs Rd. Alfred, Maine 04002**

**COURSE CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**For information or questions contact: Rod Hooper**

**TELEPHONE:** Cell (207) 459-2496

**EMAIL:** firetrain@yorkcountymaine.gov

**CONFIRMATION & PAYMENT INFORMATION**

**Invoices will be emailed to the address you list on your registration form once you are confirmed for your course.**

**We accept checks, cash and purchase orders.**

**Consent to Participate**

**Students must provide a Consent to Participate Form signed by their Chief/Manager and sent to via email to firetrain@yorkcountymaine.gov before they will be permitted to participate in any program.**

**You will receive this form with your course confirmation.**

**MAIL INVOICES & PAYMENT TO:**

**Y.C.C.A.**

**Attn: Fire & EMS Training School**

**149 Jordan Springs Rd., Alfred ME 04002**

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