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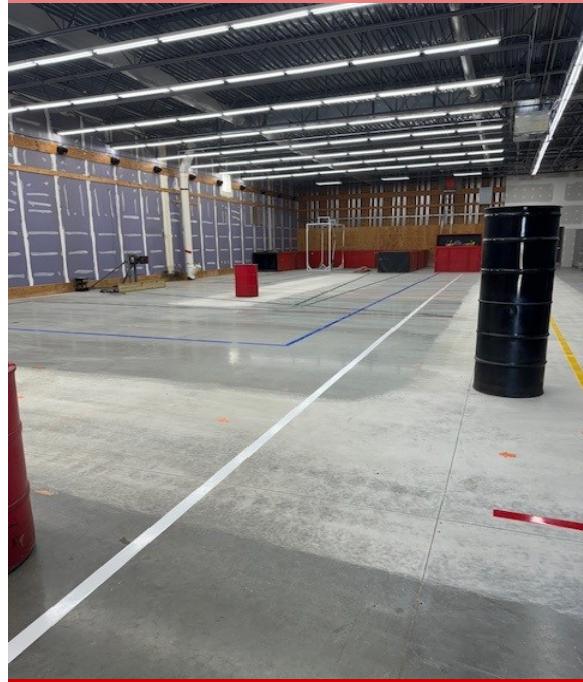


20TH ANNIVERSARY 2006-2026



Course Catalog

Firefighting
Fire Officer & Leadership
Fire Inspector
Fire Investigator
Technical Rescue
Driver/Operator
Hazardous Materials
Water Rescue
Public Safety UAS (Drone)
CPR, EMT, & EMS
Customized Courses



Availability of dates and time slots may change periodically. We encourage all individuals to view the academy website or call the academy for the most up-to-date dates and time slots.

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CANDIDATE PHYSICAL ABILITY TESTING (CPAT)

The CPAT was developed after years of research and input from an international committee comprised of IAFF & IAFC members. The test requires firefighter candidates to engage in the following activities:

- Stair Climb
- Hose Drag
- Equipment Carry
- Ladder Raise & Extension
- Forcible Entry
- Search
- Rescue
- Ceiling Breach & Pull

All of these exercises must be completed in less than 10 minutes and 20 seconds. Candidate success is measured on a pass/fail basis. For further information on the course, please visit the academy website.

Cost: \$165

Visit the Romeoville Fire Academy CPAT website for available dates and times.



Our firefighting courses have been proven to aid the Illinois firefighter in meeting their goals, whether it be to simply obtain their Basic or Advanced Firefighter certification, to build confidence in a fireground officer's tactical decisions, or to obtain skills that will keep themselves and their fellow firefighters safe on the fire ground.

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Basic Operations Firefighter Academy

The RFA is proud to offer our entry-level firefighter certification. This program will cover all the cognitive objectives required, as well as performing and testing on all practical hands-on skills, including extensive live-fire evolutions. Students will receive repetitive practice, review, and testing on all aspects of the program. Students will also be expected to participate in daily physical fitness training to ensure peak performance. By graduation, students will have completed all required classroom lectures & practical evolutions. The program will also include Hazardous Materials Operations, NIMS IC 100 & 700, Traffic Incident Management, mental health & resiliency and the "Courage to be Safe" program.

Cost: \$ 4,000

Dates:

Class #1: January 5 – March 6, 2026. Class meets Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm

Class #2: January 26 - June 27, 2026

Class meets Mon. & Thurs. nights 6 pm – 10 pm & Saturdays 8am -5pm (PART-TIME, hosted at Tinley Park FD in Tinley, IL)

Class #3: March 2– May 1, 2026. Class meets Mon. – Fri. 8am- 5pm

Class #4: April 27– June 26, 2026. Class meets Mon. – Fri. 8am- 5pm

Class #5: July 14– December 12, 2026

Class meets Tue. & Thurs. nights 6 pm – 10 pm & Saturdays. 8am -5pm (PART-TIME, hosted at Romeoville FD in Romeoville, IL)

Class #6: August 3– October 2, 2026. Class meets Mon. – Fri. 8am- 5pm

Class #7: October 12– Dec. 11, 2026. Class meets Mon. – Fri. 8am- 5pm

Students may rent turnout gear/SCBA through a 3rd party vendor at an additional expense. Please contact Academy staff for additional information.





**Romeoville Fire Academy
introduced the very first
Advanced Technician
Firefighter program in 2009.**

Advanced Technician Firefighter

This 40 hour course will give the students all of the information, objectives, and practical exams they will need to obtain their Advanced Technician Firefighter certification. The curriculum focuses on the experienced firefighter who can lead rather than be led. Instruction is shared between classroom presentations and in-depth hands-on evolutions. Students will complete every required practical evolution for OSFM certification. Some of the hands-on skills include first-in fire attack, R.I.T. evolutions, radio communication drills, forcible entry & ventilation operations, extensive live-fire evolutions, and much more. Sign up early for this course; it fills up fast!

Cost: \$ 750

Dates:

- **March 23-27, 2026**
- **May 11-15, 2026**
- **June 8-12, 2026**
- **August 24-28, 2026**
- **November 2-6, 2026**

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Engine Company Operations

This three-day skills course will instruct students on how to function more efficiently as part of an engine company. The course will cover the engine company philosophy and their role at working fires, as well as other emergencies. With a good balance of classroom and hands-on time, including extensive live-fire evolutions, students will review topics such as engine company size up, company rolls and assignments, hose loads and hose pulling evolutions, tactics and strategy, fire attack, and much more! It's a course no firefighter should be without! This course is not available for certification through the OSFM.

Cost: \$ 600

Dates: March 30– April 1, 2026

September 28–30, 2026

Our Engine and Truck Company Operations courses provide a great way to brush up on your basic skills while you learn some more advanced ones! These classes definitely focus on sharpening your size-up and tactical knowledge and provide you with the skills that are logically tough to train on at your department!

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Truck Company Operations

This three-day skills course will instruct students on how to function more efficiently as part of a truck and/or squad company. The course will cover the truck company philosophy and their role at working fires, as well as other emergencies. With a good balance of classroom and hands-on time, including extensive live-fire evolutions, students will review topics such as truck company size up, company rolls and assignments, ladder-throwing evolutions, roof, ladder, and window triage, tactics and strategy, extensive forcible entry, search and rescue, and much more! It's a course no firefighter should be without! This course is not available for certification through the OSFM.

Cost: \$ 600

Dates:

October 20-22, 2026





This is a great opportunity for anyone current enrolled in an Explorer or Cadet Program.

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Advanced Cadet Retreat

This four-day course focus on community members with experience in the fire service who seek intense training in fire, EMS, and rescue scenarios. The target audience includes explorers, district/department cadets, and individuals who have been in a high school vocational school for 1st responders.

Cost: \$ 500

Dates: July 9—12, 2026

Students must be affiliated with a fire department that will provide the proper personal protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus.



This is a great opportunity for students to sharpen their knowledge of SCBA use. For the newer firefighter looking for more advanced opportunities using an SCBA, or for the experienced firefighter that wants some additional hands-on training. This class is for you!

Advanced SCBA

This three-day skills course will increase a student's confidence level when using one of the most valuable tools on the fireground, the SCBA! This class will cover advanced level tactics under live fire conditions and will incorporate a variety of fireground activities. The student will also gain knowledge of the various types of SCBAs, maintenance procedures, and much more! All of these skills will build upon the student's current abilities and give them the tools to handle a variety of different situations they may face. This will be an intense class you don't want to miss!

Cost: \$ 450

Dates: August 10-12, 2026





Fire Apparatus Engineer

This 40 hour program is an excellent course for new pump operators or for existing pump operators who want to add to their knowledge base or increase their confidence in pumping apparatus. Classroom and hands-on instruction will cover principles of pumping, mechanical principles of pumps, functions and operations of the fire pump and its accessories, hydrant operations, basic water systems and individual hydrant testing, basic principles of discharge hydraulics, fire stream development by the pump operator, which will include single line, multiple line, master stream, elevated stream, standpipe, sprinkler system situations, intake hydraulics, hydrant operations, & drafting. It is a course that no pump operator should be without!

Cost: \$ 750

Dates: March 30-April 3, 2026

June 1-5, 2026

August 3-7, 2026

Students must also complete the FAE driving skills test at their home department.

This course is hosted exclusively at the Wilco Area Career Center, not Romeoville Fire Stations or training grounds.

Fire Service Vehicle Operator

This 8-hour state certified course is designed to help train the driver / operator in how to safely drive fire service apparatus ranging from small vehicles to pumper and aerial trucks. Students will receive classroom instruction in traffic laws as they relate to emergency vehicles and safe defensive driving techniques.

Cost: \$ 175

Dates: June 29, 2026

December 2, 2026

To become fully certified students must also complete the FSVO driving skills test at their home department.



BRAND NEW

Fire Investigator

This 120 hour program is broken into three modules. This course is designed to meet and exceed all requirements set forth by IL OSFM and as defined in NFPA 1033. This course is uniquely spaced out to allow students study time between each module. The course will cover a variety of topics to give aspiring fire investigator the basic tools to begin functioning as a fire investigator. Topics include: basic fire methodology, burn patterns, cause and origin, unique investigation scenarios and much more!

Cost: \$ 1,500

Dates (All three weeks are required):

April 13-17, 2026

April 27-May 1, 2026

May 11-15, 2026

This course is hosted exclusively in Shorewood, IL at the

Troy Fire Protection District Training Campus.



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RICO FIRE RESCUE INC.

That Brothers & Others May Live.



Rapid Intervention Company Operations

R.I.C.O.

Proudly held in alliance with RICO Fire Rescue (ricofirerescue.com)

This four-day, 32 hour course provides students with the solid foundation and skills needed to work as a member of a rapid intervention team on the fireground. Students will focus on maneuvers of RIT to ensure they are comfortable with performing them. Students will have the opportunity to conduct the skills learned under smoke and fire conditions by the end of the four days. This course is not intended to be four days of strenuous smoke and fire training. The course is delivered with continuous updated hands-on techniques and maneuvers, as well as live fireground scenarios in three progressive areas: Firefighter Survival, Firefighter Rescue and Rapid Intervention Operations. R.I.C.O meets and exceeds all guidelines in NFPA 1407!

Cost: \$575

Dates: September 8-11, 2026



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Rope Operations

This state certified 40-hour course will provide the basic skills rescuers need to perform within a rescue company. The course will cover the use of rope, rope equipment, low-angle operations, and patient packaging. Although there are brief classroom presentations, most of the course will have students perform practical skills such as constructing and operating lowering systems, mechanical advantage systems, belay and safety systems, and anchor systems using accepted rope rescue practices.

Cost: \$ 950

Dates:

April 6-10, 2026

May 4-8, 2026

August 10-14, 2026

September 14-18, 2026

This course is held Monday-Friday in North Aurora, IL



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Rope Technician

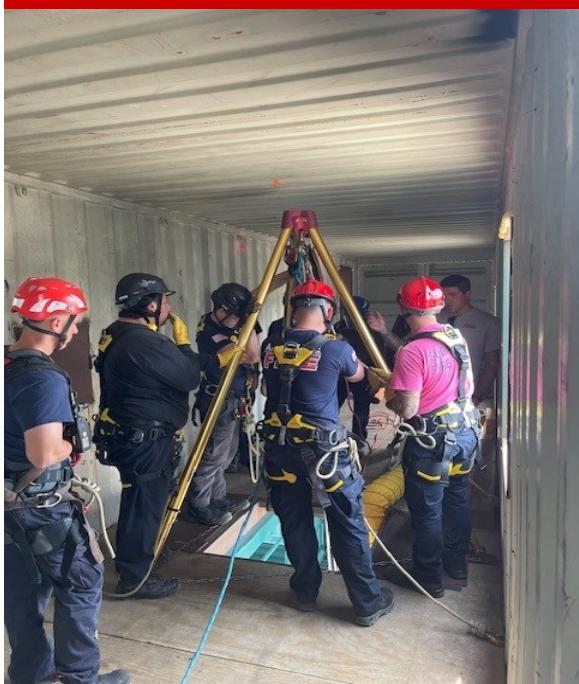
The 40 hour Rope Technician Course is taught to NFPA standard 1006. The course covers advanced rescue techniques and equipment utilized during high angle rescues. The course meets all IL OSFM certification standards.

Cost: \$1,050

Dates:

August 24-28, 2026

This course is held Monday-Friday in North Aurora, IL



Confined Space Operations

This state certified 40-hour course will educate students on confined space emergencies. Students will receive classroom instruction on the OSHA confined space regulations, hazards, incident management, etc. The rest of the course will have students performing practical evolutions with supplied air systems, PPE, patient packaging, ropes & rigging, mechanical advantage systems, and scenarios in actual confined spaces.

Cost: \$ 900

Date: May 18-22, 2026

Prerequisite for certification: Rope Operations

This course is held Monday-Friday in North Aurora, IL

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Trench Operations

This state certified course will provide students the skills needed to perform trench & excavation rescues. Students will receive classroom instruction on OSHA trench regulations, soil types, hazards, collapse patterns, etc. The rest of the course will have students performing hands-on evolutions on securing the scene, hazard analysis, constructing shoring systems, patient packaging, and more. All evolutions will be performed in live trenches, giving the most realistic training available

Cost: \$ 1,000

Dates: April 20-23, 2026
September 21-24, 2026

This course is held Monday-Friday in Shorewood, IL @ Troy Fire Protection District



Trench Technician

This course will build on the trench rescue skills that the rescuer already possesses. The course will provide the student with hands-on training on more advanced skills such as shoring systems for "L" and "T" trenches and constructing whaler shoring systems. Students will also receive instructions on how to operate in these complex trench rescues with specialized tools and equipment such as air knives and vacuum trucks. All evolutions will be performed in live trenches, giving the most realistic training available.

Cost: \$1,100

Dates: October 5-9, 2026

Prerequisite: Trench Rescue Operations

This course is held Monday-Friday in Shorewood, IL @ Troy Fire Protection District

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Structural Collapse Operations

This 40-hour course trains the rescuer in collapses dealing with wood-frame and light masonry structures. Students will receive classroom instruction in building construction, destructive forces, collapse patterns, collapse operations, incident command, and more. The remainder of the course involves hands-on skills and evolutions on light-frame collapses, upright and raker shoring, tunneling, search operations, incident command, and much more.

Cost: \$ 1800

Dates: October 19-23, 2026



Structural Collapse Technician

This 40-hour course will continue to build on the rescuer's skills learned in Collapse Operations. Students will receive additional classroom instruction in advanced concrete & masonry building construction. The remainder of the course will focus on hands-on field evolutions working with cutting reinforced concrete, safely raising concrete slabs, rescue tunneling, working with advanced rescue tools, and directing and operating within the vicinity of a construction crane.

Cost: \$2,500

Dates: November 16-20, 2026

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Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue

This state certified 40-hour course will give students instruction on performing extrications and rescues involving vehicles and machinery. Classroom instruction will address vehicle anatomy, vehicle component hazards, the latest information on SRS systems and hybrids, incident command, trauma, and tools & equipment. The rest of the course will be composed of practical evolutions involving vehicle stabilization, tools, extrication techniques, door, roof, and glass removal, and lifting techniques. Our course gives the students more of what they have been asking for: more “tool time!” with NO lack of cars to work on. Register early for this class; it fills up *FAST!*

Cost: \$ 1,000

Dates: March 16-20, 2026

April 13-17, 2026

August 3-7, 2026

Previously known as Vehicle Machinery Operations

Our common passenger vehicle rescue class utilizes anywhere from 25—30 vehicles to work on. That is almost one full car for each student in the class!!

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Heavy Vehicle Rescue

This state certified 40-hour course will build on the extrication and rescue skills learned in the Operations course. The course focuses heavily on advanced stabilization techniques and equipment such as buttress systems, and introduces students to more sophisticated and technical rescue equipment such as low pressure airbags and cutting torches. Students will perform actual stabilization and extrication on more challenging equipment such as tractors, augers, semi-trucks, and school busses.

Cost: \$ 1,100

Date: May 4-8, 2026

November 16-20, 2026

Previously known as Vehicle Machinery Technician



RFA Water Rescue Programs

Surface Water Operations

This 40-hour course is the first in the OSFM Water Rescue certification series. Water Rescue Operations introduces the firefighter to the hazards and safety procedures needed to perform water rescues safely and efficiently. This course emphasizes all training, PPE, and operational standards. Students will cover classroom and practical evolutions on safety, hazard recognition, PPE, incident command and accountability, shore operations, rigging, and much more. This course is excellent for fire departments or law enforcement agencies that currently have a water rescue team, or are looking to start one.

Cost: \$ 500

Dates: March 16-20, 2026

August 8-9 & 15-16, 2026 (Weekends 10 hour days)

Prerequisite: Rope Operations

Watercraft Technician

This course will address the training needs for operating watercraft for emergency personnel. Emergent and non-emergent situations will be covered for a variety of watercrafts including boats, wave runners, and specific specialized vehicles through both classroom and open water settings.

Cost: \$ 325

Dates: June 13 & 20, 2026 (weekends)

July 16-17, 2026

September 17-18, 2026

Prerequisites for certification: Water Rescue Operations AND an Illinois Department of Natural Resources OR United States Coast Guard Boating Safety Course certificate within the last three years. Students can easily obtain this prerequisite online by going to www.boat-ed.com/il/





Interested in hosting a water rescue course at your department?

The RFA can offer just about any of our courses at your department or location that you specify. We can also offer them to your department in a nightly or weekend format to fit into your schedules. We'd love to train with you, so please call for information.

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Surface Ice Rescue Technician

The Surface Ice Rescue program prepares first responders from all public safety disciplines to respond and carry out surface ice rescues. This class introduces students to topics including ice formation and hazards, equipment selection, medical considerations, and the application of proven rescue methods and techniques. This is a surface rescue program and does not involve diving.

Cost: \$ 250

Dates: January 24, 2026 (weekend)
February 20, 2026

Subject to cancellation based on available ice

Swift Water Rescue Technician

This three-day course focuses on performing rescues in swift water situations. Sessions will be a blend of classroom and pool work, with Day 3 focusing mostly on the required hands-on practical skills. A list of PPE will be included in the acceptance letter; however abrasion protection and foot ware will be required in addition to the basic PPE setup. This certification is offered through Emergency Response Diving International (ERDI) in partnership with DJ's SCUBA.

Cost: \$ 400

Dates: May 18-20, 2026



The RFA strongly believes that lessons learned through experience are an essential part of a fire officer's education. Leading firefighters requires a constant pursuit of knowledge and a sharpening of skills achieved by challenging yourself during training.

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Fire Company Officer Academy

So you've just been promoted. Now what? This 40-hour hands-on course will give the student the information & practical applications to help the complete the transition from firefighter to officer. The goal of this real-world course will be to identify and share the skills that current officers wish they would of known prior to getting promoted or placed into an acting officer role.

Topics covered in this course include single & multi-company runs encompassing everything from alarms & CO calls all the way up to structure fires – and everything in between. While the class includes some classroom time, it focuses mostly on hands-on skills including live-fire evolutions. It is the perfect course for new officers, firefighters on promotional lists, those that aspire to become officers, or even veteran officers looking to get more hands-on practice. This is not an OSFM certification course.

Cost: \$ 650

Dates: March 9-13, 2026

October 5-9, 2026

Command Officer Academy

The Command Officer Academy is designed for Shift Commanders, Battalion Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, Fire Chiefs and anyone else who may function in a command position during emergency incidents. This course will cover a wide range of topics including roles and responsibilities, command positions, simulated incidents, full scale live fire incidents, disaster response and much more.

Cost: \$650

Dates: March 9-13, 2026

October 5-9, 2026

Company Officer Boot Camp



ROMEOVILLE FIRE ACADEMY
COMPANY OFFICER
BOOT CAMP

Learn to LEAD

- Fireground Survival
- Engine Operations
- Supervising a Truck Co.
- Coordinating an Extrication
- Firehouse Hot Topics



Can't find an entire week to attend Fire Company Officer Academy and still looking for some down and dirty tools to be successful as a company officer or acting officer? This class covers topics such as fireground survival, engine operations, supervision of a truck company, coordinating extrication and overall firehouse hot topics. The course will consist of brief lecture with the remaining portion of the day as hands-on scenarios. This course is led by experienced officers that offer their real world experience and proven tactics. This is a must have class!

Cost: \$ 300

Dates:

May 27-28, 2026

Ask us about a customized Boot Camp for your agency!

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Instructor I

Instructor I is the base course for any student aspiring to be an instructor in the fire service, whether it be instructing drills at their home department or as an assistant instructor in OSFM certification programs. This course encompasses concepts in fire service instructional activities, NFPA instructor professional qualifications, instructor terminology, positive and negative teaching methods, laws and policies affecting training programs, OSFM training forms, and much more! It is a course no instructor should be without!

Cost: \$ 450

Dates: February 9-13, 2026

June 1-5, 2026

December 7-11, 2026

Instructor II

Instructor II is the senior-level course for any student aspiring to be a lead instructor in the fire service, whether it be leading drills at their home department or as a lead instructor within OSFM certification programs. The course is structured to provide the student with instruction in writing behavioral objectives, lesson plan construction, and development of evaluation instruments and use of visual aids. Students will develop the skills to write course content for company and department level instruction. It is a course no lead instructor should be without!!



Cost: \$ 450

Dates: February 16-20, 2026 (Braidwood, IL)
November 9-13, 2026

**The Company Fire Officer
Program will be**

delivered as follows:

Phase 1: 40 hours REQUIRED

Phase 2: 80 hours REQUIRED

**Phase 3 (Taskbook): 40 hours
(ELECTIVE)**

**Phase 1 is delivered in a traditional
classroom setting.**

**Students attending Phase 1 & Phase
2 at RFA, will be given first
opportunity to enroll in Phase 3
dates for task book completion.**

**If you do not sign up for Phase 3 as
an elective, the Task book MUST be
completed at your home agency.**

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Company Fire Officer (CoFO)

The Company Fire Officer Course replaces the previous Fire Officer I program. The course has been correlated to *NFPA 1021 Fire Officer Professional Qualifications* and meets the IL-OSFM requirements for certification. The Company Fire Officer typically functions in a supervisory capacity of a single or multi-company station at the first level of authority above firefighter. The course will be delivered in two required Phases, with the third phase as an elective opportunity. All phases must be completed in order.

Cost: \$1,300 for Phase 1 & 2-REQUIRED

\$500 for Phase 3-Taskbook (ELECTIVE)

Class # 1: (Hosted at RFA in Romeoville, IL)

Phase 1 : January 5-9, 2026

**Phase 2 : January 12-16, 2026 &
January 19-23, 2026**

Class # 2: (Hosted at Troy FPD in Shorewood, IL)

Phase 1 : April 6-10, 2026

**Phase 2 : April 20-24 &
April 27-May 1, 2026**

Class # 3: (Hosted at RFA in Romeoville, IL)

Phase 1 : August 31-September 4, 2026

**Phase 2 : September 14-18, 2026 &
September 21-25, 2026**

Phase 3 (Task Book):

February 23-27, 2026 (Hosted at RFA in Romeoville, IL)

May 18-22, 2026 (Hosted at Troy FPD in Shorewood, IL)

October 26-30, 2026 (Hosted at RFA in Romeoville, IL)

Phase 1 & Phase 2 Dates are REQUIRED to meet the Education and Practical Objectives of OSFM. Phase 3 will be offered as an additional week, which will complete a student's task book.

- ◆ If students are required or prefer to complete their task book at their home agency, Phase 3 dates are not required.
- ◆ If you attend Company Fire Officer at an agency other than RFA, you may sign up for Phase 3. Spots will be filled based on availability.
- ◆ Students must successfully pass the CoFO state certification exam prior to beginning the taskbook phase.

The Advanced Fire Officer Program will be delivered as follows:

Phase 1: 40 hours REQUIRED

Phase 2: 80 hours REQUIRED

Phase 3 (Taskbook): 40 hours (ELECTIVE)

Phase 1 is delivered in a traditional classroom setting.

Students attending Phase 1 & Phase 2 at RFA, will be given first opportunity to enroll in Phase 3 dates for task book completion.

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Advanced Fire Officer (AdFO)

The Advanced Fire Officer course replaces the previous Fire Officer II program. The course has been correlated to NFPA 1021 Fire Officer Professional Qualifications and meets the IL OSFM requirements for certification. The Advanced Fire Officer typically functions in a supervisory/managerial capacity with mid-level management responsibilities for multi-company operations. The course will be delivered in two required Phases, with the third phase as an elective opportunity. All phases must be completed in order.

Cost: \$1,300 for Phase 1 & 2-REQUIRED

\$500 for Phase 3-Taskbook (ELECTIVE)

Dates:

Phase 1 : November 2-6, 2026

**Phase 2: November 9-13, 2026 &
November 16-20, 2026**

Phase 3 (Task Book):

December 14-18, 2026

- ◆ Phase 1 & Phase 2 Dates are REQUIRED to meet the Education and Practical Objectives of OSFM. Phase 3 will be offered as an additional week, which will complete a student's task book.
- ◆ If students are required or prefer to complete their task book at their home agency, Phase 3 dates are not required.
- ◆ If you attend Advanced Fire Officer at an agency other than RFA, you may sign up for Phase 3. Spots will be filled based on availability.
- ◆ Students must successfully pass the AdFO state certification exam prior to beginning the taskbook phase.

CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (CFO)



The Chief Fire Officer certification course is the highest level of Officer Certification in the State of Illinois. This course targets individuals that are currently working in the Chief Officer role, or aspire to work in a Chief Officer role. This course is scheduled in three Phases, similar to the Company Fire Officer & Advanced Fire Officer Program. Phase 1 and Phase 2 will be facilitated by Romeoville Fire Academy through a series of in-person and online modules. Phase 3 consists of Taskbook completion. The Taskbook must be a compilation of the student's real world experiences and corresponding documentation. This course meets all IL OSFM requirements for certification and is correlated to *NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications (2020)*. This course equates to nearly 400 hours of material.



Program modules include topics such as: Leadership, Professional Development, Human Resources, Legal Issues, Intergovernmental Relations, Budget & Finance Issues, Strategic Planning, Community Risk Reduction, Managing Code Enforcement and Emergency Management.

Cost: \$4,100 (*Includes required textbook & JB Learning online access*)

Course Length: 6 months (In-person sessions 2-3 times per month)

First date to remember: January 29, 2026: **Mandatory Orientation**

First in-person module: February 5, 2026 with completion of the course on July 16, 2026. *A full schedule will be provided to students that are accepted into the program. In-person class dates are generally scheduled on Thursdays.*

Note: Due to expected demand for this course, we will not enroll students based on first come first serve. In order to be accepted into the program, students **must** submit the following *minimum* documents for consideration:

- Current resume
- Letter of interest into the program
- A minimum of one professional reference expressing why you would be an ideal candidate for the CFO program.
- If you currently have the pre-requisites identified to the left, please include copies of your certifications with your submission.

All applicant submissions should contain the required documentation and be emailed directly to mmurphy@romeoville.org.

The most successful applicants will also possess the minimum pre-requisites by the OSFM:

- Certification as Advanced Fire Officer or Fire Officer 2
- NIMS 300 & 400 (Command & General Staff)
- Minimum of 10 years of fire service experience

These pre-requisites are not required to apply into the program, however, they may be a deciding factor depending on the number of submissions we receive.



Fire Department Incident Safety Officer

This important class will be taught to the NFPA 1521 standard and will cover the roles and responsibilities of individuals assigned as the incident safety officer. The course will cover topics such as incident action plans, overall incident strategy, risk management, firefighter safety, reading smoke, and building construction.

Cost: \$450

Dates: February 2-6, 2026

August 17-21, 2026

The FD Incident safety officer is a course all current and aspiring fire officers should attend. This course is also a prerequisite for the Advanced Fire Officer Certification

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The RFA is proud to offer all OSFM Haz-mat state certifications. All our Haz-mat courses are offered using excellent curriculum, modern props and equipment, knowledgeable instructors, and realistic scenarios.



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Hazardous Materials: Operations

The Hazardous Materials First Responder / Operations level course is a 40-hour course that provides those personnel, who are, or will be operating as a member of an emergency service organization, the basic skills needed to evaluate and work defensively at an incident involving the release of hazardous materials. Students will receive classroom and hands-on instruction in basic hazard and risk assessment techniques, knowledge of selecting and using proper personal protective equipment, performing basic control, containment, and/or confinement operations within the capabilities of the resources and PPE available, & proper termination procedures. This important course is a co-requisite for the Basic Operations Firefighter.

Cost: \$ 650

Haz-Mat Ops is offered during our Basic Operations Fire Academy. Enrollment for Outside Students is limited. Contact the Academy for available dates.

Hazardous Materials Technician

The Hazardous Materials Technician program is an 80 hour course that meets the NFPA 1072 standard. The Hazardous materials technician responds to releases or potential releases of hazardous materials for the purpose of stopping the release or performing rescues. This course meets all certification requirements of the IL-OSFM. All 80 hours of the program are required.

Cost: \$1,450

Dates: October 12-16 & October 19-23, 2026



RFA has partnered with the Owner & Chief Pilot for SKYORA. To learn more you can visit www.skyora.net

Skyora has hundreds of hours of documented flight experience.

The Lead Instructor has a public safety background and serves as the Co-Chair for the MABAS-UAS Committee

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Public Safety UAS (Drone)

Public Safety Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS/DRONE)

These courses provide education for agencies that are utilizing UAS/Drone technology already or are interested in utilizing Drones in the future. We are continuously changing these courses to better serve the needs of our students in public safety!

Operations Level Course

The Operations level course is primarily intended for brand new drone operators that are not currently FAA Part 107 certified. Students will receive an Operations level certificate certifying 32 hours of training. The Operations course heavily covers the FAA Part 107 material to set students up for passing the FAA Part 107 exam successfully.

Cost: \$450

Dates: May 11-15, 2026 (Troy FPD-Shorewood, IL)

September 14-18, 2026 (Troy FPD-Shorewood, IL)

Technician Level Course

The Technician level course is intended for existing drone operators that are FAA Part 107 licensed, or have already previously attended our Operations Course. This class focuses more on techniques to better enhance your skillset. Students will receive a Technician level certificate certifying 24 hours of training.

Cost: \$600

Dates: June 15-19, 2026 (Troy FPD-Shorewood, IL)

Ask us about a customized course for your agency!



The RFA offers our EMS courses with experienced and professional instructors to ensure we provide quality education.

The RFA can provide CPR and First Aid courses for your entire department or your business. Please contact us for more information.

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Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B)

Our EMT course is fully compliant with the standards set forth by the National Registry Curriculum and the course is approved by IDPH. Upon completion of the course and the national registry exam, students will be licensed as a National Registry EMT. All classroom topics will be reinforced by extensive hands-on skills that will give the students the confidence to perform as a pre-hospital care-giver. Students will also be required to complete clinical time in a hospital emergency department and in-field ride time on an ambulance. All textbooks are included in the course tuition.

Cost: \$ 1,900

Dates:

Class #1:	January 5-June 8, 2026– Mon./Wednesday Evenings
Class #2:	June 15-November 16, 2026– Mon./Wed evenings
Class #3:	June 16-November 12, 2026– Tues./Thurs Evenings <i>(This class is hosted at Braidwood FD in Braidwood, IL)</i>

CPR, ACLS, PALS Certification

Many dates are available for Heartsaver CPR, Infant / Child CPR, & Basic Life Support CPR. Please call for dates, or for a copy of our CPR schedule. You may also see the dates on our website at www.romeoville.org/fireacademy.aspx. All courses are certified through the American Heart Association.

Cost: Varies. Please call or check website.

Dates: Numerous. Please call or check website.



Note: All classes are administered by the Inspector's Association. They utilize their staff instructors and course approval. RFA simply provides a location for IFIA to host their course.

Courses hosted @ Romeoville Fire Academy, but instructed by the Illinois Fire Inspector's Association:

INSPECTOR I

5-Thursdays: 40 hours

January 15, 22, 29, & February 5 & 12, 2026

Must attend all 5 days

INSPECTOR II

5-Thursdays: 40 hours

September 3, 10, 17, 24 & October 1, 2026

Must attend all 5 days

Public Fire & Life Safety Educator I

July 27-31, 2026

Contact IFIA for course cost and visit their website for course descriptions.

To register by phone, contact IFIA @ 224-387-3340

Register online @

<https://www.illinoisfireinspectors.org/training>

Frequently Asked Questions!

Technical Rescue:

Are your technical rescue classes Illinois Terrorism Task Force ITTF reimbursable?

- Unfortunately, we have not been successful in ITTF allowing our courses to be reimbursable. This is something we hope to revisit in the future.

Pro-Board/IFSAC:

Are any of your courses Pro-Board or IFSAC accredited?

- Unfortunately, no.

Pro-Board: We have previously tried to seek the ability to go through the Pro-Board accreditation process. They have denied our attempts, as we are not the state fire academy by legislation. We hope to revisit this in the future.

IFSAC: Same applies as listed above for Pro-board.

Basic Operations Fire Academy:

Do you have to be sponsored/affiliated with a fire department to attend the BOF Academy?

- No! We allow non-affiliated students and provide gear rental opportunities. The Office of the State Fire Marshal will allow students to challenge the OSFM exams for BOF and Hazardous Materials Operations. Students will be issued a recognition document by OSFM if they successfully pass.

Location:

I'm confused, when I map the Romeoville Fire Academy; 18 Montrose Drive, Romeoville, IL 60446 is the address.

- 18 Montrose Drive is our Administration Office. We primarily host the classroom portion out of our fire station 3. Nearly all classes begin at Fire Station 3: 698 Birch Lane, Romeoville, IL 60446. Nearly all of our training grounds evolutions are completed at Fire Station 2: 1321 Enterprise Drive, Romeoville, IL 60446. Pay close attention to the details in the acceptance letter mailed two weeks before class starts.

Course Letters:

- Students are sent an email confirming placement in the class, or are issued a wait list letter as soon as academy staff receive the online registration. Course acceptance letters are mailed two weeks before the start of the class. Acceptance letters contain a link to the course materials, as well as any other applicable instructions to the student.

OSFM Certification Testing through Pearson Vue:

- RFA will request the initial exam request through the OSFM portal for all students that achieve course completion. If a student does not schedule their exam within the 45 day window required or is unsuccessful in passing the exam on the first attempt, all subsequent requests should be submitted by the student's Training Officer or designee.

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