



# Training Announcement



**Homeland Security  
and Emergency Services**  
Office of Fire Prevention  
and Control

## 2021 Blended Learning Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations w/ HMFRO (BEFO w/ HMFRO)

This course is designed for the highly motivated, self-directed student with access to high-speed internet who can commit to an aggressive training schedule in a compressed time format. Students will be expected to read three chapters, complete the respective on-line interactive slides shows and score at least 70% on three on-line chapter tests each week. Students will be monitored and assisted by an instructor through email and on-line course contact. Corresponding skills instruction and evaluation will occur at a training facility. This course prepares new firefighters to operate under direct supervision in the exterior or non-IDLH areas of the fire scene only. It is also the prerequisite course for participating in the SCBA/ Interior Firefighting Operations-FF-1 course. Students participate in training covering firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE), self-contained breathing apparatus inspection and cylinder changing, fire department communications, building construction and fire behavior, modern fire control research, portable fire extinguishers, rope and knot tying, ground ladders, forcible entry, tactical ventilation theory, water supply, hose and fire streams, loss control, orientation to fire origin and cause determination, fire prevention and life safety initiatives, confined space awareness, Firefighter post fire decontamination, overview of first aid and buddy care, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations. Completion of this course achieves the 19 objectives of function 4.1 Exterior Firefighter of the OFPC Recommended Best Practices for FD Training Programs (01/15) document.

**Designed for:** Entry-level Fire department personnel who will not be classified as an interior structural firefighter and those who will be going onto to complete the SCBA/ Interior Firefighting Operations-FF-1 course 01-05- 0102.

**Course Length:** 12 skills units (7 on-line assignments + CPR +IS-700a & ICS-100b completion)

**Course Location:** Montgomery County EOC unless otherwise noted

**Course Dates:** In Person 8/12, 8/30, 9//6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27. All weekday classes start at 6pm all weekend classes start at 8am Textbook: Brady/ IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting, 7th Edition Fee: \$40 paid directly to IFSTA for online interactive course materials

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**Registration:** [2021 BEFO W/HMFRO \(BLENDED LEARNING\) \(01-05-0103\) - 064](#)

If you need a student account set up, click [New User Account Access Request](#) The learning academy is Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) all red asterisks is required information, click send. You should receive an email advising your account will be set up in 5-7 business days.