

WCCC PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

The WCCC Public Safety Training Center is a \$7.5 million hands-on regional training facility located in South Huntingdon Township, two miles from exit 49 (Smithton) of Interstate 70. This state-of-the-art facility features a six-story training tower that simulates a variety of industrial, commercial and mercantile occupancies, and includes an attached 2-1/2 story residential building. Both the tower and residential building are equipped with state-of-the-art, gas-fired simulators with flash-over capability. Also on site are a classroom building, outdoor training props and a pond and pump house.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call: 724-872-2447

Send e-mail to: haugerd@wccc-pa.edu

Write to:

Westmoreland County Community College
Public Safety Training Center
65 Public Safety Drive
Smithton, PA 15479-8734

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Certified PA State Fire Academy Firefighter Training Classes



Provided by the
WCCC Public Safety
Training Center

PA State Fire Academy Local Level Courses – You Decide!

Certified instructors, in conjunction with the PA State Fire Academy, will conduct classes at your fire station. These classes provide excellent hands-on and classroom instruction. The individual department's equipment and apparatus are used.

Many classes emphasize hands-on training; others are strictly classroom-based. The subject determines the course content and delivery methods. Each instructor attempts to provide the maximum amount of practice time to ensure student competency.

TOPICS

You decide what training you need.

Aerial Apparatus Practices
Confined Space Rescue
Exterior Firefighter
Fire Police
Hazardous Materials
Large Diameter Hose
Managing Company Operations
Pump Operations
Rope/High Angle Rescue

plus more than 100 other classes available

COURSE LOCATION & SCHEDULING

You decide where to hold the class.

Classes may be offered in Westmoreland, Fayette, Greene, Indiana and Washington counties. Sessions are normally conducted at the local, sponsoring fire station or municipal building where suitable classroom facilities, equipment and apparatus are available.

You decide what schedule works best for your department.

We suggest you plan to start the class about four weeks after contacting WCCC. Classes usually meet once a week for three or four hours, or on a Saturday or Sunday for four to eight hours. This allows a 16-hour course to be conducted in just one weekend. Course length varies from as few as 1.5 hours to 60 hours.

AVAILABILITY

You decide when to start the class.

Courses are available and may be approved any time by completing a Local Level Course Application and forwarding it to:
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You can also call 724-872-2447 to request an application. Although not required, most classes begin in the fall or spring. Summer training can also be scheduled.

ENROLLMENT & PUBLICITY

You decide to invite your neighboring departments or to restrict training to only your members.

We'll provide posters to help you announce the class. Classes 16 hours or less require an initial minimum enrollment of 12 students. Courses longer than 16 hours require 15 students to begin. Should enrollment fall below 10, the class may be suspended. Maximum class sizes are also applicable and generally do not exceed 30 students.

TUITION & FEES

You pay NO tuition charges.

Some classes may require a small lab or material fee to provide manuals or cover other consumable costs.

INSTRUCTORS

You can choose any qualified instructor. The PA State Fire Academy has identified instructors that are certified to instruct each course. Fire departments may request a specific instructor or we can help identify a certified instructor.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

You are responsible for attending class.

You will need to provide personal protective gear and an SCBA for some classes. A notebook and pen/pencil are always needed. The poster will provide specific information. Individual student conduct will be according to established Fire Academy policies that will be stated at the beginning of the course.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

You can earn a certificate.

Firefighters that attend the minimum number of hours of training and successfully pass any required examinations or skills station(s) will be awarded a Certificate of Training. Generally, absence from more than 30% of the prescribed hours automatically disqualifies the student from receiving a certificate.

HOW CAN I SCHEDULE A CLASS AT MY FIRE STATION?

- Send us an Application for Local Level Training. An officer should call 724-872-2447 for a form. Mail the completed application to Westmoreland County Community College, Public Safety Training Center, 65 Public Safety Drive, Smithton, PA 15479-8734 *at least five weeks prior to the class start date.*
- WCCC will contact the instructor, if necessary, process the class and mail posters to you.
- WCCC will notify the PA State Fire Academy with the course information so it can be posted to their website (unless you indicate that it is not open to outside firefighters).
- Call the WCCC Registration Center at 1-800-262-2103, ext. 4204 to enroll.