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2026

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2026 FIRE ON THE PLAINS

Welcome to Fire On The Plains 2026!

Thanks to your support, this annual training event continues to grow each and every year. We are thankful for all of our new and returning students, instructors, vendors, and sponsors. Whether you are looking for a new class to expand your knowledge or if you are looking to refresh your skill, FOTP has the class for you. We know your time is valuable and that you plan to select your classes to fit your schedule. To help you out we have expanded class offerings to include Thursday evening and we offer select classes at least twice over the four days of FOTP. Please look over the class schedule within this brochure to pick the right classes to suit your needs.

If you have any questions, please contact

Don Distefano at 719-368-9558 or don.distefano@state.co.us.

We will be happy to help you out.

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- A place to grow -

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THE 9TH ANNUAL FIRE ON THE PLAINS 2026

Fire on the Plains provides entry level skills for new firefighter while facilitating seasoned firefighters the ability to explore new concepts or refresh long forgotten skills. Additionally, if you need specific state certification maintenance, please bring a printed copy of the Job Performance Requirements (JPR's) you wish to complete, and the instructors will sign you off once the JPR (s) have been completed. We are committed to increase firefighter safety, effectiveness and efficiency through high quality, low cost training. The planning committee strives to ensure we are providing the training your organization seeks. As such, we are always looking for feedback and suggestions on how we can improve Fire On The Plains each year.

Planning Committee

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TUITION AND REGISTRATION 2026

You may register for full weekend or any combination of days!

Do not overlap sessions. Call or email if you have any questions.

Tuition includes meals

Full Weekend (Thur - Sun, 7 meals): **\$250.00**

2 day (5 meals): **\$185.00**

Thursday evening only (no meal): **\$25.00**

Friday only (2 meals): **\$75.00**

Saturday Only (3 meals): **\$110.00**

Sunday Only (2 meals): **\$75.00**

Register online at www.CWFIMA.org

Contact us at 719-589-1400 or via email at info@cwffima.org

Registration is payable via credit card or check

Cancellation Deadline: For a full refund is March 30th. After this date there will be a cancellation fee of \$50. Replacements are welcome!

Scholarships: the Colorado Fire Training Officers Association (CFTOA) and La Junta Rural Fire District have donated scholarship funds. Registering Colorado Departments will receive a 50% discount until funds are spent. Don't wait, register now!

ID Required: As part of the statewide responder credentialing initiative, we will be utilizing the Salamander and Rapid Tag system for check-in and tracking of students. Please bring a valid drivers license with you for check-in. Don't have a license, no worries, bring any photo ID and we will make it work.

Agency Affiliation Required: Please note that you must be affiliated with a public safety agency (Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, etc.) to participate in this training event.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 2026

Training Locations

Otero College Student Center: 2001 San Juan Ave. La Junta, Colorado

La Junta Fire Department Training Grounds: 620 Barnes Ave. La Junta, Colorado

Eastern Colorado Incident Management Team

Trainee / Shadow Opportunity: The ECIMT welcomes anyone interested in participating in learning with a Team member to see what the IMT job entails. Either for a few hours, a day or weekend. We offer an opportunity to work on task books with qualified Type 3 IMT Members. Please register on the website and choose "Trainee", If you are staying for the day or the full weekend (there is a small fee to cover meals) please state.

One day = \$35 Two day = \$70 Full weekend = \$100

No charge if you're coming for a half day or less

Waiver and Affidavit

When you register online, you will be able to view and print the Colorado DFPC informed Consent form. This is required for anyone taking a live fire session.

This form requires a signature from your Fire Chief. Please print the form, have it signed and fax or email prior to training.

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Personal Protective Equipment

- Several sessions will require Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), These sessions and the required type of PPE can be found within this Brochure.
- The student is responsible for bringing the correct PPE to class. All PPE must be in good working order and capable of protecting the wearer. Some sessions require the use of an SCBA, these students must provide their own SCBA system + mask + 2 spare cylinders.
- Fire on the Plains will not be responsible for providing PPE. The training staff will inspect all student's PPE, ensuring suitable safety for the student and training staff.
- Fire on the Plains staff will have the ability to re-fill SCBA cylinders but long refilling times may impact training time, so please, do your best to bring 2 cylinders per student decreasing fill times.
- Ensure all PPE and equipment is clearly marked reflecting the responsible parties name or department so nothing gets lost or mixed up.
- **IMPORTANT SCBA NOTE:** If you will be participating in live fire scenarios and wearing an SCBA, please come to class clean shaven. Beards, Goatees, long side burns and other facial hair that comes in contact with the SCBA mask seal is not permitted.

Hotel Information

Host Hotel = Holiday Inn Express @ 27994 US Hwy 50, La Junta Colorado 81050
(719-384-2900 front desk)

Block rate = \$115.00 / night plus applicable taxes.

When making reservations call the front desk and let them know you are with the Fire on the Plains Group. For the group rate, do not use online reservations when booking your hotel room.

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AirLife Services & Operations (Classroom / Hands-on)

Speaker: Tim Neaderhiser, Flight Paramedic, HCA HealthONE AirLife

In this course you will get classroom experience as well as hands-on with a helicopter and pilot. We will start in the classroom with an overview of LZ set-up and safety. Then move into the specific roles and responsibilities of the LZ officer. The classroom portion will conclude with a discussion on how air medical assets can support your MCI operations. This would include the initial response, triage, treatment, and transport support. Plus, how HEMS can support an evolving MCI with other personnel and supplies. The hands-on will focus on safe operations around a running aircraft and practicing LZ officer duties. There will be Q&A session with a pilot to discuss good LZ vs bad LZ, or any other questions. Students will form into groups of 5-6 and will practice cold and hot loading. Followed by multiple takeoffs and landings for students to practice radio traffic.

- Students will be able to discuss safe operations around helicopters, and the roles and responsibilities of the LZ officer.
- Students will be able to demonstrate LZ set-up and effective radio communications.
- Students will be able to discuss how HEMS can support MCI operations.

Basic Fire Investigations (Classroom)

This course explores the basics of fire scene investigation, covering key methods and important concepts. Participants will understand NFPA standards, particularly NFPA 921 and 1033, providing the basis for effective fire investigations. The curriculum includes essential topics like Fire Dynamics, determining Origin & Cause, Legal Considerations, and using the Scientific Method in fire investigation. Participants will also learn the importance of fire scene photography and acquiring skills to document, analyze, and preserve evidence. The course discusses Electrical and Fatal Fire Investigation, providing knowledge and skills for these specific contexts. With a mix of theory and practical exercises, participants will be ready to handle the complexities of basic fire scene investigation, emphasizing accuracy, adherence to standards, and the scientific method.

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Basic Knots (Hands-On)

The ability to utilize ropes and knots is considered a fundamental skill for Firefighter 1. As part of NFPA 1001: Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, firefighters must demonstrate proficiency tying the most common knots used in fireground operations. These firefighter knots typically include overhand safety, figure of eight on a bight, bowline, becket/sheet bend, clove hitch, half hitch and water knot. Enjoy building to the mastery level with peers as you learn and/or reinforce your skills within an active and dynamic environment. **This class is strongly recommended to be taken for Low Angle Rescue class attendees.**

PPE / Equipment needs: Gloves and Eye Protection min.

Colorado Team Awareness Kit (COTAK)

Improved Situational Awareness (Classroom)

Class description: The Colorado Team Awareness Kit (COTAK) course provides participants with the skills to apply mobile geospatial technology to enhance situational awareness, operational coordination, and responder safety. COTAK is a real-time mapping and team-tracking platform used across multiple disciplines—including fire, EMS, law enforcement, search and rescue, and emergency management—to support efficient field operations. This training prepares participants to incorporate COTAK into incident response, planned events, and multi-agency operations. Through hands-on device instruction, active scenarios, and field-based exercises, responders learn to use COTAK to improve communication, resource visibility, and decision-making in dynamic environments. Class limited to 15 students per session Additional information about this system can be found at COTAK.gov.

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DFPC Written Test Session (Classroom)

A proctored State certification written exam will be held on Friday April 10th from 18:00 - 21:30. Examination requests must be submitted to the DFPC at a minimum of thirty-days (30) prior to the written examination date via the DFPC records management system (RMS) by the applicant's Training Officer. The fee for written examinations is \$35.00. Limited to 20 students. General Requirements and references for the levels of certification can be found in section 9.2 in the Certification Policy and Procedures Manual.



Questions can be emailed to: CDPS_DFS_Certification@state.co.us.

“Doing More With Less” In The Rural Setting (Classroom)

When that alarm goes off it is our job to ensure the proper resources arrive on- scene. To have the proper amount of manpower and equipment on-scene there are times that we need to rely on our neighboring fire departments.



This class will cover:

- What Mutual Aid is and how to request it.
- Knowing your neighboring departments.
- Capabilities and knowing equipment on scene.
- The importance of training with your neighbors.

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Doll House (Classroom / Hands-On)

Reading Smoke is a half day class that outlines basic flow path dynamics inside a structure fire and the different presentations of smoke as seen from outside the structure. The effects of partial combustion, superheating, and different types of ventilation are also discussed. Lecture and discussion are followed by a live fire prop demonstration.



Fire Officer's First Five Minutes

Scene Size-up (Classroom)

When you arrive on scene, the first few minutes can make or break the next few hours. Come and learn how to conduct an organized size up of a structure fire. Students will be given the opportunity to practice size ups and making initial assignments. This is a great session for both the rookie and the senior firefighter.



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Fire Pump Operation (Hands-On)

This hands-on class will focus on how to properly set-up a water shuttle dumpsite, how to achieve a water supply from a static source, and how to pump single and multiple hose lines at varying GPM and PSI. For DFPC DO Pumper certified students who need to perform JPRs for recertification, please bring a printed copy of each JPR needed.

PPE / Equipment needs

Helmet, student supplied eye and hearing protection, gloves, long pants, & boots. You will get wet, so Bunker Gear is recommended.

First Responder Resilience & Growth Through Traumatic Events (Classroom)

The First Responder industry is second only to the military for the mental and physical impact that it takes on our body. This interactive session will cover behaviors, reactions and coping mechanisms frequently seen and used in our industry, will cover use of tools, language prompts and peer support best practices for urban, suburban and rural departments and agencies. We will focus on personal buy in, in small communities, increased risk benefit, individual and departmental growth opportunities. We will discuss options for breaking down stigma surrounding post traumatic injury, mental wellness and burnout. This session will have interactive activities, open conversation, and opportunities to explore case based scenarios that may have impacted you, your agency or your community. This session is appropriate for all levels and positions within a department. Rookies to top level leadership, we all play a part in getting's us all home safely at the end of the call.



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Forcible Entry (Hands-On)



Forcible entry is an essential skill in the fire service. Firefighters should be able to size-up and effectively force the door to gain access. This class breaks down the challenges that locks, reinforced doors and other security measures pose to firefighters. This hands-on session places strong emphasis on forcing inward swinging doors with the “irons.”

PPE / Equipment needs

Bunker gear required for this session to include student supplied eye and hearing protection

Grants 101 (Classroom)

This class is dedicated to helping individuals make a positive change in their communities by raising funds and securing equipment/PPE through grant writing. In this class we will discuss the different grants available, what can be applied for, application information needed, and how to write a high scoring grant narrative. **Class pre-requisite:** Please email lori.lynychbrill@state.co.us a 1-2 paragraph description of your fire district or community you serve. You will use this in class to assist in the grant narrative portion of the class.



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Live Fire / Hose Management (Hands-On)

This is a live fire session. The room and contents fire is the basic bread and butter for firefighters. Unfortunately, we still do not get enough practice on these fires. We will utilize the DFPC Mobile Live Fire Training Unit to safely practice hose movement and teamwork for making an interior attack.

PPE / Equipment needs

Full Bunker gear including SCBA with 2 spare bottles

Live Fire Training Operations (Classroom/hand-on)

This course is designed to provide comprehensive experience and safety practice's for Live Fire Training Evolutions. Successful completion of the class will not provide state certification as an NFPA 1403 Live Fire Instructor. This class is based on Safety and Execution offering a great starting foundation before taking a 1403 class.

Key Course Objectives:

- Discuss the critical importance of, and the requirements for certification.
- Analyze the safety and learning implications of live fire training for students, instructors, and agencies.
- Awareness of preparation and operational procedures associated with effective live fire instruction.
- Understand and identify acceptable fuel types.
- Develop the ability to properly create a Burn Plan for the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).

Note: This class is suitable for students who are not seeking state certification but require information and resources regarding the instruction of live fire training.

PPE / Equipment needs

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Livestock Truck Rollovers (Classroom / Hands-On)

This interactive course prepares emergency responders to safely and effectively manage livestock truck rollover incidents. Participants learn how these events differ from typical vehicle accidents, including unique risks related to live animals, specialized trailers, scene management, and cross-agency coordination. Through real-world scenarios, discussion, and trailer walk-throughs, responders gain practical tools to improve safety, communication, and decision-making. The course covers multiple livestock species and emphasizes unified command and humane outcomes. Typically delivered in a 3-hour format with a certificate of completion provided.

PPE / Equipment needs

Helmet, leather gloves, eye protection, long pants and close safety / work boots



Low Angle Rescue Systems (Hands-On)

This hands-on course will present fundamentals of low angle rope rescue techniques. Topics will include terminology, equipment familiarization, essential knots and mechanical advantage. Practical application of rope rescue systems encompassing anchor systems, litter packaging and mechanical advantage raising systems. Evolutions will involve analyzing systems and solving problems in low angle environments. Course follows standards and guidance set forth by NFPA 1006, 1670, 1983.

PPE / Equipment needs

Helmet, leather gloves, eye protection, long pants and safety/work boots

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Man vs Machine (Classroom)

Agriculture plays a big part of the Colorado economy and is responsible for putting food on our tables and a steak on our plate. The general public only sees the finished product on the grocery store shelves but they may not realize the hard work and danger involved in growing crops and tending cattle. Farmers and ranchers are constantly exposed to hazardous chemicals, entanglement, and potential injury while working with dangerous machinery. As first responders it is our responsibility to understand, respect, and mitigate the hazards involved with farming incidents. Please join us while we discuss and train on the techniques and intricacies used by firefighters when faced with these misfortunate events.

Overview of UAS (Drone) Operations (Classroom)

This course will provide awareness of critical elements needed to be in place for safe and effective operation and implementations of *Uncrewed Aircraft Systems* into incident operations. The focus will be planning, communications, coordination, and compliance.



Students will gain insights into how UAS are incorporated into the National Air Space, Fire Traffic Area and how this is communicated to the appropriate personnel on the incident. There will be no live flight exercises or evaluations, a UAS is not needed for participation or completion of this course.

This is not a substitute or prerequisite for NWCG S-373, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Incident Operations.

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R.I.T. / Self Rescue (Hands-On)

When one of our own gets into trouble, a routine call can quickly become a nightmare.

When we do not anticipate or train for such an event the nightmare has a high probability of becoming a tragedy.

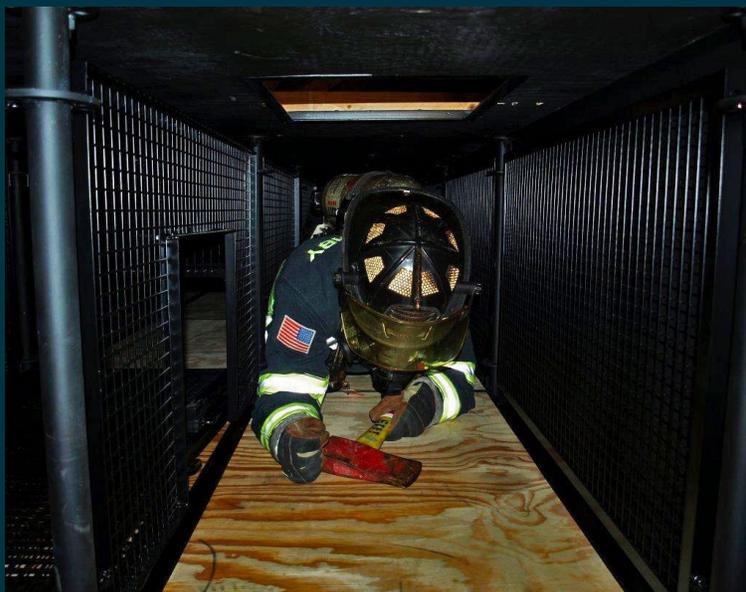
This highly interactive session is designed to prepare the firefighters to quickly and safely perform the rescue of a firefighter in trouble.



PPE / Equipment needs:

Full PPE including SCBA and two spare air bottles

SCBA Confidence Building (Hands-On)



You can never have enough practice with your SCBA. This session will cover the basics of SCBA survival skills as well as delve into more advanced techniques to get out of a sticky situation. Students will need to navigate several props designed to challenge your ability to survive.

PPE / Equipment needs

Full PPE including SCBA and two spare air bottles

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Traffic Incident Management (TIMS) (Classroom)

Every year first responders are injured and killed while operating at roadway incidents.



Responding to a call on the highway may be one of the most dangerous things we do. TIMS is a national course and gives first responders the knowledge they need to operate safely at these incidents. Students

will receive information on current laws and authorities as well as best practices for roadway incidents.

Trench & Pipeline Safety (Classroom & Hands-On)

Trench, Pipeline and excavation work is essential in developing our infrastructure and has become more common as areas grow. This line of work can be dangerous if certain precautions are not taken. This training will review the difference between

a trench, pipeline and excavation, what is required to be a safe, competent first responder and safety precautions to take when completing rescue work. This training also covers the different types of soil classifications as well



as the types of protective systems that can be used with each type of emergency.

PPE / Equipment needs: Full PPE

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Vehicle Extrication (Hands-On)

As vehicles evolve so must our techniques to safely rescue victims of a crash. Learn new tricks as well as hone your basic extrication skills. We will have multiple vehicles on site to tear apart and several instructors to give you tips for your next vehicle rescue call.



PPE / Equipment needs

Full PPE excluding SCBA is required; this includes student supplied eye and hearing protection.

Volunteer Company Officer (Classroom)

The move from Firefighter to Fire Officer dramatically changes your duties and responsibilities. This class is designed to prepare you for the challenges of being a

volunteer fire officer, whether you already are one or aspire to be one. Topics covered include fire ground decision-making, leadership on and off



the fire ground, discipline, and documentation. The goal of this course is to make you a successful and safe company officer.

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Wildland Fire Fundamentals

This course is designed to provide firefighters with key concepts that assist in the suppression of a wildfire. This training includes standard fire terminology, initial size-up reports, anchor flank and pinch tactics, pincer tactics, tandem engine operations, staging, simple Incident Command System use (divisions/accountability/division of labor), communications, and mop-up standards. This information will provide firefighters (of all experience levels) with the fundamental knowledge to be more efficient and safer while attacking a wildfire, big or small.

Wildland Fire in the WUI & Structure Triage

Focuses on wildland firefighters who will be making tactical decisions when confronting wildland fire that threatens life, property, and improvements, in the wildland/urban interface. Topics include interface awareness, size-up, initial strategy, structure triage, structure protection tactics, and firefighter safety in the interface.



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FI-110 Wildfire Observation & Origin

The primary emphasis of this course is to teach sound wildland fire observations and origin scene protection practices that enable first responders to a wildland fire scene to perform proper origin scene protection procedures. The course is presented by short lectures, electronic presentations, exercises, and class discussion. Objectives include understanding the roles and responsibilities of a first responder in support of the investigation of a wildland fire, list key observations that should be made when responding to a wildland fire, list the five tasks to be performed upon arrival to a wildland fire, understand basic fire behavior and fire pattern indicators that identify signs of a general origin area, understand the various causes of wildland fires and understand the requirements of the post-response phase, including the information transfer process.

No Prerequisites, You will receive an NWCG certificate.

S-112 Wildland Fire Chainsaws

Wildland Fire Chainsaws, S-112 (previously S-212) is an instructor-led course intended to be presented at the local level. The course lessons provide introduction to the function, maintenance and use of internal combustion engine powered chainsaws, and their tactical wildland fire application.



**PPE / Equipment needs: Full Wildland PPE
You will receive an NWCG certificate**

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S-130/S-190 Basic Wildland Review & Field

This blended course combines the online S-130/190 modules with an in-person review and field experience needed to meet the requirements for NWCG certification.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of S-130, S-190, L-180, IS-100 and IS-200 online courses is required before attending in-person class.

Links to all these courses will be provided after you register. Completion certifications for these online courses will be collected on the first day of the blended course.

S-131: Firefighter Type 1

S-131, Firefighter Type 1 is designed to meet the training needs of the Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) and/or Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5). Topics include operational leadership, communications, LCES, and tactical decision-making. Objectives: Identify position responsibilities and demonstrate the ability to apply principles of Operational Leadership found in the Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG), PMS 461. Describe how to incorporate and maintain open lines of communication with appropriate personnel. Pre-requisite: Students must be qualified as Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2).

-Identify Look Up, Down and Around indicators, and demonstrate the ability to apply the components of Lookouts, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones (LCES) as described in the IRPG. Demonstrate the ability to apply tactical decision-making procedures. Target Group: Personnel desiring to be qualified as Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) and/or Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5).

**Prerequisite: Students must be qualified as Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2).
You will receive an NWCG certificate**

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2026 Schedule of Events

April 9th—Thursday Evening Classes Block A

- 1700 — 1800 Check-in, Otero College Student Center
- 1800 — 2100 Grants 101, Otero College Student Center
- 1800 — 2100 Man vs. Machine, Training Center Classroom
- 1800 — 2100 SCBA Confidence Building, Training Center Burn Building

April 10th—Friday All-day Classes Block B

- 0700 — 0800 Check-in / Breakfast, Otero College Student Center
- 0800 — 1200 Man vs. Machine, Training Center Classroom
- 0800 — 1700 FI-110 Wildfire Observation & Origin, Otero College McBride Hall
- 0800 — 1700 S-130/S-190 Basic Wildland Review & Field (day 1), Otero College
(all day Friday and 1/2 day Sat) Online modules completion required. McBride Hall
- 0800 — 1700 S-131: Wildland Firefighter Type I, (day 1) Otero College McBride Hall
(all day Friday and 1/2 day Sat)
- 0800 — 1700 S-112: Intro to Chainsaw Operations Blended (day 1), Field TBD
(all day Fri, Sat, 1/2 day Sun) Online modules completion required.
- 0800 — 1700 Volunteer Company Officer (all day), Otero College McBride Hall
- 1200 — 1300 Lunch / Check-in, Otero College Student center

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April 10th—Friday Afternoon Classes Block C

- 1200 — 1300 Check-in / Lunch, Otero College Student Center
- 1300 — 1700 Colorado Team Awareness Kit (COTAK), Otero College McBride Hall
- 1300 — 1700 Doll House, Otero College McBride Hall
- 1300 — 1700 Livestock Truck Rollovers, Otero College McBride Hall
- 1300— 1700 Overview of UAS (Drone) Incident Operations, Otero College McBride Hall
- 1300 — 1700 SCBA Confidence Building, Training Center Burn Building
- 1300 — 1700 Wildland Fire in the WUI & Structure Triage, Otero College McBride Hall

April 10th—Friday Evening Classes Block D

- 1700 — 1800 Check-in / Dinner, Otero College Student Center
- 1800 — 2130 Basic Knots, Training Center Classroom, Suggested prerequisite for Low Angle Rescue systems
- 1800 — 2130 DFPC Written Test Certification Session, Otero College McBride Hall
- 1800 — 2130 Doing More With Less In The Rural Setting, Otero College McBride Hall
- 1800 — 2130 Fire Officer's First 5 Minutes / Scene Size-up, Otero College McBride Hall
- 1800 — 2130 Traffic Incidents Management (TIMS), Otero College McBride Hall
- 1800 — 2130 Live Fire Training Operations (day 1), Otero College McBride Hall
(1/2 day Fri, all day Sat, 1/2 day Sun)

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April 11th—Saturday Morning Classes Block E

- 0700 — 0800 Check-in / Breakfast, Otero College Student Center
- 0800 — 1730 Basic Fire Investigations (all day), Otero College McBride Hall
- 0800 — 1200 Basic Knots, Center Training Classroom, Suggested prerequisite for Low Angle Rescue systems
- 0800 — 1200 Colorado Team Awareness Kit (COTAK), Otero College McBride Hall
- 0800 — 1200 Doll House, Otero College McBride Hall
- 0800 — 1200 Doing More With Less In The Rural Setting, Otero College McBride Hall
- 0800 — 1200 Fire Officer's First 5 Minutes / Scene Size-up, Otero College McBride Hall
- 0800 — 1200 Fire Pump Operations, Training Center
- 0800 — 1200 Forcible Entry, Training Center
- 0800 — 1200 Live Fire / Hose Management, Training Center DFPC Live Fire Trailer
- 0800 — 1730 Live Fire Training Operations (day 2), Otero College McBride Hall
- 0800 — 1200 Livestock Truck Rollovers, Otero College McBride Hall
- 0800 — 1200 Overview of UAS (Drone) Incident Operations, Otero College McBride Hall
- 0800 — 1200 R.I.T. / Self Rescue, Training Center Burn Building
- 0800 — 1200 S-130/S-190 Basic Wildland Review & Field (day 2), Otero College McBride
- 0800 — 1200 S-131: Wildland Firefighting Type I (day 2), Otero College McBride Hall
- 0800 — 1200 S-112: Intro to Chainsaw Operations Blended (day 2), Field TBD
- 0800 — 1730 Trench & Pipeline Safety (all day), Otero College McBride Hall
- 0800 — 1200 Vehicle Extrication, Training Center
- 0800 — 1200 Wildland Fire in the WUI & Structure Triage, Otero College McBride Hall

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April 11th—Saturday Lunch— Resource Meet and Greet!

1100 — 1330 DFPC Fire-Hawk introduction, Landing Zone Otero College

1130 — 1330 Airlife HCA Denver Bell 407 introduction, Landing Zone Otero College

April 11th—Saturday Afternoon Classes Block F

1200 — 1330 Check-in / Lunch, Otero College Student Center

1330 — 1730 Airlife HCA Denver Services & Operations, Otero Collage McBride Hall

0800 — 1730 Basic Fire Investigations (all day), Otero College McBride Hall

1330 — 1730 Fire Pump Operations, Training Center

1330 — 1730 First Responder Resilience & Growth, Otero College McBride Hall

1330 — 1730 Forcible Entry, Training Center

1330 — 1730 Live Fire / Hose Management, Training Center DFPC Live Fire Trailer

1330 — 1730 Low Angle Rescue Systems, Training Center Classroom

0800 — 1730 Trench & Pipeline Safety (all day), Otero College McBride Hall

1330 — 1730 Vehicle Extrication, Training Center

1330 — 1730 Wildland Fire Fundamentals, Field TBD

1830—2100 Dinner and Social (Location TBD)

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April 12th Sunday morning Classes Block G

- 0700 — 0800 Check-in / Breakfast, Otero College Student Center
- 0800 — 1200 Fire Pump Operations, Training Center
- 0800 — 1200 First Responder Resilience & Growth, Otero College McBride Hall
- 0800 — 1200 Live Fire / Hose Management, Training Center DFPC Live Fire Trailer
- 0800 — 1200 Live Fire Training Operations (day 3), Training Center
- 0800 — 1200 Low Angle Rescue Systems, Training Center
- 0800 — 1200 S-112: Intro to Chainsaw Operations Blended (day 3), Field TBD
- 0800 — 1200 Vehicle Extrication, Training Center
- 0800 — 1200 Wildland Fire Fundamentals, Field TBD
- 1200—1330 Lunch, Otero College Student Center

The Fire on the Plains Staff, Instructors and Vendors thank you for spending time with us. We hope that this entire experience was enjoyable and beneficial to you and your department.

Save-the-Date: April 22 – 25, 2027 in Sterling, CO

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