Calling all Fire Service Professionals!
Looking to enhance your fire service skills? Enroll in Winter Fire School to fine-tune your training. Take up to three of these four-hour classes and learn about each subject matter from our knowledgeable and dynamic instructors.

Hands-on classes return this year:

Basic Engine Company Operations
Hands-on fee: $30
Get the water on the fire through efficient hose line advancement, ventilation, and fireground skills. Students will work in large and small companies to test their skills in different heat and smoke scenarios, plus will learn about different department roles to get the job done. Full personal protective equipment and SCBA is required. Instructor: Jim Vaughn

“Like concept of WFS – good time of year for classroom training – a lot of guys on our volunteer department are seasonally slow tradesmen/ag related so nice timing for them.”

Very knowledgeable on all subjects. Every instructor was visibly passionate about what was taught which made it easier to keep focused on material.”

Forcible Entry
Hands-on fee: $15
Getting in is one of the essential duties a firefighter performs to be effective on the fireground. This class begins with a one-hour presentation where students learn techniques and types of doors and locks to safely and effectively perform forcible entry. Following the classroom portion, there are three hours of hands-on training where students will actually force inward and outward swinging doors. Full personal protective equipment required. Instructor: Richard Stack.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
Hands-on fee: $15
No matter your skill level or experience, you will learn something new in this class. Besides the basics, students will learn to maneuver with and without the SCBA in various visually obscured environments. Donning and doffing in mazes is part of the class, plus students will learn emergency SCBA procedures, so that you walk away with an increased level of competency. Full personal protective equipment and SCBA is required. Instructor: Toby Jackson
Dynamic instructors

“Common Sense” Building Construction for the Street Smart Firefighter

Not all buildings are created equal and in this class firefighters and officers will learn to recognize types of building construction and how fire behaves in each type. There is also an in-depth look at the dangers of engineered lightweight components and new building materials. Emphasis is placed on fireground communications and proper size-up of conditions. **Instructors:** Tom Tulipano / Mike Lopina

Basic Company Officer

Be ready to take the lead and gain the knowledge and practical skills required to effectively lead fire companies. Classroom discussions on fireground responsibilities, size up, engine and truck tactics. **Instructor:** Jon Hauge

Fire Origin and Cause Awareness

One of the most challenging puzzles: what started this fire and how do you keep the puzzle pieces together? This class provides firefighters and first responders with information about detecting, preserving, and securing evidence at fire scenes for further investigation. It is a start and preview of the longer, more detailed Fire and Arson Investigation program needed to become eligible to be certified as fire scene investigators. **Instructor:** John High

Basic Pumps and Dirty Hydraulics

Are you math-o-phobic? Can’t make heads or tails out of hydraulic formulas or calculations? Students take the time to really learn hydraulics, down and dirty, from single pumper operations to more complicated multi-unit, supply, relay and fire attack operations. Fear and confusion are taken away as you take the theory of pump operation and create a practical application – calculate simple formulas for proper fire apparatus pump pressures. **Instructor:** John McMann

Traffic Incident Management

Firefighters are continuously exposed to more and more dangerous work environments. Responding to accidents on the roadway is one of these. This class is designed for all first responders to learn how to operate safely and effectively at a traffic incident using the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) program. Students will learn the goals of the TIM program, proper safe vehicle positioning, scene safety, command responsibilities, and the termination of a TIM incident. The class is based on NFPA 1091, the Standard for Traffic Control Incident Management Personnel Professional Qualifications. **Instructor:** Tal Prendergast

“Very good instructors. I learned a lot. Instructors kept classes fun to learn and lively environment. Will definitely return for more classes in the future.

Saturday Night Feature 7:00 pm

**Tailboard talk** – listen in on a lively discussion among established fire service leaders. This moderated session provides insights on how past experiences can influence future decisions on the fireground. The audience can take away how they might make the same decisions under similar situations. **Panelists:** Ed Enright, Chicago FD (retired) Bobbie Hoff, Chicago FD (retired) and Carol Stream FD; Mac McCastland, Oak Lawn FD (retired) Greg Earle, Centralia FPD, Steve Gambrill, Harris-town FPD. Moderated by Jim Grady, Frankfort FPD.

**Admission fee included with Winter Fire School registration.**

There is a $20 fee accepted at the door for non-Winter Fire School students.

CP RR301: Responding to Locomotive Emergencies

Canadian Pacific (CP) has designed and built CP1049, a one-of-a-kind mobile locomotive training simulator that gives firefighters unique hands-on opportunities. In this class the student learns to deal with a locomotive fire, shut a locomotive down properly and safely, and to extricate a patient from the locomotive cab. PPE required: helmet, safety glasses, fire boots and gloves. **Instructor:** Ed Dankbar
Winter Fire School
8 am – 5 pm Saturday, January 23
8 am – noon Sunday, January 24

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Registration
• $60 pre-registration by end of day January 8, 2016
• $70 beginning January 9, 2016 and at the door
• Registration check-in at IFSI’s Learning Resource and Research Center
  Saturday: 6:30 am – 8 am

Register online beginning November 2, 2015 or use the enclosed registration form and fax to 217/244-6790, or mail to:

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If the registration form is missing, you can download a copy from the IFSI web site.

Hotel accommodations
• There are a number of hotels in the area and on the north side of Champaign-Urbana along I-74.

Important dates
• Email confirmations sent: January 9, 2016
• Registration fee increases to $70: January 9, 2016
• Last day to cancel without penalty: January 11, 2016
• Last day to advance register: January 15
Walk-in registrations on January 23 will be accepted.

Class schedule
Choose your classes from the selections inside. Each class is scheduled to take place three times in four-hour increments over the 12 hours of Winter Fire School. Saturday and Sunday lunch are on your own.

Saturday: 8 am – Noon and Saturday: 1 pm - 5 pm plus Saturday: 7 pm - Tailboard Talk and
Sunday: 8 am – Noon

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