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Keep on top of all the latest news and class offerings and registration deadlines on the Illinois Fire Service Institute’s Facebook page. Click the link, get connected and become a fan. [http://www.facebook.com/fsi.illinois.edu](http://www.facebook.com/fsi.illinois.edu)

**Online HazMat Awareness**
*Problem:* HazMat Awareness class not in your neighborhood? All filled up?
*The Solution:* Statewide WMD: HazMat Awareness is online and ready for you. The next class begins March 8 with more online classes starting throughout the year. HazMat Awareness is a valuable class needed for several "next steps" -- especially Firefighter II. Details and registration is on... the web at [http://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/virtual%20campus/courses/hazmat.cfm](http://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/virtual%20campus/courses/hazmat.cfm)

**Not Far To Travel -- NFA Classes Right Here in Illinois**
*Sign up now -- deadline to register is almost here*
IFSI is hosting two Friday-Saturday National Fire Academy (NFA) classes at the Champaign campus on March 26-27, 2010. The two 2-day classes are Strategy & Tactics for Initial Company Operations and Courtroom Preparation & Testimony for First Responders. The classes are offered at no charge. Complete details and course descriptions are on the IFSI web site at [http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/](http://www.fsi.uiuc.edu/)

**Spring Break Wildland Class gives Students a Chance for Summer Jobs**
March 22 – 26: In response to student interest, IFSI is offering a wildland fire fighting class during the university’s spring break. The class prepares students to meet the National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG) requirements to be certified/qualified as a basic wildland firefighter and to earn “Red Card” credentials. The “Red Card” is the credential needed to work for all federal and many state and private wildland fire organizations. Class fee: $600

**Upcoming April Classes in Champaign-Urbana**
**Command & General Staff Functions for Local Incident Management Teams**
April 5 – 9: 44 hours of intensive activities to help emergency personnel manage large, complex incidents.

**Statewide WMD Response: Confined Space Rescue Operations**
April 12 – 16: One week to prepare responders to operate as a local member at a CBRNE WMD event. Course fee: $725

**Statewide WMD Response: Confined Space Rescue Technician**
April 12 – 16: One week to prepare responders to work beyond the confined space operations level. Course fee: $725

Check out the IFSI web site for complete details of all classes. [http://www.fsi.illinois.edu/](http://www.fsi.illinois.edu/)