



General Order

Department of Fire & EMS

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Subject: Mandatory Fall Training – SOP Review & Firefighter Safety and Survival

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To ensure operational readiness and personnel safety, the Department will conduct mandatory training covering two forthcoming Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) as well as hands-on Firefighter Safety & Survival skills.

Training will consist of both classroom and practical components:

- **Classroom Instruction** will include: ***"Scene size up by first arriving crews"***
 - SOP 4.1.10 – *Building Type & Use*
 - SOP 4.1.3 – *Radio Reports*
- **Hands-On Practical Skills** will include:
 - MAYDAY procedures
 - SCBA Buddy Breathing

Attendance is **mandatory** for all career personnel assigned to field operations. Personnel must bring full structural firefighting PPE to all sessions. Each member must attend one (1) session from 0800 to 1200 hours.

Training will be conducted off-duty with overtime compensation. Sessions will run from September 15, 2025, through November 13, 2025, Monday through Thursday. No sessions will be scheduled on holidays.

Volunteer members are also encouraged to sign up for the weekday sessions. We will have volunteer instructors trained to lead the class and able to accommodate requests for evening or weekend sessions. Those requests can go directly to Lt. Olson, who will facilitate the scheduling.

Personnel must register for a session via Sign-Up Genius using the link provided.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945ACA723A7F9CE9-57976750-fall>.

Direct all questions or concerns regarding this training to Lt. Olson or Lt. Hess.

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