

**Fireground Strategies and Tactics for First Arriving Companies Course**

is designed for the first arriving officer at any incident. The primary focus of this course is structural firefighting but the lessons learned are applicable for any emergency scene. Elements of this course include scene size-up, decision making, determining incident strategies, and making tactical assignments. Also included are lessons on building construction, fire behavior and growth as well lessons for operating at common non-fire incidents such as motor vehicle accidents, propane and natural gas emergencies, and other typical non-fire emergencies. In addition to lecture and classroom activities this course utilizes scenarios to allow participants to employ their newly learned skills in real time.

Course length: 15 hours.

**Prerequisite:** Firefighter I, or Basic Firefighter, or Firefighting Essentials Required

**Text:** **Fire and Emergency Services Company Officer 5th Edition (IFSTA)**

TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A "TRAINING AUTHORIZATION LETTER" FROM YOUR CHIEF.

**Location:** County Fire Training Center

**Instructor:** B. Myers

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Dates:** January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 2020

Pre-register by e-mail registration information to:

[etremblay@saratogacountyny.gov](mailto:etremblay@saratogacountyny.gov)

Provide name, agency affiliation, and phone contact information.

You can also call: Ed Tremblay @ 884-4702 and leave the same information.

Ed Tremblay, Fire Coordinator

Deputy Commissioner, O.E.S.

- The modular format and the current offering will contain the same content. It will make no difference which version a student takes. Both options will be available to counties
- Students will not be allowed to jump from one format to another. However, we will develop a system for students to make up missed units across the two formats
- The modular format will consist of five (5) independent courses. Each course will have a unique course number and will be indicated on a student's training record
- The longest module is approximately 15 hours long and the shortest will be 9
- Upon completion of the five modules, students will receive credit for completion of Fire Officer 1. We are working on the administrative system for keeping track of completed modules.
- This WILL NOT give them national certification. That will still be offered as a stand-alone exam
- The five modules may be scheduled in any order by the county
- The modules may be taken in any order by the student
- To gain credit for Fire Officer 1 through the modular delivery, all five modules must be completed within a two (2) year period. This will start when the student takes their first course of the series
- Students that have previously taken Fireground Strategy & Tactics for First Arriving Companies will receive credit for that module and will not have to retake it. If taken previously, the two-year completion time frame will not include the FSTFAC completion. The time frame will begin with completion of another of the modules
- The testing component will be based on smaller unit exams rather than a large end of course test
- The five modules are currently entitled:
  - Leadership and Supervision- 15 hours
  - Company Training and Community Risk Reduction- 12 hours
  - Emergency Response and Planning
  - Firefighter Health and Safety- 12 hours
  - Fireground Strategies and Tactics for First Arriving Companies