

## Emergency Medical Services Courses at the National Fire Academy

The United States Fire Administration and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, along with their other federal partners including the Emergency Medical Services for Children program, coordinate closely in efforts to improve the nation's emergency medical services system.

There are a number of excellent, emergency medical services-related education programs available at the National Fire Academy at Emmitsburg that are open to any person with substantial involvement in fire prevention and control, emergency medical services, fire-related emergency management activities, or allied professions. Individual course may have specific eligibility requirements.

### Costs

There are no tuition fees for NFA courses, and all instruction and course materials are provided at no cost. In addition, transportation and lodging are at no cost for eligible students who represent career or volunteer fire departments or EMS/rescue squads or State/local governments. Students are only required to pay for the cost of meals.

### Classes of interest to EMS personnel

**Title:** Emergency Medical Services – Management of Community Health Risks (R-149)

**Brief description:** The two week course targets EMS providers, supervisors, and program managers with the responsibility for development and implementation of community health and safety programs.

**Selection Criteria:** Individuals with experience in EMS, public health, or allied health field. Individuals who are responsible for development and implementation of community health prevention programs.

**Dates:** January 31 – February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
February 28 – March 11, 2005

**Title:** Management of Emergency Medical Services (150)

**Brief description:** This course focuses on current and newly emerging management practices as they relate to Emergency Medical Services in the fire service.

**Selection criteria:** Individuals with management responsibility for part of an EMS delivery system, e.g. a fire department, a hospital, or a public EMS agency.

**Date:** January 03 – January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005 (class currently full)  
January 17 – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 (class currently full)  
September 19 – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005 (application period not yet open)

**Title:** Emergency Medical Services: Special Operations (R152)

**Brief Description:** The purpose of this two week course is to enable EMS System Managers to prepare their organizations to respond to special operations by identifying potential hazards, determining potential resource needs, determining how those resources may be acquired, and developing a plan that enable the effective control of these events.

**Selection Criteria:** This course is geared primarily to those who have management and planning responsibilities for an EMS system. While most students will have a fire service background, some will represent private or separate service (nonfire) EMS agencies.

**Date:** January 3 – January, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005 (currently full)

March 14, 2005 – March 25, 2005 (currently full)

August 22 – September 2, 2005 (application period not yet open)

**Title:** Advanced Leadership Issues in Emergency Medical Services

**Brief Description:** This course is designed for upper-management persons who have organizational responsibility for EMS operation in their agency or jurisdiction.

**Selection Criteria:** Individuals with upper-level management responsibility for part of an EMS delivery system – e.g. a fire department, a hospital, or a public EMS agency.

**Dates:** November 8 – November 19, 2004

May 5 – May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005 (application period not yet open)

**Title:** Advanced Life Support Response to Hazardous Materials Incidents

**Brief Description:** This two week course is designed for paramedic personnel who have an Advanced Life Support (ALS) emergency medical responsibility at hazardous materials incidents.

**Selection Criteria:** ALS emergency medical personnel at the EMS/HM Level II who, as part of their normal duties, may be called to perform patient care activities in the warm zone at hazardous materials incidents.

**Dates:** October 4 – October 14, 2005 (currently full)

September 19 – September 30, 2004 (Application period not open)

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<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/fire-service/nfa/nfa.shtm>