



2025 Pennsylvania Wildland Fire Academy
Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry
Division of Forest Fire Protection

May 27 - June 1, 2025
Shippensburg University
Shippensburg, PA 17257



Registration is now open for the 2025 Pennsylvania
Wildland Fire Academy

The Pennsylvania DCNR, Bureau of Forestry, Division of Forest Fire Protection is announcing open registration for the 2025 Pennsylvania Wildland Fire Academy being held at Shippensburg University in southcentral Pennsylvania. Courses offered at this year's academy include the NWCG entry-level suppression and leadership courses traditionally

offered as well as various courses geared toward providing skills certification or recertification. Crew boss, engine boss, and the entry level NWCG dispatcher course will also be offered. The Division of Forest Fire Protection will cooperate with PEMA again this year and offer the NIMS All-Hazards Liaison Officer course. See the course list and course matrix for more details regarding the classes offered and scheduling.

All classes are offered tuition free, and all on-campus meals and lodging will be covered by the Division of Forest Fire Protection. Any student or staff choosing off-campus meals and/or lodging will not have those expenses reimbursed by the Division of Forest Fire Protection.

Instruction may occur beyond the standard 7.5-hour day, 5-day workweek however the Division of Forest Fire Protection does not authorize overtime for students. Forest districts may approve overtime and compensate their staff from district funds as deemed appropriate. Classes are scheduled to provide maximum opportunity for students. Students may register for multiple classes, but if classes overlap, students must prioritize each class and indicate that preference in the remarks on the nomination form. Every effort will be made to enroll students based on the priority submitted. All Bureau of Forestry personnel MUST have supervisor approval BEFORE registering.

IMPORTANT DATES

The early registration period is open until April 11, 2025. Registration will remain active for courses with open seats until May 18, 2025, the last day to register.

Registration for a class does not guarantee placement. Students not selected will be placed on a waitlist. As seats open, they will be filled from the waitlist. Students will be notified by email of selection status after April 11, 2025.

A cornhole tournament and BBQ benefiting the Wildland Firefighter Foundation will be held Wednesday evening, May 28, 2025. More details will be included in the student selection letter and in the welcome packet received at check-in. Open this link to get a feel of what the Wildland Firefighter Foundation does for this country's wildland firefighters.

<https://wffoundation.org/>

COURSE LIST

ATV/UTV Operator Safety Training

Course details: This agency specific course is restricted to PA-PAS resources ONLY.

Course completion grants the ATVO and UTVO qualifications for PA-PAS resources. The FULL COURSE is required for anyone who has never taken ATV/UTV training. The REFRESHER is specifically for those who have previously taken ATV/UTV training – the refresher consists of the field component of the full course; no classroom is required for the refresher.

The full course and two refresher sessions (AM and PM) will be offered. Please do not sign up for both the full course and refresher. See the registration section at the end of this announcement for details.

Students are expected to bring the required PPE to this class - DOT approved helmet, eye protection, gloves, long sleeved shirt and pants, and above the ankle leather boots.

Course prerequisites: None.

D-110, Expanded Dispatch Recorder

Course details: [D-110](#)

Course Prerequisites: None.

National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course

Course details: National Safety Council Defensive Driving Courses teach drivers how to recognize and react to immediate and potential hazardous driving situations and conditions. This instructor-led, classroom course provides collision prevention strategies and defensive driving techniques that focus on behavior, judgement, decision making and consequences.

This interactive course will help influence drivers to make positive choices to improve driving behaviors and attitudes and encourage respectful and lawful decisions to avoid motor vehicle incidents and decrease traffic violations.

Course completion grants the DRIV qualification for PA-PAS resources.

Course prerequisites: None.

FI-110, Wildland Fire Observations & Origin Scene Protection for First Responders

Course details: [FI-110](#)

Course prerequisites: None.

L-280, Followership to Leadership

Course details: [L-280](#)

Full PPE required for this class.

Pre-course work: 4 hours - Pre-course reading material will be sent to the local forest district for PA-PAS students. All other students MUST include a mailing address in the remarks of the nomination form to be sent the pre-course reading material, or they will be responsible for obtaining the material on their own.

Course prerequisites:

- Experience on incident assignments in operations or support functions.
- Successful completion of L-180, Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service.
- Successful completion of pre-course work.

L-956, NIMS ICS All-Hazard Liaison Officer

Course details: This course is designed to provide local and state-level emergency responders with a robust understanding of the duties, responsibilities, and capabilities of an effective LOFR on an All-Hazards Incident Management Team.

Course Objectives:

- Explain the roles and responsibilities of the LOFR as a member of the Command Staff.
- Explain the roles and responsibilities of an Agency Representative.
- Explain the roles and responsibilities of the Liaison Officer with regards to Stakeholders.
- Explain types of communication and work-location requirements for a given incident.
- Identify the process and relevant parties involved in incident information flow, including the role of Assistant Liaison Officers.
- Identify the Liaison Officer's contributions to the NIMS incident action planning process.
- Explain the proper steps to follow in the event of a special situation.
- Identify the demobilization process as it relates to the duties of the LOFR.

Course prerequisites:

- IS-100, Introduction the Incident Command System, ICS-100
- IS-200, ICS for Single Resource and Initial Action Incidents, ICS-200
- IS-700, Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- IS-800, Introduction to the National Response Framework
- ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
- ICS-400, Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff

NOTE: Because this class is offered through the cooperation of several state and federal partners the registration process has multiple steps that must be followed. See the registration section at the end of this announcement for details.

S-130, Firefighter Training (Blended) - Field Day ONLY

This field day completes the Blended S-130 for students who have previously finished the online component. Proof of online unit completion is required before an S-130 certificate will be issued.

Course details: [S-130](#) NOTE: Open 'Overview' tab and scroll down to 'Blended Course Option (Online/Instructor-Led Delivery, 2008 Version)' to view details.

Full PPE required for this class.

Course prerequisites:

- Successful completion of S-190, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior.
- Successful completion of the online component of the Blended S-130.

S-131, Firefighter Type 1

Course details: [S-131](#)

Full PPE required for this class

Course prerequisites: Qualified Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2).

S-211, Portable Pumps and Water Use

Course details: [S-211](#)

Full PPE required for this class.

Course prerequisites: None.

S-212, Wildland Fire Chainsaws

Course details: [S-212](#)

Full PPE required for this class.

Pre-course work: 1 hour

Course prerequisites: Successful completion of pre-course work.

S-219, Firing Operations

S-219 is a blended course, with an online training (OLT) component, and instructor led training (ILT) component. Students are required to complete the online training component prior to taking the instructor led component. The online component will be completed through the Wildland Fire Learning Portal. This class will include a field day.

Course details: [S-219](#)

Full PPE required for this class.

Course prerequisites: Qualified Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2).

S-230, Crew Boss (Single Resource)

S-230 is a blended course, with an online training (OLT) component, and instructor led training (ILT) component. Students are required to complete the online training component prior to taking the instructor led component. The online component will be completed through the Wildland Fire Learning Portal.

Course details: [S-230](#)

Course prerequisites:

- Qualified Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1).
- Successful completion of Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (S-290).

S-231, Engine Boss (Single Resource)

Course details: [S-231](#)

Course prerequisites:

- Qualified Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1).
- Successful completion of Crew Boss (Single Resource) (S-230).

S-270, Basic Air Operations

Course details: [S-270](#)

Pre-course work: 1 hour

Course prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of pre-course work.

WFA, Wilderness First Aid

Course details: This course is taught by representatives of Mid-Atlantic Outdoor Recreation Education (MORE), a contractor hired by the Division of Forest Fire Protection. This course provides the first aid principles and skills needed to respond to emergencies and to give care in areas and situations where access to Emergency Medical Service (EMS) resources may be delayed by hours. This includes wilderness and remote environments, as well as urban environments experiencing natural or man-made disasters. WFA is a dynamic, hands-on, skills-based course using a mix of classroom instruction and realistic outdoor teaching scenarios tailored to the training audience.

Students who successfully complete the course will be granted a two-year certification in Wilderness First Aid.

Outdoor scenarios are part of this course. Students should dress appropriately.

Course Prerequisites: None.

Basic - Wildland Fire Crew

Course details: This is the required, introductory course for all PA-PAS resources who travel out-of-state responding to wildfires - aka PA Wildland Fire Crew. This course is required for all WFC members regardless of previous wildland fire experience. For those in single resource positions that do not require fitness testing, the field work component of the course can be modified to be less strenuous. For all others, the Work Capacity Test must be passed at the arduous level prior to attending the class. Basic begins the afternoon of Friday, May 30 and extends through the weekend to accommodate the work schedules of volunteers. As a result, most instruction will occur outside the regular workweek. No overtime is authorized by the Division of Forest Fire Protection however forest districts may approve overtime and compensate their staff from district funds as deemed appropriate. WFC members routinely overnight in the field. Students must be prepared to spend Saturday night in the field, weather permitting. Further details will be provided in the student selection letter.

NOTE:

1. Students MUST register for Basic through the local forest district. DO NOT attempt to use the QR code or URL to register.
2. Full PPE required.

Course prerequisites:

- Successful completion of S-130, Firefighter Training
- Successful completion of S-190, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior

- Successful completion of L-180, Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service
- Successful completion of ICS-100, Introduction to ICS
- Successful completion of IS-700, NIMS: An Introduction
- Successful completion of arduous WCT

FFT1/CRWB On-the-Job Training (OJT)

Course details: This is an opportunity for PA-PAS (PA Wildland Fire Crew) personnel working toward FFT1 or CRWB qualification to obtain experience working in the FFT1 or CRWB role while assigned to the Basic crews during their training. Participants will be embedded as trainees leading the Basic crews/squads through the entire training including the field day and should be prepared to spend Saturday night in the field, weather permitting. FFT1 and CRWB trainees will tie in with their assigned crews beginning the evening of Friday, May 30. The assignment will then mirror the Basic schedule and extend through the weekend to accommodate the work schedules of volunteers. As a result, most of the assignment will occur outside the regular workweek. No overtime is authorized by the Division of Forest Fire Protection however forest districts may approve overtime and compensate their staff from district funds as deemed appropriate.

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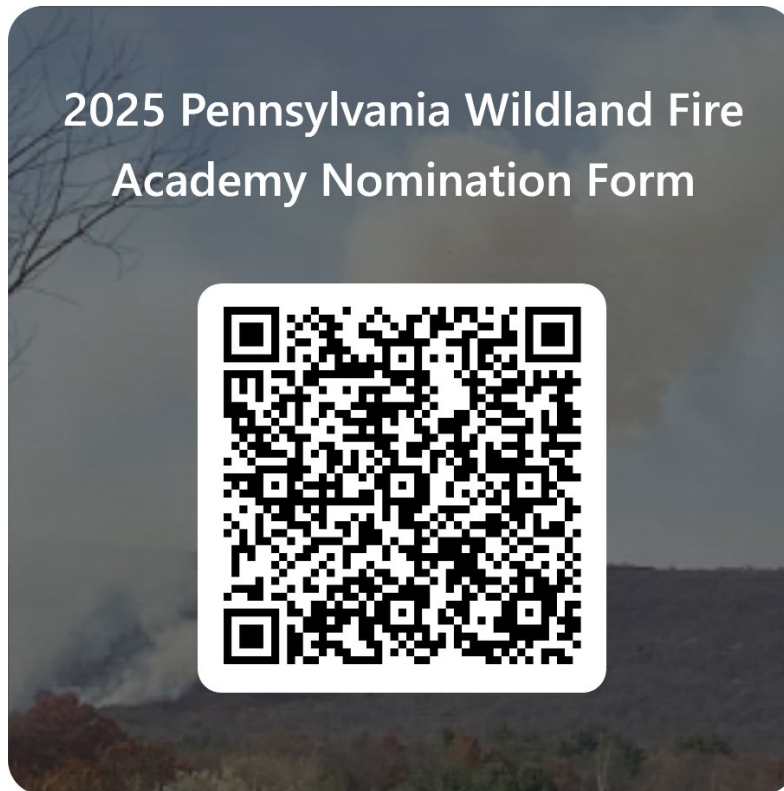
1. Participants **MUST** register for FFT1/CRWB OJT through the local forest district. **DO NOT** attempt to use the QR code or URL to register.
2. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring an initiated task book for the position they are serving in for the weekend, there will be opportunities for tasks to be signed.
3. Full PPE required.

PPE

Many courses have a field component, and students should arrive prepared to work in the field with appropriate PPE. Full PPE is required for L-280, S-130 Field Day, S-131, S-211, S-212, S-219, Basic, and FFT1/CRWB OJT. Full PPE includes Nomex pants and shirt, leather boots and gloves, hard hat with chin strap, eye and ear protection, and line pack. Further information regarding PPE will be included in the student selection letters.

REGISTRATION

Use the QR code below to access the academy registration form



or copy and paste this URL into your web browser.

<https://forms.office.com/g/cB4PfybfNP>

NOTES:

1. ATV/UTV Operator – Register for either the full course or refresher but not both. If registering for the refresher select either the AM or PM session but not both. If AM session registrations do not meet the minimum number needed, the session will be canceled, and registrants will be given the opportunity to attend the PM refresher.
2. NSC Defensive Driving Course – Register for either the Thursday session or the Saturday session but not both. If the number of registrants for one of the sessions does not meet the minimum needed that session will be canceled and those registrants given the opportunity to attend the other session.
3. L-280 – Be sure to include a valid mailing address under the ‘Remarks’ question on the registration form. If a mailing address is not included, the student will be responsible for securing the required pre-course work materials on their own.
4. L-956 - Because this class is offered through the cooperation of several state and federal partners the registration process has multiple steps that must be followed.
 - 1) Prospective students must use the QR code or URL provided above to register using the Bureau of Forestry registration form.

- 2) Students selected to attend the class will then receive an email from the lead instructor detailing the next steps in the registration process including securing a FEMA Student ID Number (SID), registering through the PEMA training website (TrainPA), and completion of a FEMA registration form. The email containing this information will not be sent until after April 11, 2025.
5. Basic – Registration is through the local forest district only. DO NOT attempt to register for this class using the QR code or URL provided above. Prospective students must contact their local forest district for more information.
6. FFT1/CRWB OJT - Registration is through the local forest district only. DO NOT attempt to register for this class using the QR code or URL provided above. Prospective students must contact their local forest district for more information.