

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

June 10 – 15, 2024



Welcome to the inaugural York County Wildland Fire Academy. The purpose of this academy is to offer trainings with the intent of furthering wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire capacity within York County and among wildland fire partner organizations.

Instructional and logistic support for this year's trainings is being provided by the Maine Prescribed Fire Council, The Nature Conservancy, USDA Forest Service, Maine Forest Service, The Forest Stewards Guild, Maine Army National Guard, and York County Emergency Management.

SCHEDULE OF TRAINING OFFERED:

Course Number and Title		Monday 06/10/24	Tuesday 06/11/24	Wednesday 06/12/24	Thursday 06/13/24	Friday 06/14/24
S-130, S-190, L-180 (Online/Field exercise)	AM				X	
	PM				X	
UTV Use & Safety	AM					X
	PM					X
S-211, Portable Pumps and Water Use	AM			X	X	
	PM			X	X	
S-131, Firefighter Type-1	AM	X				
	PM	X				
G-131, Firefighter Type-1 for Structural Fire Departments	AM		X			
	PM		X			
CPR, First Aid & Bloodborne Pathogens	AM					
	PM			X		

Nominations: Complete the registration form at <https://forms.gle/yJmUGiwiUdEb67g18>

Registration for **S-130/S190** due on Monday **April 1st, 2024**.

Registration for **all other classes** due on Wednesday **May 1st, 2024**.

Acceptance letters will be emailed no later than Friday **May 17th, 2024**.

Please Note: If you are signing up for S-130/S-190, these are blended classes, which includes the completion of online components prior to the 6/13 field exercise. Dates for informational Zoom sessions will be sent out by the lead instructor.

Lodging & Tuition: If students are in need of lodging, please reach out to one of the course coordinators. Tuition is free. An equity scholarship is available to help defray the cost of travel; room & board is available. Please email an inquire to the course coordinators.

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TRAINING DESCRIPTIONS:

S-130, S-190, L-180

Hybrid: Online beginning April 4/Field exercise Thursday 6/13 from 0800 to 1630 (TNC Southern Maine Field Office, Wells Maine)

Description: The course addresses the foundational skills universal to all wildland firefighters. The material is divided into 12 online modules (1 to 3 hours each) and a mandatory, instructor-led field exercise. Each online module explains the concepts and skills that will be performed and evaluated on the field exercise.

Prerequisites: None

Bring: Hardhat, gloves, safety glasses, long pants, long sleeved shirt, boots. (PPE can be provided)

S-131, Firefighter Type 1

Monday 6/10 0800 to 1630 and Tuesday 6/11 0800 to 1200 (York County EMA)

Description: S-131, Firefighter Type 1 is designed to meet the training needs of the Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) and/or Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5). Topics include operational leadership, communications, LCES, and tactical decision-making.

Prerequisites: Students must be qualified as Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2).

Bring: IRPG and note taking-material, PPE is not required.

S-211, Portable Pumps and Water Use

Wednesday 6/12 0800 to 1630 and Thursday 6/13 0800 to 1630 (Massabesic Experimental Forest)

Description: This course is designed to provide knowledge and skills to design, setup, operate, troubleshoot, and shut down portable water delivery systems. The focus is on portable pumps – it does not address water delivery for engines. Topics covered include: portable water delivery systems; equipment; roles and responsibilities; and system design and hydraulics. There is also a field exercise where students will apply what they learned in the classroom.

Prerequisites: None.

Bring: IRPG, gloves, eye protection, hearing protection, helmet, drinking water, field clothes, fire boots, rain gear, and note-taking material.

G-131, Firefighter Type 1 for the Structural Firefighter

Tuesday 6/11 0800 to 1630 (York County EMA)

Description: This course is designed to provide wildland firefighting skills (Firefighter Type 1) to structural firefighters who meet NFPA 1001 for Structural Firefighter 2 or equivalency.

Prerequisites: Structural firefighters who meet NFPA 1001 for Structural Firefighter Type 2.

Bring: IRPG and note-taking material, PPE is not required.

First Aid/CPR & Blood Borne Pathogens

Wednesday 1800 to 2200 (York County EMA)

Description: This course equips students to recognize and care for a variety of breathing and cardiac emergencies, as well as how to avoid exposure to and mitigate the spread of bloodborne pathogens.

Prerequisites: None

Bring: Note-taking materials

UTV Safety & Use

Friday 6/14 0800 to 1630 (TNC Southern Maine Field Office, Wells)

Description: This course is designed to provide operators of utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) with the skills and knowledge necessary to operate these vehicles in a safe and responsible manner in the wildland fire environment.

Prerequisite: None

Bring: UTV required. PPE: gloves, eye protection, hearing protection, helmet, drinking water, field clothes, boots, rain gear, and note-taking material.