

**COLUMBIA COUNTY**  
**Firefighter I**  
**Learning Agreement**

NYS Firefighter 1 is designed to prepare entry level firefighters to respond to emergencies. This course is designed to accomplish the objectives of NFPA 1001 and NFPA 472 and trains the entry level firefighter as an interior structural firefighter in accordance with OSHA regulations 1910.156 Fire Brigade Standard, 1910.134 Respiratory Standard, 1910.120 emergency response to Hazardous Materials, 1910.146 Confined Space Entry Standard and 1910.147 Control of Hazardous Energy Standard.

This course is 78 hours in length, which is broken up into #26 lessons which will be accomplished in night and weekend sessions. Tests and measurements are a necessary element in the learning process.

**Student Attendance:**

Sessions must be attended. In the event of an unavoidable absence, the student shall notify the lead instructor. The student may have to make up the class in order to pass the course.

**Student Obligations:**

Students are provided with a copy of the Firefighter 1 outline. Students shall have completed the required reading and be prepared for unit tests, and to participate in discussions. All students shall bring with them to class; personal protective equipment, writing instrument and paper unless otherwise indicated by the instructor. Completes the NIMS700 self study and provides proof of completion to the instructor prior to the completion of the class. The IOS test can be obtained from the instructor or through the SEMC website [www.nvsemo.state.nv.us/trainin~](http://www.nvsemo.state.nv.us/trainin~).

**Written Exams:**

All students will be given at least 2 written exams. The midterm is conducted in lesson #13, and the final exam at the end of the course. Both exams have a passing grade of 70% or better. All students must pass these two exams to receive credit for the course. If a student fails any of the written tests, then they will be allowed to make it up at the convenience of the instructor. If not, they will have to retake the exam in another class.

**Practical Skills Evaluations:**

All students will be given skills during various times during the program. Every student is expected to pass all skills. If a student fails a skill, the instructor may elect to provide a make-up for that particular skill.

**Physical Fitness:**

All students must be fit enough to safely complete skills. Students must have been determined to be fit for firefighting and must have received a fit test for the equipment that they are using in the course. Students will be training in an IDLH atmosphere during the course.

## PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

### **Judgment:**

- Makes reasonable, safe decisions when attempting to accomplish a task or solve a problem
- Is courteous and respectful
- Handles interpersonal conflicts effectively

### **Communication:**

- Uses appropriate tone of voice
- Articulates in a clear, logical and understandable manner
- Displays Confidence
- Is persuasive and makes a positive impression
- Demonstrates appropriate non-verbal communication techniques

### **Teamwork:**

- Effectively works with others in order to accomplish tasks or solve problems
- Offers help to team members when needed
- Consistently demonstrates safe practices for self and others

### **Problem Solving:**

- Approaches problems in a safe, logical, and well thought out fashion
- Seeks pro-active solutions to problems

### **Initiative/Motivation/Work Ethic:**

- Accomplishes tasks or goals without being ordered, coerced or motivated by others
- Demonstrates desire for personal and professional development
- Accomplishes tasks or goals with a safety first attitude
- Takes on additional tasks or duties
- Actively seeks academic and technical knowledge for self improvement
- Is reliable in following safety practices in all situations

### **Adaptability/Stress Management:**

- Remains calm in stressful situations
- Adapts behavior in order to deal with changing situations in a safe manner
- Adapts behavior in order to accomplish individual and or/organizational goals
- Recognizes symptoms of stress in self and seeks to deal with stress appropriately

### **Integrity:**

- Is sincere and honest when dealing with others
- Keeps commitments
- Respects personal property of others/their departments
- Portrays professional image in speech, action and appearance
- Obeys all policies of the Office of Fire Prevention & Control and the hosting agency

I have read and understand the agreement as written above.

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