



MINNESOTA FIRE / RESCUE SCHOOL 2026

March 14th- 15th, 2026

Lake Crystal High School

607 Knights Lane Lake

Crystal, MN 56055

Hands-On • Classroom • Live Fire • Leadership



4-Hour Courses - Saturday AM

The Numbers Behind the Flames – Using the Fire risk analysis tool: Doug Johnson (\$70.00).

Using the Fire Risk Analysis Tool can assist your department on what to expect for your future responses. Using this information along with your fire prevention program can help keep your communities safer.

It's Electric! Plug into this Hybrid Learning Session to Supercharge your EV Knowledge: Vehicle Response Training - (\$80.00) NEW

This course begins with EV 101 classroom instruction, then transitions to hands-on training with an EV, emergency response scenarios, battery types, vehicle components, and real-world case studies—preparing responders for safe, effective EV incident operations.

NEW

4-Hour Courses - Saturday PM

Registration:



Transitioning to NERIS: Craig Malani (\$70.00).

The fire service is transitioning from NFIRS to the new National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS), launching in 2025. This course covers what Minnesota fire departments can expect during the transition, key implementation updates from the National Fire Academy, and why accurate, timely incident reporting remains critical for compliance, data quality, and the fire service as a whole.

Inside the Box: What First Responders Need to Know About BESS: Vehicle Response Training (\$80.00) NEW

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) present unique, high-hazard fireground challenges, including high voltage, explosive off-gassing, and cascading thermal runaway. This introductory course prepares firefighters to recognize BESS hazards, establish safe standoff distances, operate

defensively, coordinate with utilities, and protect crews during extended cooling and burn-out operations.

NEW

Class Registration:
<https://sascsregistration.net>

8-Hour Courses (Saturday)

Modern Vehicle Extrication: Al Ebbinga / Billy Hurt (\$180.00).

This course covers the full scope of vehicle extrication, including size-up, stabilization, hazard control, patient access, disentanglement, and scene control. Emphasis is placed on modern vehicles with advanced steels and safety systems, focusing on multi-vehicle stabilization, lifting and movement, and efficient tool selection for rapid patient access.

Required PPE: Approved helmet, fire or leather safety boots, eye protection, gloves, and coveralls or turnout gear.

Training Officer 101- Now What?: Chris Hultengren (\$180.00).

This course is designed to aid new training officers and existing training officers with fresh ideas and methodologies to enhance their department training needs. Participants will review their existing training programs, share issues they may be experiencing and learn new ways to deliver the required topics as well as a shared discussion on keeping the training upbeat and fun.

Fire and EMS Response – Trauma in Agriculture: Matt Lange/Josh Kitzerow (\$180.00).

This agricultural trauma and rescue course provides an overview of common farm emergencies and associated hazards, including tractor rollovers, grain bin entrapments, and equipment entanglements. Emphasis is placed on rescue challenges, scene logistics, resource management, and strategies to support safe, effective rescue or recovery operations.

Required PPE: Approved helmet, fire or leather safety boots, eye protection, gloves, and coveralls or turnout gear.

Advanced Pump Operations: Chris Noeldner (\$180.00).

Pumping Operations are one of the most important roles on the fireground. In this course you will look at pump maintenance, troubleshooting pump issues, relay pumping, multiple drop tank operations, overcoming weak hydrants, and methods for supplying large caliber streams.

Required PPE: Participants must furnish approved helmet, fire boots or leather safety boots, gloves, coveralls or turnout gear for class.

First Due Engine – Live Fire Troy Walsh (\$200.00).

This immersive 8-hour, scenario-based course places students in full-scale emergency responses to a variety of incidents. Participants will respond to CO calls, fire alarms, auto extrications, vehicle fires, and structure fires, while instructors provide real-time guidance to improve organization, safety, and decision-making on the emergency scene. **Required PPE:** Full turnout gear and SCBA with 2 cylinders.

RF Dash - (\$70.00) NEW

RF-DASH uses a train-the-trainer model to prepare participants in farm environments, safety, and agricultural emergency prevention. The curriculum focuses on prevention and preparedness rather than rescue and response and includes five core modules: agricultural emergencies, farm pre-planning and mapping, hazard analysis, farm-specific first aid, and community outreach.

NEW

Responding to Railroad Emergencies: CPKC and Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC) (\$70.00) NEW

Railroad 101 training offers an essential introduction to rail operations safety, equipment, and emergency response, combining classroom theory with hands-on field exercises for first responders to understand trackside hazards. Hazmat placards, signaling, and safe interaction with trains

and equipment.

NEW

Wildland Firefighting Operations: Jake Froyum (MN DNR) (\$70.00) NEW

This one-day, 8-hour wildland firefighting course provides a practical introduction to strategies, tactics, ICS, and safety. Taught by MN DNR Forestry instructors, the class covers fire behavior, attack methods, wildland-urban interface considerations, aviation resources, unified command, and

responder roles under Minnesota statutes, with scenario-based learning throughout.

NEW

4-Hour Courses - Sunday AM

Race Track Crash Response: Al Ebbinga / Chris LeTendre (150.00).

Attendees will learn about the safety equipment that drivers use and how to remove it. They will learn about the different types of fuel used and how to extinguish them, they will learn about how to remove drivers from their cars, and some of the proper EMS that is provided on scene.

Required PPE: Participants must furnish approved helmet, fire boots or leather safety boots, gloves, coveralls or turnout gear for class.

Fireground Operations: SASCS Staff (\$150.00) NEW

Using our live burn trailer, fire fighters will respond to a multitude of calls, including an attack on a class A fire. This class involves live fire.

Required PPE: Full turnout gear and SCBA with 2 cylinders

NEW

Understanding and Fighting Basement Fires: SASCS Staff (\$150.00) NEW!

Below grade basement fires can be one of the greatest challenges to firefighters. Understanding basement access, contents and flow paths are essential for safe entry and suppression. Using a basement fire simulator, attendees will be able to put the knowledge they receive to the test on live fire scenarios.

Required PPE: Full turnout gear and SCBA with 2 cylinders

NEW

12-Hour Courses - Sat & Sun

Fire Chiefs Boot Camp: Jared Rozeboom (\$70.00).

This State Fire Marshal Division training helps fire chiefs reduce legal risk and stay compliant, covering incident reporting, investigations, fire code, ISO, OSHA, auditing, township relations, and human resources.

Ice Rescue: Dan Bernardy (\$180.00).

This hands-on course provides public safety and rescue personnel with foundational skills for cold water and ice surface rescue, emphasizing personal survival and rescuer safety. Topics include ice conditions, PPE, hypothermia, reach-throw-row-go techniques, and proper use of ice rescue suits.

Required PPE: Ice rescue suit (Ice Commander / Gumbo) and USCG-approved Type III or V PFD. *This is an outdoor class—dress accordingly.*

Basic Fire Pump Operations: Jim Zwaschka/ Jared Mackenthun (\$180.00).

This course provides the knowledge and hands-on skills needed to operate a fire department pumper during emergency operations. Training includes classroom instruction and field evolutions covering relay pumping, drafting, foam operations, and apparatus maintenance.

Required PPE: Approved helmet, fire boots, gloves, and turnout gear.

Technical Rope Rescue: Paul Seleski/ Sam Jaquith (\$200.00).

Students will gain foundational knowledge and hands-on skills to safely assist at rope rescue incidents, including rope and hardware use, basic mechanical advantage systems, belay and anchor systems, and patient packaging.

Required PPE: Lace-up boots with ankle support, leather gloves, approved helmet (non-fire), eye protection, and weather appropriate clothing. Personal harnesses may be used with instructor approval.

Aerial Operations: Vance Schwartz (\$180.00).

This Aerial Operations class prepares operators and officers to systematically approach emergency scenes for effective aerial apparatus placement. Topics include aerial use for building access, victim rescue, ventilation, elevated master streams, and technical rescue operations.

Farm Rescue for the Next Generation: Ryan Engelmann/ Tavis Brekken (\$180.00).

A new generation of volunteer firefighters is emerging, many without agricultural backgrounds. This course prepares new and experienced responders with limited rural or agricultural experience to safely manage farm and ag-related emergencies. Topics include ag vocabulary, equipment and facility awareness, hazard recognition, and commercial agricultural operations, with 12 hours of classroom and scenario-based scale-model learning.

Fire Cause Determination: Casey Stotts (\$180.00).

This 12-hour course provides a basic overview of fire investigation, focusing on fire chemistry and the critical role of the first responder. Emphasis is placed on fire scene awareness, evidence recognition, and the integration of suppression, investigation, science, and law.

Wrecker Assisted Rescue: NEW John Shackelford, Terre Haute, IN (\$250.00).

This course introduces emergency responders to heavy wrecker-assisted extrication through a brief classroom session followed by 8 hours of hands-on skill stations. Training includes heavy vehicle stabilization, struts, cribbing, and coordinated use of heavy wreckers during rescue operations.

Required PPE: Approved helmet, fire boots, gloves, and turnout gear.

NEW

The First 5 Minutes: NEW Ulysses Seal, Bloomington Fire Chief (\$180.00).

The first five minutes of a structure fire often determine the outcome. This course focuses on initial response and fireground decision-making, emphasizing size-up, radio communications, risk recognition, and early tactical priorities to establish strong command presence and set the foundation for safe, effective operations.

NEW

Supervising Emergency Medical Services: NFA - FO146 (\$70.00) NEW

National Fire Academy Course

This 2-day course provides an introduction to the knowledge, skills and abilities required to navigate current emergency medical services (EMS) management issues and the challenges in moving from EMS provider to EMS supervisor. Course topics include: The transition to leadership, Time and task management, Communication, Information and technology, Talent management, Health and safety.

NEW

VEIS - Vent, Enter Isolate and Search: Josh Pearcy - Oklahoma City Fire/OK Task Force (\$200.00)

In today's fire environment, firefighters must be able to dominate the window space. This course focuses on window entries and exits, victim grabs, drags, and removals, with live-fire rescue scenarios emphasizing rapid victim management and firefighter safety.

Required PPE: Full turnout gear and SCBA with two cylinders.