

AVAILABLE HOT CLASSES THIS YEAR

AUGUST 25TH - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Advanced EV Response for EMS (8 hrs)

Provided by Rivian

This intensive training program, developed in partnership with Rivian, provides first responders with the essential hands-on experience needed to safely and effectively manage emergencies involving modern Rivian electric vehicles (EVs). Participants will move beyond classroom theory to physically interact with state-of-the-art vehicle models, gaining an understanding of the unique engineering and technology inherent in the Rivian platform.

Key Learning Objectives:

- **Physical Extrication Techniques:** Practice actual cutting and glass-breaking on donated vehicles to identify the specific strengths and weaknesses of vehicle materials.
- **Tool Performance Assessment:** Evaluate how standard department tools perform when physically altering EV structures to reach patients.
- **EV-Specific Hazard Identification:** Learn to identify and navigate challenges unique to electric vehicles, including high-voltage lines and battery pack placement.
- **Strategic Response:** Work alongside instructors to refine rescue practices, ensuring crews are prepared for emergencies occurring on the road or in residential settings.

AUGUST 26TH - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The “Can” Man (8 hrs.)

Instructor: 575 FOOLS

The purpose of this 8-hour live fire class is to teach people the capabilities and limitations of the 2.5-gallon water can. We emphasize water cans are not a replacement for an attack line, but a supplement for crews to effect search and rescue operations either before the arrival of an apparatus with hose and water, or after to provide some protection without the cumbersomeness of dragging a hose line on a primary search. Students will be taught proper care and maintenance, ways to make their can more functional, how to move effectively with it and how to use it for fire attack.

AUGUST 27TH - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saving Your Own FAST (8 hrs.)

Instructor: Jeremy Mathis

This hands-on firefighter rescue course focuses on rescuing downed firefighters before a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) arrives. Using data from Project Mayday, participants will learn rapid assessment techniques, drags and carries, stair movement strategies, and other practical rescue methods to improve firefighter survival and facilitate a successful transfer to a hasty rescue and CPR.

AUGUST 28TH - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Expanding VES. You've cleared the room, now what? (8 hrs.)

Instructor: Peachbelt FOOLS

Using data from the firefighter rescue survey we take a look at the next steps for effective search and expansion of the VEIS. Through a combination of classroom instruction and scenario-based discussions, participants will explore advanced VEIS applications, including multi-room and multi-floor search operations, coordination with ventilation and suppression crews, and tactical decision-making in both residential structures. Emphasis will be placed on risk assessment, victim profiling, communication, and the role of VEIS in survivability-driven operations.