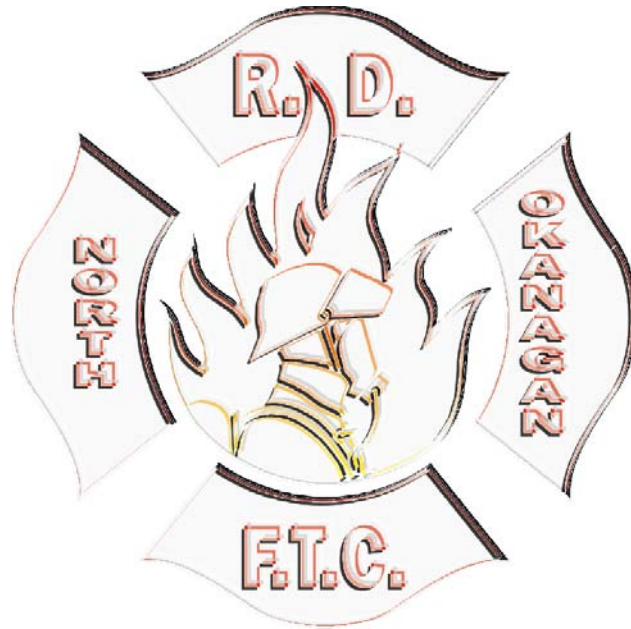


Regional District of North Okanagan



RECRUIT FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAM

“COURSE OVERVIEW”

RECRUIT FIRE FIGHTER COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is designed to give the new Volunteer Fire Fighter an opportunity to be exposed to the basics of fire fighting and to provide a standardized minimum training level in order that they may assimilate into their respective departments and be able to function safely at the fire scene. This course is the foundation for all other fire fighting training offered by the R.D.N.O. Fire Training Centre.

COURSE CONTENT AND STANDARDS

The highly successful R.D.N.O. Recruit Firefighter course has been re-formatted and re-designed to provide more hands-on and practical fire suppression training. The same high quality Recruit Firefighter program used by the R.D.N.O. Fire Training Centre for the past fourteen years training has now become even better.

The course content is based on NFPA 1001, Firefighter Standard (2002), NFPA 1403, Live Fire Training Evolutions, and the R.D.N.O. Firefighter Training Program. The "Recruit Fire Fighter" Course is the first in a series of courses offered by the R.D.N.O. Fire Training Centre to train Fire Fighters to this international standard. The "Recruit Fire Fighter" Course is the prerequisite and foundation for the "R.D.N.O. Firefighter Training Program" Courses. Students successfully completing this course will have basic knowledge in the subjects listed below:

FIRE SERVICE ORIENTATION & SAFETY

SMALL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

GROUND LADDERS

FORCIBLE ENTRY

RESCUE

FIRE SUPPRESSION

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (S.C.B.A.)

FIRE BEHAVIOR

APPARATUS FAMILIARIZATION

HOSE & FIRE STREAMS

VENTILATION

SALVAGE AND OVERHAUL

ROPES AND KNOTS

UTILITY SAFETY & AWARENESS

The minimum training level in the subjects above are a requirement of N.F.P.A. 1403, before any Fire Fighters may participate in **LIVE FIRE** and **TRAINING CENTRE TRAINING**.

INSTRUCTORS/TRAINING SUPPORT

The instructors, assistants, equipment and facilities used for this course have been drawn from the R.D.N.O. area Fire Departments and the R.D.N.O. Fire Training Centre.

COURSE DURATION

The course duration is approximately 42 hrs. Training is held on Monday/Thursday evenings and three full day Saturdays over a four-week period. Weekday sessions are 3 ¼ hours and Weekend sessions are 7 hours in duration.

CANDIDATE EVALUATION/COURSE COMPLETION

During the course the candidates will be given practical and written evaluations to assess their level of training. Written exams are given at the beginning of each training session, covering the previous topic/session. Candidates are required to achieve a minimum pass mark of 70% in all written exams. Exam re-writes will only be held on scheduled re-test sessions during the course. Students unsuccessful in evaluations or exams at the conclusion of the course will be given an “*incomplete*” on their course report. Candidates requiring re-test/evaluation after the final training session must undergo documented local department training/review in the unsuccessful subject/skill. Upon completion of local department training, Fire Department Training Officers may arrange for re-testing. Failure at this re-test/evaluation will result in course failure. Candidates absent for more than one (1) evening sessions or either full day session will be given an “*incomplete*” on their course report until additional documented local training and evaluation is conducted and the candidate has successfully passed all exams and evaluations as required by the FTC. A report of weaknesses and strengths will be provided for the candidates department. Certificates will sent to candidates upon successful completion of the course.

FITNESS PROFILING

All Fire Fighters participating in F.T.C. courses must successfully complete the “Fitness Profile” evaluation session. This session is designed to evaluate Fire Fighter fitness level using various modified firefighting tasks and drills. The purpose of this session is to establish a baseline fitness evaluation for fire departments and to allow the Fire Fighter to assess their own fitness level and physical ability. Performance times will be recorded for personal baseline and department records only. All times are relative to individual fitness and ability. ***This is not a competition and does not have a minimum time or performance requirement.*** Fire Fighters are only required to ***complete*** the “Fitness Profile Tasks & Drills” in order to be successful.

COURSE DESIGN

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This manual has been compiled from local, provincial, national, and international fire service related/topical sources. This manual is under continual review and update. Extensive research and effort has been made to ensure that all material/information is both current and accurate. The primary standard source used to determine the manual topic and information content is NFPA 1001, Fire Fighter Standard (2002). Additional information may be included because of its relevance and/or for material clarification purposes.

Any errors or omissions in this manual should be brought to the attention of the R.D. Protective Services.

COURSE COORDINATION AND ADMINISTRATION

This course has been approved by the R.D.N.O. Area Fire Chiefs, the course coordination and implementation is the responsibility of the Regional District Protective Services.

All questions and inquiries are to be directed to:

Protective Services Clerk: 550-3712 (Office) 550-3713 (Fax) ftc@rdno.ca (email)

Additional information on the R.D.N.O. Fire Training Centre may be found on the web at www.bcftc.ca.

TRAINING DATES, LOCATIONS, SUBJECTS & TIME, REGISTRATION

Day	Date	Time	Subject/Training
Thu	14-Oct-2010	1900 – 2215	Safety & Orientation
Mon	18-Oct-2010	1900 – 2215	Fire Behaviour
Thu	21-Oct-2010	1900 – 2215	SCBA
Sat	23-Oct-2010	0830 – 1600	Ladders/Hose & Fire Streams Cold Start & Rollover
Mon	25-Oct-2010	1900 – 2215	Utility Safety/Ventilation
Thu	28-Oct-2010	1900 – 2215	Search & Rescue
Sat	30-Oct-2010	0830 – 1600	Portable Fire Extinguishers/Foam Search & Rescue Ventilation Fire Attack Drills Car Fires/Dumpster Fires/Propane Fires
Mon	1-Nov-2010	1900 – 2215	Salvage & Overhaul Fire Suppression
Thu	4-Nov-2010	1900 – 2215	Evaluations

All training is conducted at the R.D.N.O. Fire Training Centre.