

Preparations for NFPA 1403 Burns

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Chester County Fire Service Personnel,

Chester County Fire Service (CCFS) is beginning preparations for upcoming NFPA 1403-compliant live fire training burns. As part of this effort, CCFS will be offering a Live Fire Instructor (LFI) course.

This is **not a certification course**, but it is a required course for individuals who wish to assist the Incident Command staff with live burns conducted in Chester County. Participation in both the class and any future live burn operations is **strictly voluntary**.

We are working to develop a roster of personnel—both paid and volunteer—who are willing to dedicate their time to enhance their knowledge, support their departments, and better serve their communities. At this time, we anticipate conducting **four (4) live burns total**, consisting of:

- Two (2) weekday burns
- Two (2) Saturday burns

The LFI course will cover key elements required under NFPA 1403, including (but not limited to):

- Personnel roles and responsibilities
- Required skills and operational expectations
- Incident Action Plan (IAP) development and implementation
- Safety considerations and compliance standards

Additionally, the course will include a **tower walkthrough at the designated burn location**.

Due to the volume of material and the need to streamline instruction, **class size will be limited**, and **pre-course work will be required** prior to attendance. While the traditional course is four days in length, we have structured this offering into a condensed **12-hour format**, consisting of:

- **Friday, April 17th | 1800–2200 (4 hours)**
- **Saturday, April 18th | 0800–1700 (8 hours)**

This course is presented in coordination with the Alabama Fire College, with their permission.

If you are interested in participating, please contact **Captain Trowell** at dtrowell@chestercountysc.gov no later than **April 15th**.

We appreciate your continued dedication and commitment to advancing training and safety across Chester County.

Respectfully,
Chester County Fire Service



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