



2016 Mid-Winter Muster

February 19 – 21, 2016



The **Rapid Valley Fire Department**, in-cooperation with Pennington County Fire, South Dakota Wildland Fire Division, and Black Hills District of the South Dakota Firefighters Association is pleased to bring a variety of classes to this year's event. We are planning various one- and two day classes to meet the needs of all firefighters, from new member to officer.

The Mid-Winter Muster will be held February 19th through February 21st 2016, at the Best Western Ramkota (2111 N. Lacrosse St.) in Rapid City.

Registration will open from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening and starting at 7 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

Cost for the classes: \$40 for FROG class
\$30 for all other classes.

Vendors will be on hand throughout the weekend with the latest and greatest in firefighting apparel, tools, and equipment.

A block of rooms have been reserved for \$74.99/night. When reserving rooms, request the "Mid-Winter Muster" block rate.

Course Listing (Please see next page)

2.5 Day Classes (Friday night, Saturday and Sunday)

- FROG: Fire Rescue Organizational Guidance for Volunteer Leaders Friday evening "heavy hors d'oeuvres" and lunch on Saturday will be provided (Class size limited to 40 students)

2 Day classes (Saturday and Sunday)

- NFA: Command and Control of Wildland Urban Interface Fire Operations (F0612)
- S131/S133: Firefighter Type 1/Look Up Look Down Look Around
- S230/S231: Blended Learning Single Resource Boss/Engine Boss

1 Day class (Saturday only)

- Rural Water Supply and Practical Hydraulics
- Wildland Fire Strategies and Tactics (Class size limited to 24 students)

1 Day class (Sunday only)

- Structure Fire Strategies and Tactics (Class size limited to 24 students)

Course Descriptions

•FROG: Fire Rescue Organizational Guidance for Volunteer Leaders

This course is an intensive 2.5 day, hands-on workshop designed as graduate-level leadership training for leaders of volunteer and combination fire departments that picks up where VCOS's Beyond Hoses & Helmets course leaves off.

Participants work together to develop solutions to common leadership challenges through scenario and facilitated-based discussions. Topics include analyzing and understanding the fire department's people, processes and culture. At the conclusion of the course, participants will have practical guidelines, customized to their organization, which can be immediately implemented upon returning home.

The course was developed by the Volunteer & Combination Officers Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Class size limited to 40 students.

NFA: Command and Control of Wildland Urban Interface Fire Operations (F0612)

This 2-day course is designed to provide students with the essential tools and skills to operate safely in a wildland/urban interface incident. Course content covers interface incidents, fire behavior, safety, and operational considerations.

S-131/S-133: Firefighter Type 1/Look Up Look Down Look Around

The S-131 course is designed to meet the needs of a Firefighter Type 1. The course is interactive & contains several tactical decision games designed to facilitate learning the objectives & class discussion. Topics include: fireline reference materials, communications & tactical decision making. The S-133 course is designed to train wildland firefighters to identify environmental hazards and indicators of hazardous fire conditions and how to use these indicators when implementing the Risk Management Process.

S-230/S-231: Blended Learning Single Resource Boss/Engine Boss

The S-230 & S-231 courses were developed using a blended approach to learning, meaning that it contains a mix of online and instructor-led training (ILT). Students are required to complete the online training portion of the course and pass an online assessment prior to taking the ILT. The focus of the online training is to teach knowledge and concepts. The ILT will reinforce the content learned online and provide opportunities to apply this knowledge to real-world scenarios and practical exercises. Upon completion of the ILT, students must then take and pass a final assessment in order to receive credit for the course. The final assessment covers content from both the online and ILT portions of the course.

PRECOURSE WORK: There is precourse work for this blended learning course. All precourse work must be completed prior to the start date of this class. Please bring your completion certificate to class. You will not receive credit for this class without it.

To sign up, go to the NFA Training website: <https://nfa.plateau.com/learning/user/login.jsp>

Search for S-230 Crew Boss Blended Learning. Complete the online course and print the certificate at the end to bring to class with you.

Search for S-231 Engine Boss (Single Resource) Blended Learning. Complete the online course and print the certificate at the end to bring to class with you.

If you have any questions about the Pre-Course work, contact Rob Lehmann (SD Wildland Fire) at (605) 393-8011.

Structure Fire/Wildland Fire Strategies and Tactics

This two day class will cover basic fire tactics in a sand-table type presentation. One day will be given to wild-land tactics and one day will be given for structural tactics. The class is presented at the company officer and firefighter level with discussion of various tactics for single and multiple unit responses. Cadre will have various backgrounds in wild-land and structural firefighting. Class size limited to 24 students.

Rural Water Supply and Practical Hydraulics

This class will be an overview of the water supply operations where water is not readily available from a municipal or private water supply systems for successful fire control and extinguishment. All aspects of the operation will be covered including but not limited to discussion of the NFPA Code 1142, the amount of water needed for target exposures, and the rates of flow that can be accomplished with tenders and/or relay water supply activities. Discussion of the need for organized drills and standard operations procedures to utilize all fire service resources and nonfire service resources. Specifications for apparatus designed for water delivery will be considered and recommendations from fire service equipment experts. An examination of the ISO formula to determine fire flows for specific fire hazards in the locale will be covered and activities to determine water requirements of some targets the students are familiar with. Sample SOP's will be examined for set up and maintaining desired flows.

REGISTRATION INFO: Registration can be done by using the online registration at the link below.

Registration link:

https://reg.abcsignup.com/view/view_month.aspx?as=14&wp=27&aid=SDFA

Registration can also be done the day of the event, but due to some classes having limited space or required pre-work, availability is not guaranteed.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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