



We're pleased to announce the Fifth Annual

2017 South Dakota Wildland Fire Academy

2016 was a year of change, one of the biggest being a significant increase in fire activity across the state. Not only did we have the 5th biggest fire in South Dakota history (Cottonwood Fire), we saw Air Tanker 912, a VLAT (very large air tanker) used near Edgemont on the Indian Canyon Fire. With that, we also saw changes to some of our fire classes come down from NWCG. S260—Interagency Incident Business Management is now an online only class and S131 and S133 were combined into a new S131 course.



The final big change was regarding the retirement of Rob Lehmann as the state training officer and coordinator of this Academy. Not only did he leave big shoes to fill but he left a great program as well. I look forward to serving you in my new capacity as the South Dakota Wildland Fire Training Specialist. Like Rob, I want to emphasize how important training is and that we still lack Engine Bosses locally. I encourage you to keep working on task books and to be open to any training assignment that comes your way. If you feel that we should offer different classes, please let me know! I am here to serve your needs and I look forward to meeting you one day whether on a fire or at trainings!

Sincerely, Tamara Dierks

WHEN: March 23 to 26, 2017

LOCATION: Ft. Pierre, South Dakota

COST: Non-Refundable Fee of \$30.00 per student

NOMINATION DEADLINE: March 12, 2017

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

http://reg.abcsignup.com/view/view_month.aspx?as=14&wp=86&aid=S DFA

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone to navigate to the web-site!



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**Registration
now open!**

All wildland fire training presented at the South Dakota Wildland Fire Academy will meet standards set forth by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG).

| COURSE | March 23 | March 24 | March 25 | March 26 | CLASSROOM AND CHECK IN LOCATION |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | |
| S-131 <small>(now combined with S133)</small> | | | X | X | Stanley County High School |
| S-219 | | | X | X | Stanley County High School |
| S-230/231-Blended | | | X | X | Stanley County High School |
| S-200 | | | X | X | Stanley County High School |
| L-280 | | | X | X | Stanley County High School |
| S-212 | | X | X | X | Stanley County High School |
| S-215 | | X | X | X | Stanley County High School |
| S130/S190 | | X | X | X | Stanley County High School |
| S-290 | X | X | X | X | Ft. Pierre VFD Training Room |
| RT-130 *See note below | | X | X | | Stanley County High School |

*We will be offering two sessions of RT-130 (refresher training) this year. The first session will be Friday night starting at 5:00 pm. The second session will be on Saturday morning starting at 8:00 am. We anticipate the session to run no longer than 4 hours and will cover fire shelter training as well.

A book of rooms has been set up at the AmericInn (605.223.2358) in Ft. Pierre for students at a discounted rate of \$105.99 per night. Rooms must be reserved by February 23rd and you must mention the 2017 Fire Academy when booking. Other lodging is available throughout Pierre and Ft. Pierre, see more information at the link: <http://business.pierre.org/list/ql/lodging-travel-15?c=247&q=&st=1>

- ◆ **All students will be required to check-in prior to class at their respective classroom sites.**
- ◆ NO coffee or food will be available at the training, however drinks are allowed in the classrooms as long as they are in covered containers.
- ◆ **Students must attend ENTIRE class to receive credit, no exceptions!!!**
- ◆ Students must provide all wildland PPE to participate in field exercises including hard hat, eye protection, leather gloves, Nomex shirt/pants, fire shelter (w/ pack if available) and boots.
- ◆ **Classes will begin at 0800 on their respective days where listed in the class schedule.**
- ◆ We want to thank the agencies and individuals associated with the academy that ensure it's growth and success each year.



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2017 South Dakota Wildland Fire Academy Course Selections

S-130 Basic Wildland Firefighter and S-190 Introduction to Fire Behavior

Start: Friday, March 24, 2017, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2017, 1700

Location: Stanley County High School, 10 E. Main Ave., Ft. Pierre, SD

Prerequisites: IS-100b Intro to ICS and IS-700a NIMS can be found at:
<https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>

Course Description: S-130- This course is designed to provide entry level firefighters skills. Field time is encouraged, and many of the units are set up so they can be taught in either the classroom or the field. The field exercise for Unit 12 is required. A version of L-180, Human Factors on the Fireline, has been included as part of this course. Credit should be issued for both S-130 and L-180 upon completion of this course. S-190- This course provides instruction in the primary factors affecting the start and spread of wildfire and recognition of potentially hazardous situations. It is designed to meet the fire behavior training needs of a firefighter type 2 (FFT2) on an incident as outlined in the PMS 310-1, Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide. Students must bring all wildland PPE to participate in field exercises.



S-131 Firefighter Type 1 Training

Start: Saturday, March 25, 2017, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2017, 1700

Location: Stanley County High School, 10 E. Main Ave., Ft. Pierre, SD

Prerequisites: Qualified as Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2).

Course Description: S-131 is a course designed to meet the training needs of the Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) and/or Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5). It is designed to be interactive in nature and contains class discussion and several tactical decision games designed to facilitate learning the objectives. Topics include operational leadership, communications, LCES, and tactical decision making.



S-200 Initial Attack Incident Commander

Start: Saturday, March 25, 2017, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2017, 1700

Location: Stanley County High School, 10 E Main Ave, Ft. Pierre, SD

Prerequisites: Qualified as a single resource boss (CRWB, ENGB, FIRB, etc.).

Pre-Course work is required for participation. It must be completed prior to attending class. It is available at: <https://onlinetraining.nwcg.gov/node/192>

Course Description: This course is designed to meet the training needs of the Initial Attack Incident Commander (ICT4). It is presented in a lecture/discussion format and supplemented with group exercises. The six instructional units cover: Readiness and Mobilization; Size-up, Planning and Ordering; Deployment and Containment; Administrative Requirements; and Post-Fire Evaluation. Evaluation of the trainee is by unit tests and a final examination.



S-212 Power Saws (Sawyer)

Start: Friday, March 24, 2017, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2017, 1700

Location: Stanley County High School, 10 E. Main Ave., Ft. Pierre, SD

Prerequisites: Pre-Course work is required for participation. It must be completed prior to attending class. It is available at:

<https://onlinetraining.nwcg.gov/node/194>

Course Description: This is an instructor-led course intended to be presented at the local level. The course lessons provide introduction to the function, maintenance and use of internal combustion engine powered chain saws, and their tactical wildland fire application. Field exercises support entry level training for firefighters with little or no previous experience in operating a chain saw, providing hands-on cutting experience in surroundings similar to fireline situations. Wildland PPE and chaps are required. Please bring a chainsaw if you have one.

S-215 Fire Operations in the Wildland/Urban Interface

Start: Friday, March 24, 2017, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2017, 1700

Location: Stanley County High School, 10 E. Main Ave, Ft. Pierre, SD

Prerequisites: Qualified as FFT1

Course Description: This course is designed to assist structure and wildland firefighters who will be making tactical decisions when confronting wildland fire that threatens life, property, and improvements, in the wildland/urban interface.



S-219 Firing Operations

Start: Saturday, March 25, 2017, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2017, 1700

Location: Stanley County High School, 10 E. Main Ave, Ft. Pierre, SD

Prerequisites: You must be qualified as FFT2 (S130/190). Pre-course

work must be done before class, you can find it at: <https://onlinetraining.nwcg.gov/node/178>

Course Description: This course uses a blended approach to learning with both online and Instructor Lead Training (ILT). Students are required to complete the online training portion of the course prior to taking the ILT. The course introduces the roles and responsibilities of a firing boss (FIRB) and outlines duties of other personnel who may engage in firing operations. It also discusses and illustrates common firing devices and techniques. Although comprehensive in nature, the course work is not a substitute for the dynamic fire environment. The course provides students with important information regarding general task required to be successful.

S-230 Single Resource Boss – Crew Boss and S-231 Single Resource Boss – Engine Boss

Start: Saturday, March 25, 2017, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2017, 1700

Location: Stanley County High School, 10 E. Main Ave., Ft. Pierre, SD

Prerequisites and Course Description: This course was 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. It is available at: <https://onlinetraining.nwcg.gov/>. 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.

S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior

Start: Thursday, March 23, 2017, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2017, 1700

Location: Ft. Pierre Volunteer Fire Department, 305 Deadwood St., Ft. Pierre, SD

Special Instructions: Pre-course work instructions will be sent to all students who have submitted nominations. Completed pre-course work must be received by Tamara Dierks by March 10th. Students will be notified by March 15th if they have been selected to participate in the class. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

Course Description: This is a classroom-based skills course designed to prepare the prospective fireline supervisor to undertake safe and effective fire management operations. It is the second course in a series that collectively serves to develop fire behavior prediction knowledge and skills. Fire environment differences are discussed as necessary; instructor should stress local conditions.

L-280 Followership to Leadership

Start: Saturday, March 25, 2017, 0800

End: Sunday, March 26, 2017, 0800

Location: Stanley County High School

Prerequisites: Pre-Course work is required for participation and must be completed prior to attending class. It is available at:

https://www.fireleadership.gov/courses/L_280/L280_prework.html.

Course Description: This training course is designed as a self-assessment opportunity for individuals preparing to step into a leadership role. The course combines one day of classroom instruction followed by a second day in the field with students working through a series of problem solving events in small teams (Field Leadership Assessment Course). Topics include leadership values and principles, transition challenges for new leaders, situational leadership, team cohesion factors, ethical decision making, and after action review techniques. Some course delivery may be arduous in nature.

