



2017 Mid-Winter Muster

February 17th – 19th, 2017



The **Rapid Valley Fire Department**, in-cooperation with Pennington County Fire, and South Dakota Wildland Fire Division, are 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 17th through February 19th 2017, at the Best Western Ramkota (2111 N. Lacrosse St.) in Rapid City.

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

Cost for the classes: \$30 per student

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 \$99.99/night. When reserving rooms, request the "Mid-Winter Muster" block rate.

There will be a social for networking and fellowship from 6:00-9:00 pm Friday night (17th), sponsored by Allegiant Emergency Services Inc.

Course Listing (Please see next page)

2 Day classes (Saturday and Sunday)

- NFA: Leadership I for Fire and EMS
- S270: Basic Air Operations
- S230/S231: Blended Learning Single Resource Boss/Engine Boss

1 Day class (Saturday only)

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

1 Day class (Sunday only)

- Structure Fire Strategies and Tactics focused toward the volunteer fire service.
- Maps and Apps

Course Descriptions (2-day classes)

NFA: Leadership I for Fire and EMS

This two-day course presents the basic leadership skills and tools needed to perform effectively in the fire service environment. The course includes techniques and approaches to problem-solving, ways to identify and assess needs, methods for running meetings effectively in the fire service environment, and decision-making skills.

S270: Basic Air Operations

Course covers aircraft types and capabilities, aviation management and safety for flying in and working with agency aircraft, tactical and logistical uses of aircraft, and requirements for take-off and landing areas. Also covered is information needed to order aircraft and communication requirements.

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

The S-230 & S-231 courses 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. 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 Tamera Dierks (SD Wildland Fire) at (605) 393-8011. You must notify Tamera by February 10th, 2017 and advise her of the completion of the pre-course work.

Course Descriptions (1-day classes)

Structure Fire Strategies and Tactics

This course is designed to provide from the newest firefighter to the experienced line officer the knowledge to increase their department's response to structure fires. The class will cover 360° size-up, water supply, hose line selection & placement, apparatus placement, ventilation (horizontal, vertical, PPV), transitional attack, fire behavior, investigations, etc. Everyone will

come out of this class with a new perspective on several fronts. This class is directed towards the volunteer fire service.

Wildland Fire Strategies and Tactics

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

Maps and Apps

Brush up on your map and GPS skills while also learning about new technology available to us including the PDF Maps app available on smartphones! This one day class will focus on foundational skills that we utilize in all aspects of wildland fire and other all-risk scenarios. Weather permitting, the second half of the day will be outside putting your new skills into use, so please dress accordingly. We also suggest bringing your own GPS to use; however, we will have some available to borrow if you don't have your own.

REGISTRATION INFO: Registration can be done by using the online registration at the url link below or scan the QR code with your mobile device.

http://reg.abcsignup.com/view/view_month.aspx?as=14&wp=240&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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