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.

Objectives

- Define and apply chain saw safety standards as required by OSHA and agency handbooks, manuals, directives, and owner's manuals.
- Identify and demonstrate basic chain saw operation, troubleshooting, maintenance, and safety features.
- Demonstrate the tactical application of chain saws in fireline construction and mop up operations.

Course Components and Hours to Complete

Pre-selection assessment N/A
Pre-course work 1
Online training N/A
Instructor-led training 24-36
Total Hours 25-37

Target Group

Individuals desiring to be qualified as Basic Faller (FAL3), Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1), Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5), or Felling Boss, Single Resource (FELB).

Course Prerequisites

Qualified as a Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2).

Satisfactory completion of pre-course work.

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