



**RECOMMENDED INSTRUCTIONAL HOUR
GUIDE FOR FIRE TRAINING COURSES⁽¹⁾**

TOPIC	VOLUNTEER HOURS ⁽²⁾	FIREFIGHTER I TRANSITION HOURS	FIREFIGHTER I HOURS	FIREFIGHTER II TRANSITION HOURS	FIREFIGHTER I & II HOURS
Fire Department Organization and Safety	3	X	3	5	8
Life Safety Initiatives	X	4	4	X	4
Fire Alarm and Communications	X	2	2	4	6
Fire Behavior	1	2	3	X	3
Overhaul	1	X	1	X	1
Personal Protective Equipment / SCBA	6	X	6	X	6
Fire Hose, Appliances and Streams	3	6	9	7	16
Foam Fire Streams	X	X	X	13	13
Fire Control	2	14	16	7	23
Fire Cause and Origin	X	1	1	5	6
Rescue	2	X	2	30	32
Water Supplies	3	X	3	4	7
Fire Detection Alarm and Suppression Systems	X	2	2	10	12
Fire Prevention, Fire Education, Fire Cause	X	2	2	4	6
Building Construction	X	8	8	5	13
Forcible Entry	2	4	6	X	6
Ventilation and Tools	3	9	12	X	12
Ropes	X	3	3	X	3
Salvage	X	4	4	X	4
Fire Extinguishers	1	2	3	X	3
Ground Ladders	3	8	11	X	11
Emergency Medical Care	X	8	8	X	8
Hazardous Materials	X	16	16	X	16
ICS	X	1	1	X	1
Practical Evolutions	6	X	6	X	6
Live Fire Training	X	8	8	10	18
Driving	X	16	16	X	16
TOTAL	36 hours max.	120 hours min.	156 hours min.	104 hours min.	260 hours min.

- (1) The topic hours listed are recommendations. Chartered fire training programs may reallocate topic hours to meet student needs so long as all course objectives are met. Proper documentation of students meeting course objectives is required.

Student contact hours: 50-60 minutes = 1 hour; 25-30 minutes = ½ hour.

Instructional hours may include topic instruction, material review, and testing for knowledge, e.g. quizzes. Instructional hours do not include practical skill or written testing for certification, or instruction on any topic(s) not listed on this guide.

- (2) The Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee recommends all initial volunteer firefighting students complete the 16 Life Safety Initiatives as a pre-requisite to the volunteer firefighter course. For more information on the 16 Life Safety Initiatives go to:

<http://www.everyonegoeshome.com/initiatives.html>