

FIP-152 Fire Protection Law

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

This course covers fire protection law as referenced in NFPA standard. Topics include legal terms, contracts, liability, review of case histories, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to discuss laws, codes, and ordinances as they relate to fire protection.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completing requirements for this course, the student will be able to:

1. Locate and discuss the NC General Statutes chapter (NCGS 14-58) governing arson laws.
2. Locate and discuss current proposed legislation on arson laws in North Carolina.
3. Discuss the legal definitions of arson as it applies to various types of structures (NCGS 14-58)
4. Discuss the legal protection afforded to firefighters and other emergency management personnel injured as a result of arson (NCGS 14-69.3).
5. Discuss IFC fire prevention codes governing fire prevention (IFC 903, 906 and 907).
6. Discuss IFC maintenance standards for fire safety equipment (IFC 503 and 507).

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- I. Organizations and Sources of the Law
 - A. Federal Law
 - B. North Carolina Law
 - C. The Court System
- II. Fire Departments and the Authority to Act
 - A. Career vs. Volunteer Departments
 - B. Combination Departments
 - C. Legal Protection of Responders
- III. Investigations
 - A. Case Law
 - B. Administrative Search and Inspection Warrants
 - C. Cause and Origin (C&O) Investigations
- IV. Inspections
 - A. Administrative Codes and General Statues
 - B. Fire Prevention
 - C. Authority to Act

- V. Commercial and Private Structures
 - A. Administrative Code
 - B. Enforcement Authority
 - C. Municipal and County Governance
 - D. Unlawful Burning

- VI. Apparatus Operations
 - A. Department Equipment - Legal Responsibilities
 - B. Traffic – Operations and Control
 - C. Operator Licenses and Registration – Department and POVs
 - D. All-Terrain Vehicles

- VII. Administrative Laws
 - A. Employment Law and N.C. Firefighter Benefits
 - B. Training – NFPA 1403
 - C. Junior Firefighters
 - D. Department Liability

- VIII. Course Summary

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:

The textbook and other instructional material will be determined by the instructor.