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**FIRE, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS,
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,
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AND POLICE**

SUMMER/FALL 2010



**READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN COOPERATION WITH THE BERKS
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All registration information is located near the back of this booklet. We strongly encourage you to register early for the Delmar classes. All registrations must be in 2-3 weeks prior to start date of class.

Everyone registering for any class must:

- 1. Fill out a registration form which must be signed by the chief.**
- 2. Attach completed liability form signed by the chief.**
- 3. Include copies of certificates for the needed prerequisites for the class you are registering for if not taken at RACC.**
- 4. Photo ID with date of birth needed on the initial day of every class.**

Any questions about the fire classes in this booklet, contact Michele Furdyna at 610-607-6220.

If you have any questions about the certification tests, call the Berks County Fire Training Center at 610-378-5509



Berks County Fire Training Center

895 Morgantown Road ♦ Reading, Pennsylvania 19607

Pennsylvania Voluntary Fire Service Certification Program

Firefighter I

Written Test – Friday, October 29, 1900 hrs

Skills Test – Saturday, October 30, 0800 hrs

There will be a Firefighter I certification test offered at the Berks County Fire Training Center on the dates listed above. Individuals who meet the requirements for testing can obtain an application from the Berks County Fire Training Center or online at www.berksfiretraining.com by clicking on the link to the State Fire Commissioner's web site on the right side of the home page.

NOTE: BE SURE YOU SUBMIT AN APPLICATION DATED 2010. OLDER VERSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The application must be completed and returned to the Berks County Fire Training Center **BY THE END OF BUSINESS ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**. All signatures, certificates, and a check for \$100 **made payable to the County of Berks** must accompany the application for it to be considered complete by the deadline. Each application must have a separate check. Please write the candidate's name on the memo line of the check. Incomplete applications will be returned to the candidate immediately. Any questions can be directed to the Fire Training Center staff at 610-378-5509.

THE COUNTY OF BERKS, IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS, WILL REIMBURSE BERKS COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO, ON THE DAY OF THE TEST THEY ARE REGISTERED FOR, SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE ANY CERTIFICATION LEVEL.

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Pennsylvania Voluntary Fire Service Certification Program

Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations Certification Test

Written Test – Friday, September 24, 1900 hrs

Skills Test – Saturday, September 25, 0800 hrs

There will be a Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations certification test offered at the Berks County Fire Training Center on the dates listed above. Individuals who meet the requirements for testing can obtain an application from the Berks County Fire Training Center or online at www.berksfiretraining.com by clicking on the link to the State Fire Commissioner's web site on the right side of the home page.

NOTE: BE SURE YOU SUBMIT AN APPLICATION DATED 2010. OLDER VERSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The application must be completed and returned to the Berks County Fire Training Center **BY THE END OF BUSINESS ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 20**. All signatures, certificates, and a check for \$100 **made payable to the County of Berks** must accompany the application for it to be considered complete by the deadline. Each application must have a separate check. Please write the candidate's name on the memo line of the check. Incomplete applications will be returned to the candidate immediately. Any questions can be directed to the Fire Training Center staff at 610-378-5509.

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PHOTO ID WITH DATE OF BIRTH NEEDED
ON THE INITIAL DAY OF EVERY CLASS

COURSE NAME, STATE CODE, TRACK	SECTION	HOURS	DATES	FEE	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
Foam Firefighting Basics (National Foam) (NFFB)	ZHMT-602-051	7	August 16 & 23, 2010	Residents - \$ 25.00 Non-Residents - \$ 60.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Thomas Kemery
Hazardous Material Operations Level 472 (HMO)	ZHMT-611-052	24	August 17, 19, 21, 22, 2010	Residents - \$ 00.00 Non-Residents - \$150.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Jack Rosa-Martir
Basic Wilderness First Aid	ZEMS-146-153	16	September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010	Residents - \$ 75.00 Non-Residents - \$ 75.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Thomas Kemery
Structural Burn Session (SBS)	ZSFT-108-150	16	September 11 & 12, 2010	Residents - \$ 75.00 Non-Residents - \$200.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	To Be Announced
Introduction to the Fire Service (ELLIS)	ZSFT-117-151	16	September 11 & 18, 2010	Residents - \$100.00 Non-Residents - \$300.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Carl Seltzer, Jr.
Exterior Firefighting (ELEF)	ZSFT-119-152	42	September 11, 18, 19, 26 & October 2, 2010	Residents - \$ 85.00 Non-Residents - \$250.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Jeff Reinert
Vehicle Firefighting	ZNST-117-152	3	September 22, 2010	Residents - \$ 10.00 Non-Residents - \$ 40.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Jason Batz
Rapid Intervention Teams (RITC)	ZCMT-145-150	4	September 28, 2010	Residents - \$ 10.00 Non-Residents - \$ 40.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Steve Noll
Incident Safety Officer (NFA) (ISO)	ZCMT-114-154	16	October 2 & 3, 2010	Residents - \$ 25.00 Non-Residents - \$75.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Kevin Kulp
Rapid Intervention Teams (RITC)	ZCMT-145-156	4	October 2, 2010	Residents - \$ 10.00 Non-Residents - \$ 40.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Steve Noll
Street Survival for EMS (SSEP)	ZCMT-126-151	16	October 9 & 10, 2010	Residents - \$ 60.00 Non-Residents - \$ 200.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Thomas Kemery



Summer/Fall 2010 Fire/Rescue Schedule

Summer/Fall 2010 Fire/Rescue Schedule

COURSE NAME, STATE CODE, TRACK	SECTION	HOURS	DATES	FEE	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
Calling the Mayday (NFA)	ZCMT-158-152	10	October 15 & 16, 2010	Residents -\$ 30.00 Non-Residents- \$150.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Jason Batz
Interior Firefighting (ELIF)	ZSFT-121-153	60	October 16, 23, 17, 24, 31 & November 6, 13, 14, 2010	Residents - \$ 50.00 Non-Residents -\$150.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Jeff Reinert
Arson Awareness for Emergency Responders (AAEP)	ZCMT-100-153	4	October 27, 2010	Residents - \$ 10.00 Non-Residents - \$ 40.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Steve Noll
General Fire Rescue (FRES)	ZRST-106-350	30	November 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 2010	Residents - \$ 75.00 Non-Residents - \$200.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Steve Noll
Basic Wildland Firefighting (WBFF)	ZRST-112-351	16	November 13 & 14, 2010	Residents - \$ 60.00 Non-Residents - \$200.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Thomas Kemery
Leadership II (LSII)	ZCMT-700-155	16	November 20 & 21, 2010	Residents - \$ 25.00 Non-Residents - \$75.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Kevin Kulp
Propane Emergencies Operations (PPEO)	ZHMT-705-350	8	December 4, 2010	Residents - \$ 10.00 Non-Residents - \$ 40.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Steve Noll
Fireground Support (ELFG)	ZSFT-118-650	48	April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & May 7, 2011	Residents -\$ 60.00 Non-Residents- \$ 200.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Jeff Reinert
Exterior Firefighter (ELEF)	ZSFT-119-850	42	May 21, 28 & June 4, 11, 18, 2011	Residents - \$ 85.00 Non-Residents -\$250.00	Berks County Fire Training Center	Jeff Reinert

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COMMAND/ADMIN TRACK

INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER (NFA) (ISO)

- Date:** Saturday, October 2 & Sunday, October 3, 2010
- Times(s)** 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Location:** Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road,
Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509
- Section:** ZCMT-114-154 **Hours:** 16
- Prerequisites:** NICS-FS or NICS-EMS or ICS and training to the Haz-Mat First Responder Operations level.
- Course Description:** The Safety Officer's responsibilities fall into two clear cut categories: those associated with responding at the incident scene, and those associated with managing the day to day affairs of the department. The Incident Safety Officer (ISO) course is focused on the incident and the role the Safety Officer plays as part of the Command Staff. The target audience is Company Officers (CO) who are experienced in firefighter safety issues and are familiar with an Incident Command System, hazardous materials management, and related emergency operations. The program provides the student with the decision-making process and skills required to recognize unsafe acts and conditions and take appropriate corrective actions.
- Student Needs:** Note taking materials.
- EMS Approval:** This course has been approved for 5.5 other Continuing Education hours from the Pennsylvania EMS Council.
- Instructor:** Kevin Kulp
- Tuition:** Residents of Berks County (*College Sponsor*) \$ 25.00/person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 75.00/person

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COMMAND/ADMIN TRACK

RAPID INTERVENTION TEAMS (RITC)

SECTION #	DATE(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
ZCMT-145-150	Tuesday, September 28, 2010	6:30 pm to 10:30 pm	Berks County Fire Training Center 895 Morgantown Road Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509	Steve Noll
ZCMT-145-156	Saturday, October 2, 2010	8:00 am to 12:00 pm	Berks County Fire Training Center 895 Morgantown Road Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509	Steve Noll

Hours: 4

Course Description: This program is designed to prepare fire department personnel for implementation of a stand-by rescue team at structure fires and certain other incidents. Information is provided from existing fire departments utilizing the concept successfully.

Student Materials: Note taking materials.

Instructor: Steve Noll

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (*College Sponsor*) \$ 10.00 /person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 40.00 /person

STREET SURVIVAL FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL (SSEP)

Date(s): Saturday, October 9 & Sunday, October 10, 2010

Time(s) 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road,
Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509

Section #: ZCMT-126-151 **Hours:** 16

Course Description: Emergency personnel have become targets of violence, even as they respond to offer help in a fire or emergency situation. Your safety and that of your crew is the most important concern during an emergency situation. Unfortunately not everyone wants our help and some actually want to harm us. Learn methods to improve your chances in this increasingly violent society. Target audience for this course is any emergency responder such as firefighters and EMS.

EMS Approval: This course has been approved for 16 other Continuing Education hours from the Pennsylvania EMS Council

Student needs: Notebook, pen or pencil.

Instructor: Thomas Kemery

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (*College Sponsor*) \$ 60.00 /person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 200.00 /person

COMMAND/ADMIN TRACK

CALLING THE MAYDAY (NFA)

Date(s): Friday, October 15 & Saturday, October 16, 2010
Time(s) Friday, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm & Saturday, 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m.
Location: Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road,
Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509
Section #: ZCMT-158-152 **Hours:** 10
Course Description: This course will cover information on the origin and usage of the term
("MAYDAY")
Student needs: Notebook, pen or pencil.
Instructor: Jason Batz
Tuition: Residents of Berks County (*College Sponsor*) \$ 30.00 /person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 150.00 /person

ARSON AWARENESS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL (AAEP)

Date(s): Wednesday, October 27, 2010
Time(s) 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm
Location: Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road,
Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509
Section #: ZCMT-100-153 **Hours:** 4
Course Description: This course is appropriate for *all* emergency responders (fire, fire police,
police, and EMS) who might arrive first on the scene of a fire. It
consists of material extracted from the longer National Fire Academy course
Arson Detection for the First Responder, and is designed to give essential
basic information to responders whose duties do not require the more
extensive NFA course, or whose time schedules do not permit attending the
longer course at this time.
Student Needs: Notebook and pencil.
EMS Approval: This course has been approved for 0.5 other Continuing Education hours
from the Pennsylvania EMS Council
Instructor: Steve Noll
Tuition: Residents of Berks County (*College Sponsor*) \$ 10.00/person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 40.00/person

COMMAND/ADMIN TRACK

LEADERSHIP II (NFA) (LSII)

Date(s): Saturday, November 20 & Sunday, November 21, 2010

Time(s) 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location: Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road,
Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509

Section #: ZCMT-700-155 **Hours:** 16

Prerequisites: Introduction to the Fire Service (ELIS)

Course Description: Running an effective fire service organization, whether career, combination, or volunteer, requires leaders. Many line and administrative officers are very competent in technical areas, but need training and skill practice in managerial strategies to reach their full potential in leading their organizations. This course is targeted at company level junior line officers (lieutenant, captain, etc.) who wish to improve basic leadership skills in such areas as managing multiple roles, creativity, establishment of a "personal power base" and ethics. It may also be applicable to those administrative officers of volunteer organizations (president, secretary/treasurer, etc.) who find that their responsibilities require similar skills.

Student Needs: Notebook and pencil.
Photo ID with date of birth needed the initial day of every class.

Instructor: Kevin Kulp

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (*College Sponsor*) \$ 25.00/person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 75.00/person

BASIC WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Date(s): Wednesdays , September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010

Time(s) 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Location: Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road,
Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509

Section #: ZEMS-146-153 **Hours:** 16

Course Description: This course is for those who work, live or play in remote areas – away from the usual EMS service. Even though the emergency workers near these areas may be trained to search for and rescue those in need, there may be a delay in the notification for assistance, the time required to get to the patient, or in moving the patient to more advanced treatment. This class covers assessment and urgent first aid techniques, but not in-depth CPR. Basic first aid skills are covered, making this course appropriate for anyone regardless of experience level. **Student must be 16 years old.**
Photo ID with date of birth needed the initial day of every class.

Instructor: Thomas Kemery

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (*College Sponsor*) \$ 75.00/person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 75.00/person

STRUCTURAL TRACK

INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRE SERVICE (ELIS)

Date(s): Saturdays, September 11 & 18, 2010

Time(s): 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road,
Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509

Section #: ZSFT-117-151 **Hours:** 16

Course Goal: To equip the entry level firefighters with the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities to begin their fire service career.

Course Description: This course is designed to introduce the new firefighter to basic information including an overview of the fire service, fire service organization, firefighter safety, personal protective equipment and terrorism awareness. This is the first of four courses in the curriculum.

Student Needs: Pen or pencil, notebook, helmet, gloves, turnout coat, turnout pants, boots, protective hood and protective eyewear (safety glasses or goggles).
Photo ID with date of birth needed on the initial day of every class.

Instructor: Carl Seltzer, Jr.

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (College Sponsor) \$100.00/ person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$300.00/ person

Successful completion of Introduction to the Fire Service, Fireground Support, Exterior Firefighter and Interior Firefighter requires:

1. Attendance at 75% of classroom work.
2. Successful completion of all practical skills.
3. A passing grade of 70% on written exam.

Exams and textbook are written on an eighth grade reading level. Requests for testing accommodations must be made **NO LATER THAN 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS** and must have proper documentation of disability prior to test date.

Requests for accommodations can be made by contacting Michele Furdyna at 610-607-6220. Please see our website: <http://www.racc.edu/student-services/disability-services/default.aspx> for more information concerning our student services.

STRUCTURAL TRACK

FIREGROUND SUPPORT (ELFG)

Date(s): Saturdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & May 7, 2011

Section #: ZSFT-118-650

Time(s): 8:00 am to 5:00 pm **Hours:** 48

Location Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road,
Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509

Prerequisite: Introduction to the Fire Service (ELIS)

Course Description: This course is designed to introduce new firefighters to fireground operations including fire behavior, fire extinguishers, water supply, fire hose, ropes, and hazardous materials. This is the second of four courses in the curriculum.

Student Needs: Pen or pencil and notebook. Firefighter's Handbook (must remain in possession of the student throughout the entire course); Firefighter's Workbook/ Skill Sheet Book (must remain in the possession of student at the end of the program); helmet, gloves, turnout coat, turnout pants, boots, protective hood and protective eyewear (safety glasses or goggle).
Photo ID with date of birth needed on the initial day of every class.

Instructor: Jeffery Reinert

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (College Sponsor): \$ 60.00/ person
Non-Residents of Berks County: \$ 200.00/ person

Successful completion of Introduction to the Fire Service, Fireground Support, Exterior Firefighter and Interior Firefighter requires:

1. Attendance at 75% of classroom work
2. Successful completion of all practical skills
3. A passing grade of 70% on written exam

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STRUCTURAL TRACK

EXTERIOR FIREFIGHTER (ELEF)

SECTION #	DATE(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
ZSFT-119-152	Saturdays, September 11, 18, October 2 & Sundays, September 19 & 26, 2010	8:00 am to 5:00 pm	Berks County Fire Training Center 895 Morgantown Road Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509	Jeffery Reinert
ZSFT-119-850	Saturdays, May 21, 28 & June 4, 11, 18, 2011	8:00 am to 5:00 pm	Berks County Fire Training Center 895 Morgantown Road Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509	Jeffery Reinert

Hours: 42

Prerequisites: Fireground Support (ELFG)

Course Goal: To introduce entry level firefighters to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities as they relate to exterior fireground operations.

Course Description: This course is designed to introduce new firefighters to exterior fireground operations including building construction, ladders, communications, protective systems/sprinklers, forcible entry, and fire prevention. This is the third of four courses in the curriculum.

Student Needs: Pen or pencil and notebook. Firefighter's Handbook (must remain in possession of the student throughout the entire course); Firefighter's Workbook/ Skill Sheet Book (Must remain in the possession of students at the end of the program); helmet gloves, turnout coat, turnout pants, boots, protective hood and protective eyewear (safety glasses or goggles).

Photo ID with date of birth needed on the initial day of every class.

Instructor: Jeffery Reinert

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (College Sponsor): \$ 85.00/ person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 250.00/ person

Successful completion of Introduction to the Fire Service, Fireground Support, Exterior Firefighter and Interior Firefighter requires:

1. Attendance at 75% of classroom work
2. Successful completion of all practical skills
3. A passing grade of 70% on written exam

Exams and textbook are written on an eighth grade reading level. Requests for testing accommodations must be made **NO LATER THAN 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS** and must have proper documentation of disability prior to test date.

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STRUCTURAL TRACK

INTERIOR FIREFIGHTER (ELIF)

Date(s): Saturdays, October 16, 23, November 6, 13 &
Sundays, October 17, 24, 31, November 14, 2010

Time(s): 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location: Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road,
Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509

Section #: ZSFT-121-153 **Hours:** 60

Prerequisites: Exterior Firefighter (ELEF)

Course Goal: To introduce entry level firefighters to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities as they relate to interior fire ground operations.

Course Description: This course is designed to introduce new firefighters to interior fireground operations including nozzles and streams, SCBA, rescue, ventilation, fire suppression, salvage, and firefighter survival; this is the fourth of the four courses in the curriculum.

Student Needs: Pen or pencil and notebook. Firefighter's Handbook (must remain in possession of the student throughout the entire course); Firefighters Workbook/Skill Sheet Book (must remain in possession of student at the end of the program); helmet, gloves, turnout coat, turnout pants, boots, protective hood, protective eyewear (safety glasses or goggles) and SCBA w/spare cylinder. **Student must be 18 years of age.**

Photo ID with date of birth needed on the initial day of every class.

Instructor: Jeffery Reinert

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (College Sponsor) \$ 50.00/person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$150.00/person

Successful completion of Introduction to the Fire Service, Fireground Support, Exterior Firefighter and Interior Firefighter requires:

1. Attendance at 75% of classroom work
2. Successful completion of all practical skills
3. A passing grade of 70% on written exam

Exams and textbook are written on an eighth grade reading level. Requests for testing accommodations must be made **NO LATER THAN 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS** and must have proper documentation of disability prior to test date.

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STRUCTURAL TRACK

STRUCTURAL BURN SESSION (SBS)

- Date:** Saturday, September 11 & Sunday, September 12, 2010
- Time:** 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Location:** Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road,
Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509
- Section:** ZSFT-108-150 **Hours:** 16
- Prerequisites:** ELIF or EBM, **Minimum age is 18**
- Course Description:** This course will provide the student with a review and application of the techniques used in safe fire fighting practices in an actual fire environment. Emphasis is placed on safety for both interior and exterior operations.
- Student Needs:** Full turnout clothing and SCBA with spare cylinder and notebook suitable for field use. **Adherence to Facial Hair Policy. Must have long sleeve shirt and long pants and a spare set of clothes to change between burn evolutions.**
Photo ID with date of birth needed the initial day of every class.
- Instructor:** To Be Announced
- Tuition:** Residents of Berks County (College Sponsor) \$ 75.00/ person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$200.00/ person

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RESCUE TRACK

GENERAL FIRE RESCUE (FRES)

Date: Fridays, November 12, 19, Saturdays, November 13, 20 & Sunday, November 14, 2010

Time: Fridays, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Saturdays & Sundays, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location: Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road, Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509

Section: ZRST-106-350 **Hours:** 30

Prerequisites: ELIF, EBM

Course Description: This course endeavors to teach the basics of fire ground interior search and rescue, to identify methods of locating and transferring patients to a safe environment. It will do this by providing instruction in the use of SCBA, rope, ground and aerial ladders, and some technical rope rescue hardware. The program will provide information and instruction to utilize these tools to educate the prospective rescuer.

Student needs: Full bunker gear, including S.C.B.A.; length of practice rope; notebook and pen/pencil.
Photo ID with date of birth needed on initial day of every class.

EMS Approval: This course has been approved for 6 med/trauma Continuing Education hours from the Pennsylvania EMS Council.

Instructor: Steve Noll

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (College Sponsor) \$ 75.00
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 200.00

BASIC WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING (WBFF)

Date: Saturday, November 13 & Sunday, November 14, 2010

Time: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location: Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road, Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509

Section: ZRST-112-351 **Hours:** 16

Prerequisites: ELIS

Course Description: The course emphasizes safety, basic skills and teamwork in preparing individual wildland firefighters to work as an effective firefighting unit.

Student needs: Notebook, pen or pencil.
Photo ID with date of birth needed on the initial day of every class.

Instructor: Thomas Kemery

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (College Sponsor) \$ 60.00/person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 200.00/person

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRACK

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OPERATIONS LEVEL 472 (HMO)

- Date:** Tuesday, August 17, Thursday, August 19,
Saturday, August 21 & Sunday, August 22, 2010
- Time:** Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm &
Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Location:** Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road,
Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509
- Section #:** ZHMT-611-052 **Hours:** 24
- Prerequisites:** IST
- Course Description:** Student will learn and adapt the knowledge and skill requirements for effective scene and response management. The goal of this program is to provide the First Responder with the training needed to comply with NFPA 472 Chapter 5 Competencies for the First Responder at the Operational Level, and 29 CFR 1910.120 OSHA's Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, (HAZWOPER), First Responder Operations Level. This program is designed to give the first responder the necessary skills to handle hazardous materials emergencies. **Student must be 18 years of age. Photo ID with date of birth needed the initial day of every class.**
- EMS Approval:** This course has been approved for 18.5 other & 3 med/trauma Continuing Education hours from the Pennsylvania EMS Council
- Instructor:** Jack Rosa-Martir
- Tuition:** Residents of Berks County (College sponsor): \$ 00.00/ person
Non-Residents of Berks County: \$150.00/ person

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRACK

FOAM FIRE FIGHTING BASIC (National Foam) (NFFB)

Date: Mondays, August 16 & 23, 2010

Time: 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Location: Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road,
Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509

Section #: ZHMT-602-051 **Hours:** 7

Prerequisites: ELIS or EBM

Course Description: A student in this course will be introduced to basic information concerning the use foam, as a flammable liquid fire extinguishing agent. This module is targeted at the first responder, who will be faced with the task of fire suppression.

Instructor: Thomas Kemery

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (College sponsor): \$ 25.00/ person
Non-Residents of Berks County: \$ 60.00/ person

PROPANE EMERGENCIES OPERATIONS (PPEO)

Date: Saturday, December 4, 2010

Time: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location: Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road,
Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509

Section #: ZHMT-705-350 **Hours:** 8

Prerequisites: ELIF or EBM and training or certification to the OSHA/EPA Haz-Mat First Responder Operations level or greater.

Course Description: This program has been designed for fire fighters and related emergency response personnel (such as entry-level haz-mat team members) whose duties meet the OSHA definition of the Operations level of hazardous materials response. Students will learn about the basic properties and hazards of propane and liquefied petroleum gases, containment vessel characteristics, and control strategies for the more common types of propane emergencies (consistent with the limitations of the Operations level).

EMS Approval: This course has been approved for 1 other Continuing Education hours from the Pennsylvania EMS Council

Instructor: Steve Noll

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (College sponsor): \$ 10.00/ person
Non-Residents of Berks County: \$ 40.00/ person

COMPANY LEVEL DRILLS

VEHICLE FIRE FIGHTING

Date:	Wednesday, September 22, 2010	
Time:	6:30 pm to 9:30 pm	
Location:	Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road, Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509	
Section:	ZNST-117-152	Hours: 3
Course Description:	This hands-on course will teach the student firefighting strategies for vehicle fires.	
Student needs:	Notebook, pen or pencil.	
Instructor:	Jason Batz	
Tuition:	Residents of Berks County (College Sponsor)	\$ 10.00
	Non-Residents of Berks County	\$ 40.00

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES _____

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

Section#: ZEMS-100-150 **Hours:** 130
Date(s): Saturdays & Sundays, September 18 thru December 19, 2010
Times: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuition: \$350.00 includes textbook and pocket mask (*Lunch is not included*)
Prerequisite: The student must be 16 years of age when the course is completed.
Photo ID with date of birth needed the initial day of every class.
Location: Schuylkill Hall, Reading Area Community College,
10 South 2nd Street, Reading, PA 19603 610-607-6220

COURSE MATERIALS WILL BE HANDED OUT ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE COURSE

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The EMT Basic course teaches students all aspects of pre-hospital care that are within the scope of practice of an Emergency Medical Technician. The course includes care of patients with medical emergencies as well as trauma patients. The use of the Automatic External Defibrillator and instruction in patient-assisted medications are now being taught in the program.

SPANISH FOR PARAMEDICS & EMT'S

Section #: ZEMS-142-152
Date(s): Saturdays, September 4 & 11, 2010
Time(s): 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tuition: \$ 195.00 (*Lunch is not included*) **Hours:** 8
Location: Schuylkill Hall, Reading Area Community College, 10 South Second Street, Reading, PA 19603
Description: This program is intended for non-Spanish-speaking paramedics, EMT's, uniformed patrol officers, rescue squads, firefighters, air medical pilots, nurses and emergency room medical personnel. The 80-page Survival Spanish for Paramedics & EMT's manual is a comprehensive treatment of the language used in all phases of emergency medical treatment. The training course will focus on the "Initial Care and Stabilization" component, with a brief introduction on how to use the manual as a field aid for the "Expanded Care" component. The goal of Survival Spanish for Paramedics and EMTs is to train participants in the use of functional Spanish language skills in order to better manage emergency medical situations and provide better medical care, increase communication and trust, obtain correct information, and decrease liability issues. This improved communication ability will create a more efficient and professional interchange in what is often highstressful emergency situations. This program was based on the Minimum Spanish for Maximum Communication™ principle developed and perfected by Command Spanish®, Inc.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

FIRST RESPONDER BASIC COURSE

Section #:	ZEMS-101-151	Hours: 56
Date(s):	Mondays & Wednesdays, October 18 thru December 15, 2010	
Time(s):	7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.	
Tuition:	\$200.00 includes textbook and pocket mask (<i>Lunch is not included</i>).	
Prerequisite:	The student must be 16 years of age when the course is completed. <u>Photo ID with date of birth needed the initial day of every class.</u>	
Location:	Schuylkill Hall, Reading Area Community College, 10 South 2nd Street, Reading, PA 19603 610-607-6220	

This is the first level of training that Pennsylvania offers for people who want to be able to help in a medical emergency. This course is designed for those people who may arrive at an emergency scene prior to the arrival of an ambulance. Examples would be industrial response teams, law enforcement personnel, fire fighters, park rangers, ski patrollers or any other rescue organizations. The course provides the knowledge and skills necessary for activating the EMS system, providing immediate care for life threatening illness and injury, controlling the scene and managing the patient until the arrival of an ambulance. The course includes training in; the roles and responsibilities of the first responder; assessing the patient for injury illness; cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); control of bleeding and prevention of shock and airway control and maintenance.

The course includes a Pennsylvania practical skills evaluation and a written examination. Passing both will provide the student with a Pennsylvania State certification as a First Responder. Although First Responders are not able to be the primary caregiver on an ambulance, their help as a third caregiver is always greatly appreciated by the ambulance crew.

Training Available in the Comfort of Your Home Provided by Reading Area Community College

Several American Heart Association courses are NOW available online:

- Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- Heartsaver First Aid
- Heartsaver CPR/AED with First Aid

Call Michele Furdyna at 610-607-6220 or email at mfurdyna@racc.edu for more details.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

STREET SURVIVAL FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL (SSEP)

Date(s): Saturday, October 9 & Sunday, October 10, 2010

Time(s) 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road,
Reading, PA 19607 610-378-5509

Section #: ZCMT-126-151

Hours: 16

Course Description: Emergency personnel have become targets of violence, even as they respond to offer help in a fire or emergency situation. Your safety and that of your crew is the most important concern during an emergency situation. Unfortunately not everyone wants our help and some actually want to harm us. Learn methods to improve your chances in this increasingly violent society. Target audience for this course is any emergency responder such as firefighters and EMS.

EMS Approval: This course has been approved for 16 other Continuing Education hours from the Pennsylvania EMS Council

Student needs: Notebook, pen or pencil

Instructor: Thomas Kemery

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (*College Sponsor*) \$ 60.00 /person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 200.00 /person

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

PREHOSPITAL TRAUMA LIFE SUPPORT COURSE

SECTION #	DATE(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION
ZEMS-131-154	September 25 & 26, 2010	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Schuylkill Hall
ZEMS-131-155	October 13 & 14, 2010	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Schuylkill Hall
ZEMS-131-350	November 6 & 7, 2010	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Schuylkill Hall

EMS Approval: This course has been approved for 16 other Continuing Education hours from the Pennsylvania EMS Council

Instructor: David Sassaman

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (*College Sponsor*) \$ 200.00 /person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 200.00 /person

Prerequisites: EMT, EMT-P or PHRN

This course is designed to be an intensive 16 hour experience with scenario based skills. It is designed to provide the EMT, EMT-P, or the PHRN with a specific body of knowledge related to the prehospital assessment and care of the trauma patient. Topics included are kinematics of trauma, assessment and management, shock, head, spine, abdominal and thermal trauma, advanced airway management and special considerations in geriatrics and pediatrics. Successful completion will be based on written and practical skills.

Pick up book and pretest prior to start of class.

Lunch is not included

Payment due with registration.

PHTLS RECERTIFICATION COURSE

Date(s): Saturday, December 4, 2010

Time(s) 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Reading Area Community College, Schuylkill Hall, 10 South 2nd Street, Reading, PA 19603

Section #: ZEMS-145-351 **Hours:** 8

Prerequisites: EMT, EMT-P or PHRN

Course Description: The PHTLS Refresher course is designed to be a high-intensity learning and affirmation experience. The best dynamics for this are achieved in a single day focusing on trauma care.

EMS Approval: This course has been approved for 8 other Continuing Education hours from the Pennsylvania EMS Council

Instructor: David Sassaman

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (*College Sponsor*) \$ 100.00 /person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 100.00 /person

Textbook not included with Recertification Course

Lunch is not included

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES _____

ACLS PROVIDER COURSE

SECTION #	DATE(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION
ZCPR-204-150	September 28 & 29, 2010	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Schuylkill Hall
ZCPR-204-350	November 9 & 10, 2010	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Schuylkill Hall

Hours: 16

Course Description: This course is designed to review, organize, and prioritize the skills and didactic information needed to handle a cardiac arrest and events leading to and following a cardiac arrest.

Instructor: David Sassaman

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (*College Sponsor*) \$ 250.00/person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 250.00/person

Tuition includes textbook & pocket guide.
Lunch is not included

ACLS RECERTIFICATION COURSE

SECTION #	DATE(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION
ZCPR-205-150	October 26, 2010	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Schuylkill Hall
ZCPR-205-350	December 6, 2010	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Schuylkill Hall

Hours: 8

Course Description: This recertification course is designed to review, organize, and prioritize the skills and didactic information needed to handle a cardiac arrest and events leading to and following a cardiac arrest.

Instructor: David Sassaman

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (*College Sponsor*) \$ 100.00/person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 100.00/person

Tuition does not include textbook.
Lunch is not included

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

PALS PROVIDER COURSE

SECTION #	DATE(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION
ZCPR-208-150	October 7 & 8, 2010	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Schuylkill Hall
ZCPR-208-350	December 15 & 16, 2010	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Schuylkill Hall

Hours: 16

Course Description: This course is designed to provide the skills and knowledge to reduce the risk of the most common causes of cardiac arrest in infants and children.

Instructor: David Sassaman

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (*College Sponsor*) \$ 250.00/person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 250.00/person

Tuition includes textbook & pocket guide.
Lunch is not included

PALS RECERTIFICATION COURSE

SECTION #	DATE(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION
ZCPR-209-150	September 20, 2010	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Schuylkill Hall
ZCPR-209-350	November 5, 2010	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Schuylkill Hall

Hours: 8

Course Description: This recertification course is designed to provide the skills and knowledge to reduce the risk of the most common causes of cardiac arrest in infants and children.

Instructor: David Sassaman

Tuition: Residents of Berks County (*College Sponsor*) \$ 100.00/person
Non-Residents of Berks County \$ 100.00/person

Tuition does not include textbook.
Lunch is not included

FREQUENTLY ASKED EMS QUESTIONS_____

1. How old do I have to be for certification as an or First Responder?

You must be 16 years old by the last day of class.

2. I have a vacation scheduled. Can I miss some classes?

You can miss some classes, but you need prior approval from the course coordinator. You must make up class time that is missed.

3. When is the next class?

We typically schedule a Spring class that starts in January and meets primarily on Sundays, a Summer class that meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the day, a Fall class that begins in late August and meets primarily on Sundays, and a Winter class that begins in September and ends in February or March.

4. I have a learning disability. What kind of assistance can I have?

We can assist you with extra test taking time and extra learning assistance. You must identify your disability to the course coordinator in the beginning of the class so that we can give you the help that you need.

5. I have a physical disability. Can I be an EMT or First Responder?

Disabilities vary so much that there is not a single answer to this question. You must be able to perform the essential functions of the certification level. Please contact the course coordinator for more specific information.

6. I was an EMT or First Responder years ago and I let my certification expire. Do I have to retake the class?

You don't have to retake the class, but you can if you would like. You can earn your re-certification through continuing education credits. You need 24 credits to be an EMT and 18 credits to be a First Responder.

7. I am already a First Responder, do I have to take the whole EMT course? No, there is a FR to EMT bridge course, which will be offered in the future. If you want to be an EMT right away, you would have to take the entire course.

8. What does the class cost? What does the tuition include?

The course will cost you \$150. This includes your textbook, an AHA BLS textbook, a CPR mask and handouts. You should know that your tuition covers only a fraction of the actual cost. RACC and the County of Berks contribute approximately \$400 per student. The County of Berks supplies your EMT textbook.

9. Can I take Continuing Education (Con-Ed) with the EMT class?

Yes, you can come into the Saturday and Sunday EMT classes for Con-Ed. Look at the posted schedules (Spring and Fall Sunday Class only) to see what days offer Con-Ed credits. You are not permitted to come into the Summer or Fall Weeknight Class for Con-Ed. Each class costs \$5, and some days have more than one class. You must bring a check payable to RACC with you to class.

10. How do I register for class?

You have three choices:

(Payment is due at time of registration)

a. Call 610-607-6221 for a brochure which can then be faxed or mailed in with payment.

b. <https://webadvisor.racc.edu/WebAdvisor/>
click on Community Education
then Register and Pay for Courses
Select EMT as topic code
Find the course and register and pay online

c. Register in person at the Community Education Office Schuylkill Hall, 3rd floor.

11. What do I need to bring to class?

You will need a three ring binder, paper for notes, a watch with a second hand or digital second counter and a pen or pencil. You will be given your textbook on the first day of class.

DELMAR MAKEUP TESTING

All retesting for Delmar tests will be completed at Reading Area Community College's Academic Testing Center.

Delmar books are to be dropped off at RACC- Schuylkill Hall, 3rd Floor, (Michele Furdyna) for sign offs after successful completion.

Tests will be filed in the Academic Center under Michele Furdyna.

Please see below for specific testing rules and times.

Please feel free to contact our office at 610-607-6220 with any further questions.

Academic Testing Center

The Academic Testing Center (College@Home and make-up tests) is located within The Yocum Library.

Students must register for these tests at the Circulation Desk on the 2nd floor of The Yocum Library **at least ONE HOUR prior to the closing of the Testing Center.**

Phone: 610-607-6237

Rules

- Picture ID must be presented when registering for tests in the Academic Testing Center.
- Children are not allowed in the Academic Testing Center; children must be with an adult at all times in The Yocum Library.
- No foods or drinks allowed in the Academic Testing Center.
- No cellular phones allowed in the Academic Testing Center.
- Students must use scrap paper provided by Academic Testing Center.
- Calculators, dictionaries, notes, etc. are allowed only when specified by teachers on Academic Testing Center forms.
- Students cannot leave Academic Testing Center during tests.
- Students cannot return to the Academic Testing Center to finish tests at a later time unless their instructors have made such arrangements.
- Students must contact their instructors directly to inquire if their tests have been placed in the Academic Testing Center.

**CALL 610-607-6237 FOR HOURS OR VISIT
WWW.RACC.EDU/LIBRARY/TESTING.ASPX
FOR AN UP-TO-DATE LISTING.**

DISABILITY SERVICES INFORMATION

Disabilities Covered Under Section 504 and Postsecondary Institutions:

- Learning Disabled
- Deaf/Hearing Impairment
- Attention Deficit Disorder
- Blind/Visual Impairment
- Acquired Brain Injury
- Physical Impairment
- Psychological Disorder
- Multiple Chemical Sensitivity
- Chronic Health Impairments
- Substance Abuse
- HIV/AIDS
- Asperger's Syndrome/Autism Spectrum Disorder

Eligibility

In compliance with federal guidelines a student is eligible for disability services if he or she:

- has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activity,
- has a record of such an impairment or
- is regarded as having such an impairment

Documentation Guidelines

- A qualified professional must provide documentation of the disability.
- Documentation and requests for accommodations must be current (within the last three years), complete, and demonstrate need.
- Documentation should specify the student's functional limitation of a major life activity.
- Decisions regarding requested accommodations are a result of collaboration between the student and the disability staff person.

Accommodations

Accommodations requested by the student must be "reasonable" and based on documentation provided by the student. Reasonable accommodations depend upon the nature and degree of severity of the documented disability. While the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires that priority consideration be given to the specific methods requested by the student, it does not imply that a particular accommodation must be granted if it is deemed not reasonable and other suitable techniques are available. An accommodation cannot lower the standards or change the objectives of the program or course.

**Accommodation requests must be made prior to testing, preferably,
prior to the start of the class.**

**Speak to your instructor directly or call Michele Furdyna at 610-607-6220 for
Healthcare and Public Safety Programs concerns.**

PA STATE FIRE ACADEMY FACIAL HAIR POLICY

DATE: August 8, 2002 – Reissued

SUBJECT: Facial Hair/SCBA Use

TO: All Local Level Instructors
County/Regional School Committees
Certification Field Test Sites

FROM: Timothy L. Dunkle, Administrator
Pennsylvania State Fire Academy

The issue of facial hair on firefighters has long plagued the fire service and, specifically, fire training programs. Concern has been centered on the effect of facial hair on the safety of a facepiece seal on SCBA.

After reviewing all evidence pro and con, pertinent legal decisions, Federal regulations and other relevant data, we at the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy have determined that the wearing of beards or other facial hair (other than a trimmed mustache) is incompatible with duties of persons directly involved(or who may become directly involved) in operations at emergency scenes where SCBA is or may be required.

In keeping with this determination, and in order to protect the interests of both students and the Commonwealth, it shall be the policy of the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy that persons taking part in any class whose subject matter involves the use or potential use of SCBA in any simulated or actual irrespirable or potentially irrespirable atmosphere as part of class activity shall be clean shaven, except for the option of a well-trimmed mustache. Other hair will be worn in such a manner as to preclude interference with a SCBA face piece seal and to be substantially covered by protective clothing.

The final determination as to whether an individual meets this criterion shall rest with the instructor(s) of the class. Instructors and sponsoring officials of county or regional training activities shall be held fully accountable for adherence to this policy. Students not in compliance will be deemed to have not satisfied class completion criteria, and will not be issued certificates.

We feel that this policy will serve the best interests of the students and will set a positive example for day-to-day fire service operations.

This policy is in effect as to the conduct of courses of the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy Resident, Local Level training programs and the Voluntary Fire Fighter Certification program.

REGISTER ONLINE

Enroll immediately in the classes you want!

Our updated online registration system saves you time, postage
(no form to mail in!), and is available 24/7

Identify the course(s) you want in this brochure. Note the Course Code listed for each course. Type <https://www.racc.edu> in your web browser (ENTER). At the top of the page click on the WebAdvisor link. Then click the link for Community Education.

Previous Users: must login before proceeding by clicking on the “LOG IN” tab. Login instructions can be reviewed at www.racc.edu/Login.aspx.

First Time Users: Logins and password will be automatically created.

On the right side of the screen, click on Register and Pay for Community Education classes. Place your cursor in the Course Code Number field and type the Course Code for a course you want exactly as printed in the brochure: 4 letters, followed by 6 numbers - NO SPACES, INCLUDE DASHES (e.g., ZCOM-002-109). Click SUBMIT. Select the class section you want by clicking the “Select” box next to your choice. Click SUBMIT. On the Personal Identification screen, complete all the information, check the certification box and click SUBMIT. The Additional Registration Info screen allows you to see the class you have selected and you may answer the two optional questions. Click SUBMIT.

Verify the class you have selected and the price due. In the Choose one of the following drop down box, select REGISTER NOW and complete the credit card information requested. The College accepts MasterCard and Visa. If you do not complete the credit card information, your registration will be dropped. Click SUBMIT.

You will receive an on-screen confirmation which you may print.

**If you experience any problems, email webmaster@racc.edu,
or
register by phone at 610-607-6231 or 6232, and someone will assist you to
register.**

Give it a try. It couldn't get any easier!

PUBLIC SAFETY LIABILITY RELEASE FORM



READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BERKS COUNTY FIRE TRAINING CENTER LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

(NAME OF ORGANIZATION)

The undersigned organization hereby recognizes that Reading Area Community College and the Berks County Fire Training Center, by conducting training, assume no liability for personal injuries, damages, or losses that may occur during operation of said course to any individual member of said Organization and, therefore, the undersigned hereby accepts full responsibility for any member listed below. The said undersigned Organization hereby releases Reading Area Community College and The County of Berks of any and all damages from personal injuries, losses, claims, demands, and lawsuits, as well as their officials, agents, servants, and employees and to indemnify, and hold harmless all of the foregoing from any losses, or claims arising from participation in a training course.

The foregoing was read and approved on the _____ day of _____, 20 _____ and the undersigned officer certifies that he is duly authorized by his organization to act on behalf of said organization and hereby executes to legally bind his organization.

Organization: _____

Officer: _____

Officer's Signature: _____

Course Name: _____

Course Date(s): _____

Organization participants (please print): _____

1. _____ 5. _____

2. _____ 6. _____

3. _____ 7. _____

4. _____ 8. _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PUBLIC SAFETY REGISTRATION FORM

No facial hair is allowed with any course requiring the use of SCBA.

Registration deadline: PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO CLASS STARTING. NO WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED.

CANCELLATIONS ARE REQUIRED ONE WEEK PRIOR TO COURSE.
NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER THIS TIME.

A CHECK AND COMPLETED LIABILITY RELEASE FORM MUST ACCOMPANY THE REGISTRATION FORM.

For additional information please call Michele Furdyna at Reading Area Community College, 610-607-6220 or 1-800-626-1665, extension 5439. Fax number: 610-607-6292 or visit our Website at www.racc.edu.

Section Number _____ Course Name _____ Course Date _____
Tuition _____ Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____
Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____
Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
County _____ Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____
Organization _____ School District _____

PHOTO ID WITH DATE OF BIRTH
IS NEEDED THE INITIAL DAY OF EVERY CLASS.

I authorize Reading Area Community College (RACC) to release a copy of my competencies, evaluation and attendance records to my employer and prospective employers who request training information. Additionally, I authorize RACC to release any and all information necessary to secure payment on my behalf to any funding source.

Signature of Registrant: _____ Date _____

The following information will be used for the sole purpose of providing statistical data to the Federal government. This information will not be used for admission purposes.

Is English your first language? Yes No GENDER: Male Female

ETHNICITY: Hispanic/Latino Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino

RACE: American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian Black/African-American
(check one or more) Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander White

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

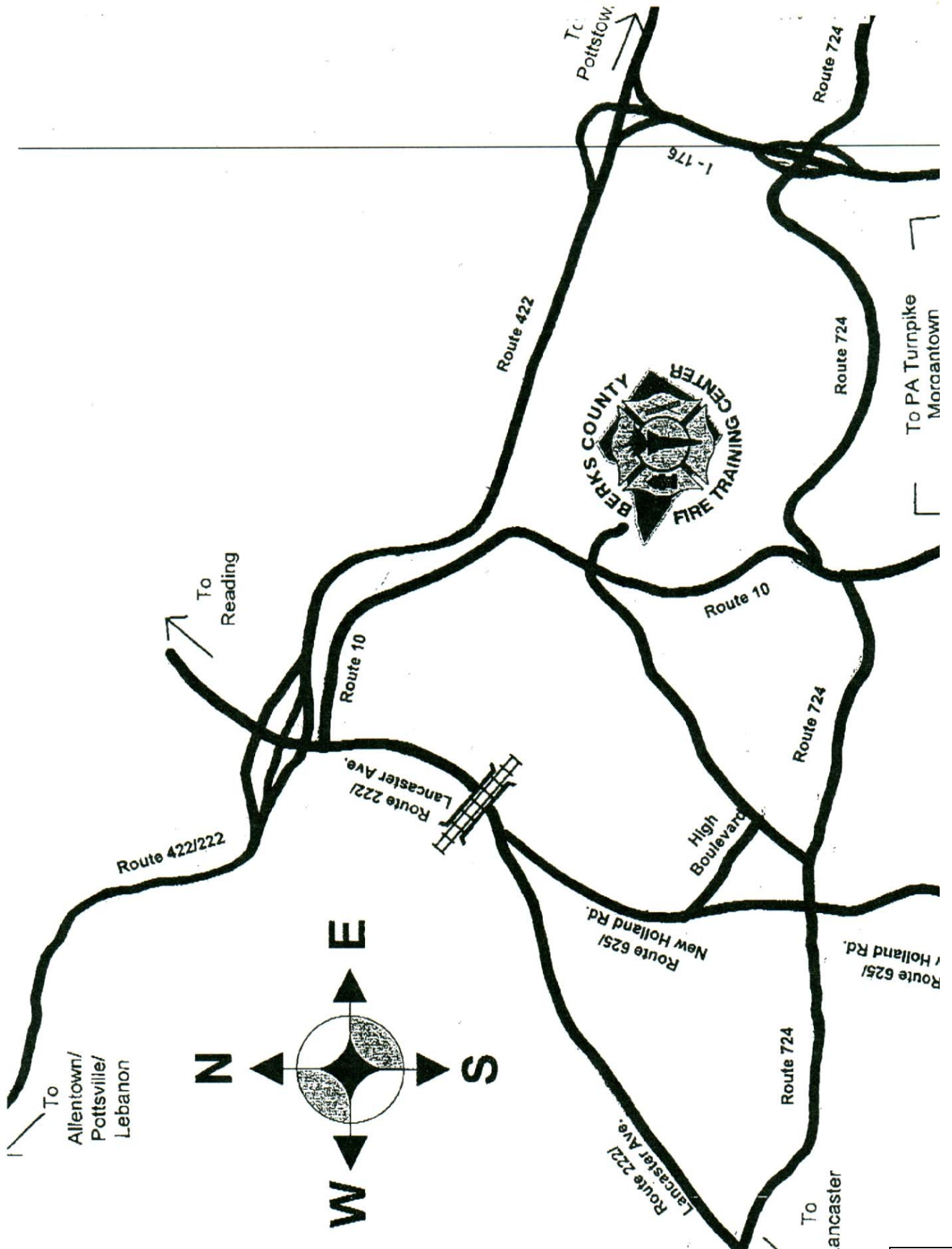
MAIL TO: Michele Furdyna, Coordinator, Reading Area Community College
10 South 2nd Street, P.O. Box 1706, Reading, PA 19603-1706

NOTE: IF A PREREQUISITE EXISTS FOR A COURSE, DOCUMENTATION MUST ACCOMPANY THE REGISTRATION. IF YOU DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A PREREQUISITE, YOU MAY HAVE A FIRE CHIEF OR EMPLOYER, ETC. USE THE SPACE BELOW TO JUSTIFY WHY YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE. UNDER THE AFOREMENTIONED CIRCUMSTANCES, READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

Prerequisites _____ Fire Chief's Signature _____

PHOTOCOPY FORM AS NEEDED. PLEASE NOTE: ALL STUDENT INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE FIRE ACADEMY FOR ALL FIRE COURSES UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED.

BERKS COUNTY FIRE TRAINING CENTER MAP





READING AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Community Education Department
Schuykill Hall—Room 309
10 South Second Street
P.O. Box 1706
Reading, PA 19603-1706

Return Service Requested

PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING
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