# NEW YORK WILDFIRE & INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ACADEMY

## 2026







**SESSION 1**
**NOVEMBER 14 - 20, 2026**
**LOCATION**
**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
**EASTERN CAMPUS**
**RIVERHEAD, NY 11901**

**SESSION 2**
**DECEMBER 5 - 11, 2026**
**LOCATION**
**BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY**
**UPTON, NY 11973**

**CLASSES**
**8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. DAILY**

*LEADING THE WAY IN WILDFIRE & INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING*

**NYWIMA IS MANAGED BY THE CENTRAL PINE BARRENS COMMISSION**

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# 2026 NYWIMA SCHEDULE

| Session 1 @ Suffolk County Community College<br>November 14 - 20, 2026 | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 14-Nov | 15-Nov | 16-Nov | 17-Nov | 18-Nov | 19-Nov | 20-Nov |
| | | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
| FI-210 | Wildland Fire Origin & Cause Determination | | | | | | | |
| RX-310 | Introduction to Fire Effects | | | | | | | |
| S-130/190 | Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior(Field Day Only) | | | | | | | |
| S-131 | Firefighter Type 1 | | | | | | | |
| S-200 | Initial Attack Incident Commander | | | | | | | |
| S-215 | Fire Operations in the Wildland/Urban Interface | | | | | | | |
| S-219 | Firing Operations | | | | | | | |
| S-230 | Crew Boss (Blended) | | | | | | | |
| S-290 | Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (Blended) | | | | | | | |
| S-359 | Medical Unit Leader | | | | | | | |
| RX-410 (**New Jersey Location**) | Smoke Management Techniques | | | | | | | |
| **Session 2 @Brookhaven National Laboratory<br>December 5 - 11, 2026** | | | | | | | | |
| | | 5-Dec | 6-Dec | 7-Dec | 8-Dec | 9-Dec | 10-Dec | 11-Dec |
| | | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
| S-112 | Introduction to Chainsaw Operations (Blended) | | | | | | | |
| S-244 | Field Observer | | | | | | | |
| S-130/190 | Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior(Field Day Only) | | | | | | | |
| S-236 | Heavy Equipment Boss (Single Resource) | | | | | | | |
| RT-130 | Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR) | | | | | | | |

**Those with fiscal restrictions may register and apply a purchase order to their registration for payments that cannot be made until after October 1.**

# NOVEMBER COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

| FI-210 | RX-310 |
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| **Wildland Fire Origin & Cause Determination** | **Introduction to Fire Effects** |
| The primary purpose of this course is to provide a consistent knowledge and skill base for the Wildland Fire Investigator (INVF). The concepts taught in this course will help an INVF perform at an acceptable level on a national basis without regard to geographic boundaries. | This course is designed to provide students with the skills necessary to recognize and communicate the relationships between basic fire regimes and fire effects, the effects of fire treatments on fire effects, and to manipulate fire treatments to achieve desired fire effects. |
| **Prerequisite(s):** Completion of pre-selection assessment and pre- work<br>**Fee: $450** | **Prerequisite(s):** None<br>**Fee: $400** |
| **S-130/190** | **S-131** |
| **Firefighting Training/Intro to Wildland Fire Behavior (Field Days Only)** | **Firefighter Type 1** |
| This course is for individuals who have taken S-130/190 online. Students must submit proof upon arrival to the academy that they have completed the online portion of this class. Please visit the Wildland Fire Learning Portal at wildlandfirelearningportal.net/ to complete the online requirements for S-130, S-190, and L-180 (On Demand Self-Enroll Courses). | This course is designed to meet the training needs of the Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) and/or Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5). It contains class discussion and several tactical decision games designed to facilitate learning the objectives. Topics include operational leadership, communications, LCES, and tactical decision-making. |
| **Prerequisite(s):** S-130/190, L-180 Online course<br>**Fee: $200** | **Prerequisite(s):** Qualified as a Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2)<br>**Fee: $100** |
| **S-200** | **S-215** |
| **Initial Attack Incident Commander** | **Fire Operations in the Wildland Urban Interface** |
| This course is designed to meet the training needs of the Incident Commander Type 4 (ICT4). It is presented in a discussion/exercise format. The six instructional units include: Foundation Skills, Intelligence Gathering and Documentation, Size Up the Incident, Develop a Plan of Action, Post-fire Activities, Evaluating Incident Objectives and Manage the Incident. Evaluation of the student is by unit tests and performance-based evaluations. | This is an instructor-led course intended to be presented at the local level. Instructional units include firefighter safety in the interface, managing human factors in the interface, pre-incident planning, size up and initial strategy, structure triage, structure protection overview, tactics in the interface, tactical operations and resource use in the interface, action assessment, plan update, and after action review. |
| **Prerequisites** Qualified as any Single Resource Boss. Satisfactory completion of pre-course work.<br>**Fee: $200** | **Prerequisite:** Qualified as a Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1)<br>**Fee: $280** |

## EMERGENCY ACADEMY INFORMATION

The emergency contact number for the Academy is (631) 218-1195. The Academy will also reach outa via email. update emergency information on: **Facebook:** New York Wildfire & Incident Management Academy; **Instagram:** @newyorkwildfireacademy in the event of course cancellations due to weather emergencies or other events.

# NOVEMBER COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

| S-219 | S-230 |
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| **Firing Operations** | **Crew Boss (Single Resource)** |
| Identify the roles/responsibilities of the Firing Boss (FIRB) for planning, execution, safety, coordination, and evaluation of ignition operations on a wildland or prescribed fire. Describe/demonstrate the applications of various firing devices. Students will prepare a firing plan and briefing that discusses fire behavior, firing techniques, resource requirements, coordination, safety, and risk factors to meet specific objectives. | Course provides students with the knowledge and skills to perform the duties of the Crew Boss (**CRWB**) position (**NWCG Incident Position Standards for Crew Boss, PMS-350-98)**. Topics include travel and check-in in, briefings, assigning tasks and assessing crew performance, implementing fire line duties, mop-up, firing operations, using aerial resources, medical emergencies, and wildland urban interface. |
| **Prerequisite(s):** Qualified as a FFT2<br>**Fee: $280** | **Prerequisite(s):** (FFT1) and successful completion of Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (S-290)<br>**Fee: $200** |

| S-290 | S-359 |
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| **Anticipating Wildland Fire Behavior**<br>**2-Day Blended Course** | **Medical Unit Leader** |
| New two-day blended S-290 course includes approximately 16 hours of online course work and two days in-person to review and complete exercises. Course objectives include: characteristics of fuels, weather, and topography that influence wildland fire behavior; interaction of fuels, weather, and topography on wildland fire behavior, fireline tactics, and safety and causes of extreme fire behavior conditions (long range spotting, crowning, and fire whirls) that develop due to weather, fuels, and/or topography. Interpret, communicate, apply, & document wildland fire behavior and weather information. | In the online portion of the course, students explore the knowledge and concepts required to meet the responsibilities of the Medical Unit Leader (MEDL), from mobilization to various incident changes. The ILT portion of the course provides scenario-based activities that allow participants to apply the knowledge and concepts required to meet the responsibilities as identified in the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Incident Position Standards for the MEDL. |
| **Prerequisite(s):** Completion of S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior. **Satisfactory completion of online course work through the Wildland Fire Learning Portal** (approximately 27 hours). You must setup a WFLP account or have an active account.<br>**Fee: $200** | **Prerequisites:** Current certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or equivalent.<br>**Fee: $280** |

**THIS CLASS WILL BE HELD IN NEW JERSEY**

| RX-410 |
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| **Smoke Management Techniques** |
| This course leads students through the ecological and historical role of fire, characteristics of smoke and the health, safety and visibility impacts of smoke. Other topics include public relations, legal requirements, meteorology, fuel consumption, smoke production dispersion modeling, and operational smoke management strategies. This course is designed to be interactive in nature. It contains a panel discussion, several exercises designed to facilitate group and class participation and case studies from a variety of fuel types and political challenges. The pre-course work assignment is designed to familiarize students with the NWCG Smoke Management Guide for Prescribed Fire, **PMS 420-2**, and air quality regulations that impact prescribed fire programs. |
| **Prerequisites** Students should have a background in prescribed fire planning, implementing, monitoring, permitting or smoke/air regulating and satisfactory completion of pre-course work.<br>**Fee: $450**<br>**Location: Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center - 53 Academy Dr, Westampton, NJ 08060** |

# NOVEMBER REGISTRATION

**November 14 - 20, 2026**

**LOCATION: Suffolk County Community College, Eastern Campus, Riverhead, NY 11901**

**To register: visit https://uavwf.eventsair.com/2026nywima/2026nywimareg**

Registrations for **NYWIMA** must be received by end of day November 6, 2026

- **A confirmation letter will be sent to the email address you provide.**
  - **Federal employees whose agencies face end of fiscal year spending restrictions may still register prior to payment.**
  - ***Invoices will be based on registration date and can be paid in the new federal fiscal year.***
  - ***Please contact NYWIMA to make arrangements.***
- ****Classes that do not reach full attendance by November 1, 2026, may be canceled.**

**Refund Policy:** **All cancellations must be made in writing to** catherine.drew@scwa.com **and must be received no later than November 6, 2026.** Full refunds will be given for all cancellations made by November 6 , 2026. After November 6, a fee of $80 will be charged for each class cancelled. If you are taking a **one day only** class, the cancellation fee is $80 for cancellations after November 6. The administrative fee is non-refundable, and refunds will not be issued for "No Shows." Substitutions are possible by November 1.

## LODGING INFORMATION

**HOTELS IN THE AREA ARE LISTED ON THE NYWIMA WEBSITE**

### DRESS CODE

While in class, business/ casual attire is acceptable. Please refer to the required equipment list in the other student attachment for additional attire if you are attending classes that have a field component. For any Law Enforcement Officers: You must be in uniform if you choose to remain armed when you are on the property.

### MEALS

You will break daily for a lunch period. Lunch will be on your own and at your own expense. A list of local eateries will be provided, and you will be given sufficient time to get a meal.

### TASKBOOKS

There will be a Training Specialist (TNSP) for all students to speak with about any taskbook that you would like to open, or complete. Taskbooks will not be issued at the Academy but should be initiated by your home unit.

### BRIEFINGS

There will be a morning briefing beginning at 8:00 A.M. every day before classes. We encourage everyone to come to this. Important daily information will be relayed as well as introductions will be done for instructors and other command and general staff.

**ACADEMY SPONSORING AND SUPPORTING AGENCIES**

Central Pine Barrens Commission ● Central Pine Barrens Wildfire Task Force ● Colorado Wildland Fire & Incident Management Academy ● U.S. Department of Energy - Brookhaven National Laboratory ● Federal Emergency Management Agency ● Fire Department New York (FDNY- IMT) ● Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation ● Nassau County Office of Emergency Management ● National Park Service ● New Jersey Forest Fire Service ● NYS Department of Environmental Conservation ● NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services Office of Emergency Management - Office of Fire Prevention & Control - Office of Interoperable Emergency Communications ● NYS Incident Management Team ● NYS DEC Forest Rangers ● Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Compact ● Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services ● Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation ● Team Rubicon ● United States Coast Guard ● U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service ● USDA Forest Service

# DECEMBER COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## RT-130

**Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR)**

Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR) is to focus line-going personnel on operations and decision-making issues related to fireline safety in order to recognize and mitigate risk, maintain safe and effective practices, and reduce accidents and near misses.
Firefighters who receive initial fire training (S-130/190) are not required to take RT-130 in the same calendar year. RT-130 should be taken each calendar year after.

**Prerequisites** S-130/190
**Fee: $100**

## S-130/190

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**Prerequisite(s):** S-130/190, L-180 Online course
**Fee: $200**

## S-244

**Field Observer**

Course provides skills necessary to perform as a field observer (FOBS) and/or a fire effects monitor (FEMO). Topics include roles & responsibilities of the FOBS and FEMO; how to make observations & document those observations; how to produce hand drawn & GPS field maps; & how to navigate using a compass & GPS. **Course is also suitable for emergency responders from emergency response agencies who need a basic familiarity with the skills taught in this class in order to respond to all-risk incidents.**

**Prerequisite(s):** None
**Fee: $200**

## S-112

**Introduction to Chainsaw Operations (Blended)**

This course is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills to perform the duties of the Basic Faller (FAL3) position, as described in the NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Chainsaw Operations, PMS-212.

The Instructor-led training will provide opportunities to apply this knowledge to real-world scenarios and practical exercises. Field exercises support entry level training for firefighters with little or no previous experience in operating a chainsaw, providing hands-on cutting experience in surroundings similar to fireline situations.

**Prerequisite(s):** S-112 Introduction to Chainsaw Operations (Online Component) 2025
**Fee: $350**

## S-236

**Heavy Equipment Boss (Single Resource)**

This is a skill course designed to meet the training needs of a Heavy Equipment Boss, Single Resource (HEQB) on an incident as outlined in the NIMS: Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1, and the position task book developed for the position. Primary considerations are tactical use and safety precautions required to establish and maintain an effective dozer operation. A field exercise is required as part of the course.

**Prerequisite(s):** Qualified as Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1). Satisfactory completion of pre-course work.
**Fee: $200**

# DECEMBER REGISTRATION

**December 5-11, 2026**

**Location: Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton NY 11973**

**BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LAB (BNL)**

**REAL ID requirements are in effect.**

All visitors, users, guests, and contractors requesting access to the Lab site must provide an active REAL ID-compliant identification document to either the Laboratory Protection Division or the Guest, User & Visitor Center. Passport or Real ID License is acceptable.

## REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ **To register: visit https://uavwf.eventsair.com/2026nywima/2026nywimareg**
- ✓ All staff and **students utilizing housing at BNL** must complete BNL Registration at https://www.bnl.gov/wildfire/.

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## LODGING INFORMATION
## DECEMBER SESSION
**Students are encouraged to utilize BNL Housing**

- **Non-U.S. citizens must complete a Brookhaven Lab Guest Form by November 6, 2026 and be approved in the Brookhaven Lab Guest Information System (GIS) before they can participate in this event or use Brookhaven Lab's onsite accommodations. Completing the Brookhaven Lab Guest Form does not automatically register you for this event. You will be directed to the appropriate form once you have completed the event registration.**
- **U.S. citizens who are planning to use BNL's onsite accommodations must also complete a *Brookhaven Lab Guest Form* by November 6, 2026 and be approved in the BNL Guest Information System (GIS).**
- **All visitors to the Laboratory must follow the requirements for Identification Documents (ID).**

**Brookhaven National Lab:**
Guest House Rooms (hotel style): $140/night
Dormitory Rooms: $70/night
Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY 11973
**Online Reservations and Information: https://www.bnl.gov/wildfire/accommodations.php**
**Local hotel options: BNL | Guide to Brookhaven Lab | Accommodations Near BNL**
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