



# Pennsylvania State Fire Academy

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## Minimum Standard for Accreditation (MSA)

**Date:** 2/16/2022

**Minimum Age:** 14

**Course Title:** Exterior Firefighter (Entry Level Fire Training)

**SFA Course Code:** ELEF

**Lecture/Lab Breakdown:** 14.5/25.5

**Minimum Course Length:** 40.0 Hours

**PA DOH EMS Con-Ed Course:**

**Prerequisites:** Fireground Support (ELFG), NIMS 700, ICS 100. Minimum age: 14 years old at start of course

**Referenced Text(s):** Essentials of Fire Fighting, Seventh Edition by International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA)

**Course Goal:** Upon successful completion an entry level firefighter shall be able to identify and utilize basic knowledge, skills, and abilities as they relate to exterior fire ground operations

**Course Description:** This entry level course is designed to introduce new firefighters to fire ground operation including Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), fire dynamics, fire extinguishers, forcible entry, ladders, and fire streams/hose line advancement. This is the third of four levels (courses) in the curriculum

**Description of Methodology:** This course includes lecture, interactive discussion and practical skills and a written evaluation

**Student Equipment & Supplies:** Pen/Pencil, Notebook; Supported reference material and skill book (Must remain in possession of student until the end of all levels); helmet, gloves, turnout coat, turnout pants, boots, protective hood, and protective eyewear (safety glasses or goggles), 15'-3/8" (minimum) Static Kernmantle Rope, and SCBA required for all classes.

**Equipment/Audiovisual/Facility/Supply Requirements:** Classroom with adequate seating; computer; LCD projector; one copy of IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting, Seventh Edition Student Manual and one copy of the PSFA Skill Book (must remain in possession of the student at the conclusion of the course). IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting, Seventh Edition Instructor's Guide and A/V Package. Fire apparatus, fire extinguishers, Class B burn capability, and forcible entry simulator/props required for practical skills.

**Special Notes & Conditions:** Instructor is responsible for documentation in each Student’s Skill Book. Instructors will follow the PSFA Entry Level Fire Training Curriculum Policy-2022, which includes the General Plan of Instruction for all levels. Class size maximum is 30 students.

**Competency Evaluation Mechanism** A 75 question exam that contains a balance of true/false and multiple-choice questions will be administered. These exams will be generated by the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy and provided to the Educational Training Agency conducting the course and graded by the instructor of record. A 70% passing score of the written exam and 100% successful completion of skills sheets must be attained for certificate issuance.

### Training Session Outline

Time	Topic
.5	Orientation
1	SCBA Donning / Lecture
4	SCBA Donning / Lab
3	Fire Dynamics
2	Fire Extinguishers / Lecture
2	Fire Extinguishers / Lab
2	Forcible Entry / Lecture
4	Forcible Entry / Lab
3	Fire Streams / Lecture
5	Fire Streams / Lab
1.5	Ladders / Lecture
11	Ladders / Lab
1.5	Summary/Test (Review and Evaluation)
<b>40.00 Hours</b>	<b>Total Time</b>

**Learning Outcomes (Behavioral Objectives):** The applicable job performance objectives and the chapter objectives for Fire Fighter I as listed in the Student Manual for this level (course) are identified in the Plan of Instruction.

**Questions/Comments: Please contact the State Fire Academy  
717-248-1115 OR in PA: 1-800-459-4096**

Date	Revisions
24 March 2021	Reviewed - Revised to Reflect NFPA Standard Change
2/16/2022	Updated to Seventh Edition Curriculum