

PREREQUISITES

S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior (FEMA)

This online course focuses on the primary factors affecting the start and spread of wildfire and recognition of potentially hazardous situations. It includes three online modules that take one to three hours each to complete.

S-130 Fire Fighter Training (FEMA)

This online course addresses foundational skills universal to all wildland fire fighters, and includes 12 online modules (one to three hours each) and a mandatory, instructor-led field day exercise (the IAFF Responding to the Interface training field day includes the S-130 training).



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IAFF-RESPONDING TO THE INTERFACE



**Basic Fire Fighter
Safety for Responding
to the Urban Interface**

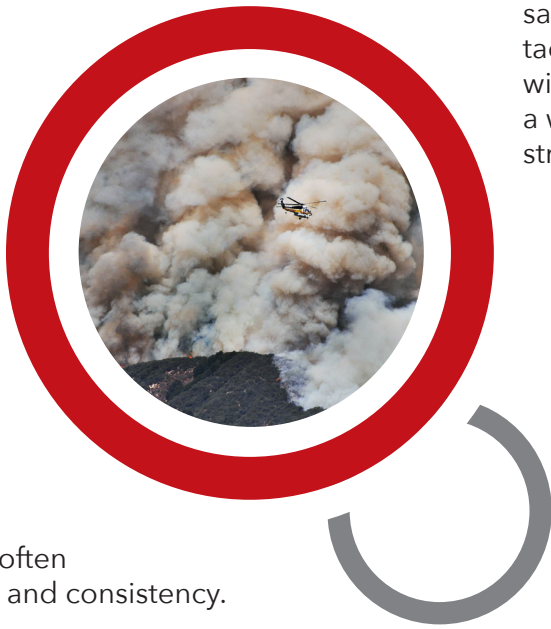


RESPONDING TO THE URBAN INTERFACE

As all-hazards responders, wildland urban interface (WUI) fire fighting is becoming part of the job for many fire departments, and not just in the western half of the continent. As the line separating urban, suburban and rural communities has blurred, Urban Interface fires are now threatening the entire East Coast. As of 2010, more than 99 million people live in the Urban Interface. And, as development in the Urban Interface continues to expand, the risk for disaster increases at a proportional rate.

According to NFPA, 88 percent of fire departments respond to Urban Interface fires, but only 40 percent provide Urban Interface fire training. Even when training exists, it often varies in the level, adequacy and consistency.

As part of the IAFF's efforts to provide better training for structural fire fighters who now also respond to Urban Interface fires, we have developed a comprehensive training program for specialized Urban Interface fire fighting that also focuses on the safety issues associated with Urban Interface response.



IAFF RESPONDING TO THE INTERFACE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Responding to the Interface training includes 10 one hour online modules and two days of hands-on field instruction. The training program is designed to provide fire fighters and company officers a consistent basic understanding of safety, command and control, and strategy and tactics to use when defending structures from a wildland fire (defensive strategy) or suppressing a wildland fire in and around structures (offensive strategy).



Modules

- Leadership
- Fire Behavior
- Incident Command
- Structure Triage
- Strategy and Tactics

- Resource Utilization
- Cooperating Agencies
- Evacuations
- Planning
- Safety



The online course is provided at no cost to your fire department.



The field training, provided by subject matter experts and delivered in your jurisdiction, is an opportunity to practice and apply the skills learned in the online course in the actual environment where fire fighters will be dispatched to for wildland fires.

For more information about the new Train-the-Trainer class and the cost for the field training days, contact the IAFF Department of Wildland Firefighting Safety and Response at (202) 737-8484.

At the conclusion of this program, fire fighters and company officers will have the basic skills needed to safely operate in the Urban Interface environment and successfully defend homes while suppressing interface fires.