

IAFF RESPONDING TO THE INTERFACE COURSE

HOST SITE REQUIREMENTS



The IAFF is committed to providing effective, consistent training for structural fire fighters who are now responding to urban interface fires. The Train the Trainer program is designed to train fire department instructors on how to deliver consistent, effective urban-interface response training. At the conclusion, fire fighters and company officers will have the ability to teach their fellow colleagues.

IAFF RTI course students must understand the nature of the activities to be performed while involved in field training activities requires mental judgment and a high degree of physical fitness, agility, and dexterity, and that this may include strenuous exercise in varying environmental conditions, which requires physical fitness, strength, and stamina. Field training involves the risk of injury or death, and students voluntarily assume these risks.

The program includes:

- Classroom review of online material and final exam
- Program overview and teaching-skills methodology
 - The training is guided by subject-matter experts and delivered in the local jurisdiction

FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- 60 days is the minimum amount of time to prepare to host a course
- Work with IAFF-HQ staff to determine class dates
- Identify a local point of contact (POC)
- Provide a shipping address (for RTI teaching resources lockbox)
- Provide information on nearest commercial airport location and hotel information for incoming instructors
- Adhere to RTI use requirements as per licensing agreement
- All fire department instructors teaching the IAFF RTI program must have successfully completed the IAFF RTI Train-the-Trainer program
- Students participating in RTI hands-on training exercises must have successfully completed the online RTI Awareness training program
- Ensure fire fighters are appropriately trained in the use of all firefighting personal protective equipment (PPE) and be able to perform basic firefighting skills
- Ensure fire fighters are medically and physically capable of performing at or near maximal effort for extended periods of time
- Provide immediate access to BLS and ALS care (standby preferred)
- Provide a dedicated medical/rehabilitation area with proper hydration, cooling/warming measures, and ability to provide emergency medical attention by licensed/certified personnel
- Provide lunch for the students/instructors or ensure notice is given for students/instructors to bring their own lunches (be aware that lunch may be eaten at the Field Exercise location)

FACILITIES

Facilities used to conduct IAFF FGS skills training must meet the following requirements:

TRAINING CLASSROOM:

- Desk seating for a maximum of 24–30 students. Tables and chairs recommended due to several textbooks and handouts
- The classroom must be free of distractions and at a comfortable temperature for the students
- Instructor tables for prep/plan and materials storage location in back of room
- LCD projector and screen

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- Computer with external speakers and internet access to ensure students are properly registered for the class if necessary
- IT support available as needed
- Photocopier (accessible to instructors)
- Dry erase board and/or easels with markers
- Electrical extension cords

IAFF REGISTRATION PROCESS

STUDENT SELECTIONS:

- 24-30 student maximum to begin immediately
- Once class is entered into the IAFF training and registration tracking system, an email will be sent to the POC to provide Course Registration Link to selected students
- Online RTI program should be completed prior to the start of the in-person class

FIELD EXERCISES

- Identify a field training site with an Urban Interface concern
- Identify potential neighborhoods/subdivisions for field training location
- A minimum of six (eight or more is optimum) homes with backyard access. Structures should be within 2 square blocks or ¼ mile area reserved for date(s) of class
- Identify a Staging Area, traffic plan, & parking areas
 - The IAFF can provide examples of homeowner permissions and a media release
 - Any homeowner issues will be referred to POC and IAFF Instructor(s) immediately
 - Gated communities, Homeowner Associations, Fire Wise Communities, Fire Safe Council/Focus Group Communities, Federal and Provincial Facilities such as military bases and parks are all good locations due to the ability to obtain a single point of contact for multiple structures
- Provide up to five Apparatus for the Field Exercise (Type 1 Engines preferred, but can use other Engine Types)
- Provide a portable restroom for the field exercise
- Provide drinking water for the field exercise
- Provide 10 handheld radios on a frequency that doesn't interfere with FD operations
- 50 Yard Sign stakes (similar to what a political candidate would use)
 - IAFF will provide the actual signage for the FD to keep