## F2T 101



## FITNESS PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE PEER FITNESS TRAINER CERTIFICATE

Designed using the latest research on fire fighter wellness and fitness, exercise science and behavioral change, this introductory **F2T** course emphasizes **ASSESSMENT**, **DESIGN**, **IMPLEMENTATION** and **LEADERSHIP** and is taught by industry leaders using a combination of teaching styles, interactive small and large group activities, case studies and hands-on exercise sessions.

#### ASSESSMENT

**F2T** 101 provides students with tactics and strategies to better understand the demands (needs and wants) and capacity of their peers so they can establish a target and direction for training. Communication skills are also emphasized.

#### DESIGN

**F2T** 101 provides students with an opportunity to critically evaluate and design exercise sessions that suit a number of short- and long-term objectives. Principles are discussed to guide the selection of exercises and fitness parameters.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Building on the design process, **F2T** 101 highlights factors that influence the choices, actions and behaviors of fire fighters to assist with program delivery. Opportunities are provided to coach and give/receive feedback in small and large group settings.

#### LEADERSHIP

The successful implementation of any wellness or fitness program requires influential leadership. **F2T** 101 provides students with several strategies to engage, inform, empower and challenge all stakeholders within their organization.



# WHAT WILL I LEARN?



**F**2**T** 101 introduces an integrated approach to the physical preparation of fire fighters for **WORK**, **LIFE** and **PLAY**. The central tenet of this approach is that every fire fighter, regardless of age, experience, fitness or job status, needs the **CAPACITY** to meet the **DEMANDS** of their life. The framework and principles taught help students establish exercise recommendations for peers with diverse needs and interests.

#### F2T 101 CURRICULUM

Each **M**odule includes a practical experience that serves to reinforce the concepts taught.

- **M**01: Program Framework
- **M**02: Movement Fundamentals
- **M**03: Coaching and Feedback
- M04: The F.I.T.T. Principle
- **M**05: Program Design Principles
- M06: Assessing Demands (Communication)
- M07: Assessing Physical Capacity
- M08: Energy Systems
- **M**09: Warm-up and Recovery
- M10: Exercise Selection

#### F2T 101 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completing this course, students will have improved their ability to:

- Apply the demands-capacity framework (work, life, play)
- Observe, assess and interpret the movement patterns of others within work, life and exercise environments
- Design exercise sessions that suit a range of objectives, interests and physical abilities
- Perform, demonstrate and coach a variety of simple and complex exercises
- Communicate, ask questions and give and receive feedback (constructive and positive reinforcement)
- Think critically, problem solve and work with others

#### PEER FITNESS TRAINER (PFT) CERTIFICATE

Every student who successfully completes the F2T 101 course will be certified as a PFT by the IAFF



## **DELIVERY** OPTIONS



F2T 101 is offered in-person and virtually to accommodate the unique needs of **ALL FIRE FIGHTERS**. While the learning objectives and certificate exam are identical, both experiences offer unique benefits that may appeal to different learning styles.



<b>IN PERSON</b> Four days + virtual exam	COURSE SCHEDULE	<b>VIRTUAL</b> Six weeks + virtual exam
25 - 35 students coordinated by host	MIN / MAX ENROLLMENT	Up to 140 individual registrants
Lectures and small/large group activities	COURSE FORMAT	Video lectures and Zoom small/large group activities
Online exam posted one month following course	LEARNING ASSESSMENT	Online exam posted one month following course
Min 3,000 sq/ft open space Screen + seating for 35	RECOMMENDED SPACE	25 sq/ft open space viewable on camera
Computer and high-speed internet for exam	REQUIRED TECHNOLOGY	Computer, internet, camera, a mic for all sync activities
USD \$999/student registration and certificate	COURSE FEES	USD \$899/student registration and certificate
F2T T-shirt (student)	COURSE PACKAGE	F2T T-shirt, kettlebell, resistance bands



## **IN-PERSON** DELIVERY



The in-person F2T 101 course is taught by IAFF instructors using interactive small and large group activities, case studies and hands-on exercise sessions. It is designed specifically for fire fighter-EMS providers who are employed by a fire department and involved in the administration of their wellness-fitness program.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

Hands-on experiential learning in small and large group activities. Be prepared for an active and engaging experience!



In-person over four days (8am-5pm). All students must also complete an online exam one month following the in-person experience.





WHO CAN ATTEND

Anyone who is employed by a fire department. Prior exercise experience is advantageous but not required.



## **CAN WE HOST A COURSE?**

Yes, you can host a course! Contact us at F2T@iaff.org to learn more.

Can accommodate 25-35 students, USD\$999/student.

Requires a minimum of 3,000 sq/ft open space, a screen/projector and seating for 35.

Host is responsible to source all fitness equipment required for the course.

## **FOR STUDENTS!**

F2T T-shirt, course manual, PFT certificate, two-year F2T membership



## **ON-LINE** DELIVERY



The six-week online F2T 101 course is delivered asynchronously (on your own time) and synchronously (with IAFF instructors) using interactive small and large group activities, case studies and virtual exercise sessions. It is designed specifically for fire fighter-EMS providers who are employed by a fire department and involved in the administration of their wellness-fitness program.

#### **ASYNCHRONOUS ACTIVITIES**

Prior to each of the first four weeks, students will be given access to a series of videos and learning activities that detail each of the associated modules.

In total, students can expect to spend approximately two hours/week on these learning activities.



All students must also complete a formal online exam one month later.

### WHO CAN ATTEND?

Anyone affiliated with a fire department. Learn more or register now at performanceredefined.ca.

- Register yourself or a group from your department (1-140 students), USD\$899/student.
- Students will need a computer with a microphone, speakers and camera, and high speed internet.
- Every student will receive a personalized equipment package to assist with course delivery.

### **SYNCHRONOUS ACTIVITIES**

Students will participate in 11, 2-hr online group activities over the 6-weeks to reinforce the course material. Multiple scheduling options are available!

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### **FOR STUDENTS!**

Equipment package that includes a kettlebell and resistance bands

### **PLUS!**

F2T T-shirt, course manual, PFT certificate, two-year F2T membership



## F2T PFT CERTIFICATE



In launching the Peer Fitness Trainer (PFT) certificate program in 2002, the IAFF made a commitment to improving the health, performance and quality of life of all uniformed personnel. Since that time, more than 10,000 members have become ambassadors for fire fighter wellness and fitness. The **F**2**T** program will advance this mission by assuming oversight of the PFT certificate and expanding access to education, training, support and mentorship.

#### WHY THE PFT CERTIFICATE

Throughout the United States and Canada, the PFT certificate identifies fire fighters who have demonstrated the knowledge and skills to design and implement exercise programs and improve the wellness and fitness of their peers. It differs from other personal training credentials because of the unique physical, psychological and social aspects of firefighting. Training is also provided **FOR FIRE FIGHTERS, BY FIRE FIGHTERS**.

#### **HOW TO BECOME A PFT**

Any IAFF fire fighter-EMS provider employed by a fire department can become a PFT by successfully completing the IAFF's introductory Fitness Principles and Practice course (F2T 101). Delivered in person over four days or online over six weeks, this course details the principles to make exercise matter for fire fighters in work, life and play. Students must achieve >70% on an online exam.

### **MAINTAINING YOUR PFT CERTIFICATE**

Your PFT certificate is valid for two years. To maintain your certificate, you must complete one **F2T** Challenge (contribution to the firefighting community) and earn 8 continuing education credits (CECs) in every two-year reporting period. At least 50% of your CECs must come from **F2T** Courses and Workshops. All PFTs have the same reporting/renewal period regardless of their original certificate date.

