



# UNDERSTANDING THE FIRE SERVICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS

Training Designed for Mental Health Clinicians by Professional Fire Fighters

## Description

*Understanding the Fire Service for Mental Health Clinicians* is an online self-paced training intended for behavioral health clinicians interested in working with or treating fire service personnel. By providing a comprehensive overview of the firefighting occupation, this training will help clinicians build a strong therapeutic foundation when working with a fire fighter client. The training is also a prerequisite for the two-day clinician IAFF training, *Treating Fire Fighters in Behavioral Health Settings*.

## Developed by the IAFF

The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) is the largest labor union for fire service professionals, representing more than 325,000 members in the United States and Canada. This training was developed by a multidisciplinary team of licensed mental health providers and professional fire fighters, who are also licensed mental health clinicians.

## Course Objectives

1. Describe the benefits of treating fire fighters in clinical practice.
2. Discuss the firefighting occupation and common job functions.
3. Identify personal qualities and values that shape a fire fighter.
4. Recognize fire fighters as a unique first responder subculture.
5. List additional fire service training opportunities for mental health clinicians.

## Cost

There is no cost for this course.

## Who should attend?

- Mental health clinicians who are interested in working with fire fighters in a clinical setting
- Mental health clinicians who provide clinical supervision to fire service peer support teams
- Employee assistance professionals who work with fire and rescue departments
- Healthcare providers who are interested in a deeper understanding of fire fighters

## How to Access the Course

- Click or access [course home page](#)
- Log in or create an account
- Click "Register Myself"
- Visit "<https://lms.iaff.org/my/> to access "My Courses"

Questions?

Contact [behavioralhealth@iaff.org](mailto:behavioralhealth@iaff.org)

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