A Cooperating project of the USDI Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, the USDA Forest Service and the Mississippi Forestry Commission
Mississippi Wildland Fire Academy 2016

The 2016 Mississippi Wildland Fire Academy is the eleventh annual academy and will be held at the Southern Regional Fire Training Center, unless otherwise noted. It is our goal to provide convenient, first-rate training to all participants to meet National Wildfire Coordinating Group standards.

Leadership Classes

L 280 – Followership to Leadership
This training course is designed as a self-assessment opportunity for individuals preparing to step into a leadership role. The course combines one day of classroom instruction followed by a second day in the field with students working through a series of problem solving events in small teams (Field Leadership Assessment Course). Topics include leadership values and principles, transition challenges for new leaders, situational leadership, team cohesion factors, ethical decision making, and after action review techniques. Some course delivery may be arduous in nature.
  Prerequisites – L 190
  Course Dates - Begins 10/24 at 0800, Ends 10/25 at 1700

Prescribed Fire Classes

RX 301 – Prescribed Fire Implementation
This course is designed to introduce students to the tools and techniques used to perform in the role of a prescribed fire burn boss. The course material is based on the tasks found in the position task book for prescribed fire burn boss. It leads student through the duties and responsibilities associated with the position of the prescribed fire burn boss including evaluation and implementation of the prescribed fire plan.
  Prerequisites – Qualified as a firing boss (FIRB) and incident commander type 4 (ICT4)
  Course Dates - Begins 10/31 at 0800, Ends 11/2 at 1700

RX 341 – Prescribed Fire Plan Preparation
The purpose of RX-341, Prescribed Fire Plan Preparation, is to provide students with the skills/knowledge to prepare a prescribed fire plan for technical review and approval in accordance with the Interagency Prescribed Fire Planning and Implementation Procedures Reference Guide.
  Prerequisites – Qualified incident commander type 4 (ICT4) & S 390
  Course Dates - Begins 10/25 at 0800, Ends 10/28 at 1700
Suppression Skills

S 130 – Firefighter Training (Blended)
This course was developed using a blended approach to learning, meaning that it contains a mix of online and instructor-led training (ILT). The course addresses the foundational skills universal to all wildland firefighters. The material is divided into 12 online modules (1 to 3 hours each) and a mandatory, instructor-led field exercise. Each online module explains the concepts and skills that will be performed and evaluated on the field exercise. Module 12 contains optional knowledge areas (pump operations, map and compass, fire investigation and cultural resources) that are very useful concepts, but not required due to time constraints.
To succeed on the field exercise, students must understand the concepts taught in modules 1 through 11 as documented by module certificates of completion. Both students and instructors can find an overview of the field exercise in module 13. This module informs instructors how to set up the exercise, lists materials needed, and provides evaluation checklists. It also provides students an idea of what to expect and what they will be evaluated on.

Prerequisites – S 190.
Course Date - 10/24 at 0800, Ends 10/24 at 1700

S 231 – Engine Boss (Single Resource)
This is a skill course designed to produce student proficiency in the performance of the duties associated with engine boss, single resource (ENGB). Topics include engine and crew capabilities and limitations, information sources, fire sizeup considerations, tactics, and wildland/urban interface.

Prerequisites - Qualified as a Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1)
Course Date - 11/3 at 0800, Ends 11/4 at 1700

S 372 – Helicopter Management
This course prepares students to perform the job of helicopter manager. Unit lectures supported by PowerPoint slides and graphics are designed to facilitate class discussion and group exercise. The final exercise gives students a realistic helicopter manager experience; in addition to answering test questions, the student completes necessary forms required by the position.

Prerequisites - HECM
Course Date - 10/31 at 0800, Ends 11/4 at 1700
Registration

Registration for all classes will be handled by submitting a NWCG nomination to:

Jessica Hollingsworth,
USDA Forest Service
(601) 965-1622 office
jdhollingsworth@fs.fed.us

Deadline for nomination will be Friday, October 14, 2016. Nomination forms may be faxed or emailed. Nomination forms can be found at: http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/nwcg_nomination_form. Please use one of the blank forms on the bottom of the page.

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Participants will be responsible for their own lodging and meal arrangements.

Local Motels Includes:

Best Western Airport Inn (601) 936-2060, Website
Comfor Inn Airport — (601) 932-6009
Country Inn & Suites — (601) 420-2244, Website
Fairfield Inn — (601) 936-3434, Website
Hampton Inn — (601) 932-7676, Website
Holiday Inn Trustmark Park — (601) 939-5238, Website

Holiday Inn Express — (601) 936-7005, Website
Jameson Inn — (601) 932-6030, Website
LaQuinta Inn & Suites — (601) 664-0065, Website
Ramada Pearl Jackson Airport, (601) 933-1122, Website

More…
Local Restaurants Includes:
Arby’s, Baskin-Robbins, Bumpers Drive-In, Captain D’s Seafood, Cracker Barrel, El Charro, KFC, Lone Star Steakhouse, McDonald’s, O’Charley’s, Pizza Hut, Popeye’s Chicken, Ruby Tuesday, Ryan’s Family Steakhouse, Shoney’s, Sonic Drive-In, Starbucks, Subway Sandwiches, Wendy’s, and many more.

Driving Instructions

Driving Instructions using Bing Map or Google Map

For GPS Users: Coordinates: 32.239157 -90.096608. When using a mapping search engine, please use these coordinates and not the street address.

From Jackson: 1-20 East to exit #48, south on Pearson Road into Hwy 468 (straight at traffic light), east on Hwy 468 to Training Center (on left).

From Forest, MS or Airport: Exit #52, south on Airport Road to Whitfield (3-way stop), west on Hwy 468 to Training Center (on right)