WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



NOZZLE FORWARD

WITH AARON FIELDS

(See Attached for Additional Course Description)

Saturday September 16, and Sunday September 17, 2023

The Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Association is sponsoring a 2-day / Nozzle Forward training program.

CLASS TIMES ARE:

Day 1: Saturday September 16, 2023, from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm, and on Day 2: Sunday September 17, 2023, from 8:30 to 6:00 pm

LOCATION:

Oakland Community College – Crest Center 2900 Featherstone Rd. Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2845

COST: \$200.00 PER SEAT.

(Invoiced After the Course is Completed)

Class size is limited (WAMAA members have preference). All participants are required to bring full structural turnout gear, and SCBA.

It is recommended to bring a second pair of gloves, knee pads, and to duct tape the tips of your boots to reduce wear and tear.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Students must be Firefighter certified and must register for the program on the State of Michigan "SMOKE" website, www.michigan.gov/bfs.

SMOKE Course Code # 2023-2-81-Q66F-0311

If you have any questions, please contact Fire Chief Mark Nicholai at the following email firechief@aatwp.org, or by phone at 734-741-5900.

CLASS DESCRIPTION:

The one thing that every fire department in the country has is fire hose. The one event that happens on every single fire is a hose-line gets pulled and water gets flowed. The Nozzle Forward is a class for engine company crews. It is not a collection of technique; it is an adaptable system of hose line management and fire attack. It is focused around fighting fire, interior offensive firefighting, aggressive firefighting, for which we will never apologize. Aggressive firefighting is not the problem, it is the solution.

For today's nozzle-person, the art of hose and fire suppression often has been obscured and put to the side in favor of other "hot topic" training. How to attack fire and move the line has been ignored and forgotten by many engine companies. "The fire goes as the first line goes," so Go Dog Go.

It is the ongoing development of an in-depth study of all things engine. It is not a "what if" class, it is a program designed to engrain the nozzle team to make the right choice and be able to accomplish whatever task is necessary for a successful interior attack. It is not theory; it is proven on fire-grounds around the country. Adapted from a variety of sources, but reconstructed to be based around simple principles that maximize mechanical advantage.

The class answers the "whys," not just the "what's," and quickly creates a system that can be adapted to fit any engine company from the urban to the rural.

The goal of the "The Nozzle Forward" is to help craft more efficient Engine Companies by increasing the individuals' competency with their tools and expanding on the conceptual aspects of the fire environment.

The course will integrate the three major components of engine company work; fire behavior, hose management, and fire attack.

The class is 22 hours with the morning of day one being a lecture.

Now let's go do good work...