



**Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy
Ed Hines, Interim Fire Service Director**



**Academy Update
July 20, 2009**

Academy Certified Instructor Program (ACI) Expanded: The Basic Firefighting Refresher (FF150) has been added to the ACI program.

Technical Rescue: The Academy has submitted documentation to the Commission for approval of the first phase of the Technical Rescue Program. This phase includes Rope Rescue Operations Level, Rope Rescue, Technician Level, and Trench Rescue Awareness and Operations Levels. Upon approval, technical rescue rope classes will be added to the Academy schedule.

The Academy is also currently working with Mr. Walter Idol from UT, the technical advisor on our trench program, to conduct a trench class in the near future. Dates for this class will be forthcoming.

Academy Book Store: The Academy has made arrangements with Barry Brady, Distributor of training materials, to stock IFSTA and other books in the Academy book store. Books for all current classes at the Academy are in stock at the Academy for purchase.

Instructor 1 Program to be Updated. The Fire Instructor 1 class at the Academy is currently up for revision. This class will be updated from its current curriculum to meet or exceed *NFPA 1041 Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications, 2007 Edition*. Recommendations under consideration include, lengthening the class to 60 hours (30 hour currently) and adding Fire Instructor 2 (course development). As we go through the updating process, we encourage those who have suggestions or comments to contact Ed Hines at 931-294-4151 and share your thoughts.

Instructor Exchange Program: The Academy has added a new program which we call the "Instructor Exchange Program". The Instructor Exchange Program exchanges instruction from qualifying agencies and individuals for class hours at or from the Academy. For example, if the Training Officer from a Fire Department taught or assisted in the delivery of an Academy class at no cost to the Academy, the individual or Department would earn class hours from the Academy at a rate of ½ hour of class for every hour taught. A 64 hour basic class for example would earn the participating individual or department, 32 hours of instruction from the Academy at no cost. For more information on this program, please contact Roger or Ed at the Academy.

Training Tennessee's Finest

First Fire Officer III Class Completed:

The first (prototype) Fire Officer III class graduated on June 3rd. The Academy wishes to congratulate and thank the members of this first class. Their contributions will ensure a high quality Fire Officer III program. They are:



Ferris Belcher
Smyrna Fire Department

Lee Bowling, Jr.
Wilson County EMA

Michael Duncan
Tullahoma Fire Department

Michael Jones
Lebanon Fire Department

Dan King
Harriman Fire Department

Ken Marston
TFACA

Terry Priest
Cookeville Fire Department

Terri Whiteside
Chattanooga Fire Department

Gary West
UT-MTAS

Max Cook
Franklin Fire Department

John Doyle
Dyersburg Fire Department

Tommy Hemphill
Columbia Fire Department

Darryl Kerley
Oak Ridge Fire Department

Robert Lynch
Cookeville Fire Department

Charles Norman
Columbia Fire

Terry Vinson
Murfreesboro Fire Department

Anthony Wood
Lexington Fire Department

Kevin Lauer
UT- CTAS

2009/10 Budget Impact: The budget as proposed for the Academy included cuts in staffing, part-time instructional hours, and a modified work week at the Academy. As of this writing, we have not received the final budget document from the Budget Office so we really don't know if all or any of these cuts are in

Training Tennessee's Finest

the final budget. In any event, the Academy is making every effort to limit the effect of any possible cuts on class delivery.

Training Bill Impact on Tuition: The enactment of the training bill will result in a very small increase in tuition for all fire classes at or from the Academy. As more information becomes available regarding the actual amount of increase, it will be provided.