

***43rd ANNUAL
GREEN RIVER FIREFIGHTER ASSOCIATION***

**FALL
SCHOOL**

October 23 – 25, 2026

Hosted By:

GREEN RIVER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

And

**KCTCS - KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION /
STATE FIRE RESCUE TRAINING**

**LOCATION: Owensboro Community & Technical College.
4800 New Hartford Road, Owensboro, KY**

2026 Fall School Class Offerings:

Class #	Class Name	Day	Credit	Jr FF
1	Essentials / Basic 20	Fri, Sat, Sun	20 hrs	Yes
2	Hazmat Awareness & Operations	Sat & Sun	16 hrs	Yes
3	EMS Cont. Ed Basic	Fri, Sat, Sun	20 hrs	Yes
4	Vehicle Rescue	Sat & Sun	16 hrs	No
5	Hard-to-Get Hours	Sat & Sun	16 hrs	Yes
6	Basic Knots	Fri PM	4 hrs	Yes
7	Low-Angle Rope Rescue	Sat & Sun	16 hrs	Yes
8	Fire Investigation 101 (How to investigate a fire scene)	Saturday	8 hrs	No
9	Foam Essentials	Sat AM	4 hrs	Yes
10	Traffic Incident Management	Sat PM	4 hrs	Yes
11	Drones in Emergency Services	Sun AM	4 hrs	Yes
12	Narcan 101(Opioid Emergencies)	Sun PM	4 hrs	Yes
13	NFA-DMICO	Sat & Sun	16 hrs	Yes
14	Instructor Methodology I (2 weekends*)	Fri, Sat, Sun	40 hrs	No

*Instructor Methodology meets October 16(5-9pm), 17, 18(8am-5pm) and 23(5-9pm), 24, 25(8am-5pm)

2026 Green River Firefighters Association Officers:

President	John Dunning, Richland FD
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IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

District 3 / Direct number	270-824-1680
District 3 / Email	area3@kctcs.edu

There will not be registration available on Friday evening. Someone will be on Campus to direct you to your classroom.

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Registration		7:00 AM TO 7:45 AM	7:00 AM TO 7:45 AM
Classes		8:00 AM TO 11:30	8:00 AM TO 11:30
Lunch		11:30 TO 12:30	11:30 TO 12:30
Classes	6:00-10:00 PM	12:30 TO 5:00 PM	12:30 TO 5:00 PM

1. Essentials of Firefighting / Basic 20 Hours

This class will explore the basic skills every firefighter needs to know. This class will benefit new firefighters as well as seasoned veterans. The subjects taught will follow the Kentucky Fire Commission's recommended initial 20-hour list. Subjects will include administration & organization – 2, safety – 2, fire behavior – 1, extinguishers – 1, personal protective equipment – 3, forcible entry – 1, ventilation – 1, ropes – 1, ladders – 2, fire hose, nozzles & appliances – 2, fire control – 1, loss control – 2, driver training – 1. This class will include both classroom presentations and hands-on evolutions. This class will begin on Friday evening at 6:00pm. Students may elect to attend Friday, Saturday or Sunday sessions.

THIS IS A 2 ½ DAY CLASS OFFERED ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

Junior Firefighters are welcome in this class.

FULL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING & SCBA REQUIRED

LEAD INSTRUCTORS: Lincoln Miller / Casey Howard

2. Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations

The Kentucky Fire Commission requires that a Basic 1 firefighter must have 3 hours of Haz-mat Awareness and 6 hours of Haz-mat Operations and the Basic 2 firefighter must have 4 hours of Haz-mat Awareness and 12 hours of Haz-mat Operations to become certified as a firefighter in Kentucky. The Hazardous Materials Awareness level trained individual may work outside of the danger zone, away from the incident, but may not participate in the activities in or around the 'hot zone'. The Haz-mat Operations course will provide 12 hours of training at this level. This training will enable the responder to respond to and function on a fireground involving hazardous materials but only in a defensive mode of operation. Hazardous Materials Awareness will meet on Saturday morning for 4 hours. Hazardous Materials Operations will begin on Saturday afternoon and run through Sunday for a total of 12 hours.

THIS CLASS WILL BE OFFERED ON SATURDAY and SUNDAY

Junior firefighters are welcome in this class.

This class will be all classroom lectures and hands on skills.

LEAD INSTRUCTORS: Chris Watson

3. EMS Continuing Education – BASIC (EMR & EMT)

This class will follow the 2025 NCCP (National Continued Competency Program) as prescribed by the NREMT. For the EMT level, there are 20 mandated hours identified, 10 hours identified by your local jurisdiction and 10 hours identified by yourself. This course will provide the 20 mandated hours identified by the NREMT for EMT NCCP refresher training. This training will cover the topics for the EMR providers as well. This class will use the Mobile Healthcare Lab to practice with some high-fidelity manikins to get a real-life experience working with patients.

THIS IS A **TWO and ½ DAY** CLASS OFFERED ON **FRIDAY Evening, SATURDAY and SUNDAY**

Junior firefighters are welcome to take this class.

LEAD INSTRUCTOR: Dinah Chapman

Topics for the EMT Refresher course:

Airway: 4 Hour
Cardiology: 5 Hours
Trauma: 3 Hours

Medical: 6 Hours
Operations: 2 Hour

4. Vehicle Rescue

This class will begin with a short lecture as well as hands-on extrication in collaboration with Tri-State Towing on the usage of their equipment with their rotating wrecker operators. The class will practice not only on basic extrication on our everyday vehicles but also semi/school bus. They will go through various scenarios that will begin basic and work our way into advanced extrication. The students will be able to do a scene size up, assess a plan, and implement the extrication strategies in various types of situations. Students need to be prepared to work for 2 full days of fun and activities. The class will be limited to 30 students.

THIS IS A **TWO DAY** CLASS OFFERED ON **SATURDAY and SUNDAY**

FULL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING (INCLUDING SAFETY GLASSES) REQUIRED

LEAD INSTRUCTORS: Darrell Brown / Lance Wayne

The GRFA appreciates High Tech Rescue, Genesis Rescue Systems and Tri-State Towing for supporting this class

5. Hard-to-Get Hours

This class is ideal for the firefighter that is almost certified but lacks just a few needed hours that are “hard to get”. This two-day class will offer the following course topics: **SATURDAY:** Emergency & Disaster Planning (2), Communications (3), Fire Investigation (3) and **SUNDAY:** Fire Protection Systems (3), Aircraft (3), Fire Extinguishers (2).

THIS IS A TWO-DAY CLASS OFFERED ON SATURDAY and SUNDAY

Junior firefighters are welcome in this class.

This class will be all classroom lecture and no turnout gear will be required.

LEAD INSTRUCTOR: Ricky King

6. Basic Knots

Whether you are a beginner firefighter, a seasoned veteran, or a rope technician, this course will provide you with a grand refresher for tying basic to seemingly complex knots that can be used on any fireground or a scene of a rescue. You will learn the difference between utility ropes and life-safety ropes along with the proper care and maintenance of ropes that may be utilized by your department.

THIS IS A FOUR-HOUR CLASS OFFERED ON FRIDAY EVENING

Junior firefighters are welcome in this class.

This class will be all classroom lectures, and no turnout gear will be required. Students should bring a section of rope to use to practice tying knots.

LEAD INSTRUCTORS: Al Wathen / Eric Coleman

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7. Low-Angle Rope Rescue

This is a hands-on course that introduces students to rope rescues. This course covers the technical aspect of low-angle rope equipment, as well as: Practical applications of low-grade techniques, anchor systems, safety systems, and communications. Students will learn techniques for life-saving operations in rescue situations, while maintaining an adequate level of safety for the rescuer and the patient. Techniques will include mechanical advantages, suitable anchors, rigging systems and working with litters. Students should come prepared to work. *Students will be required to take the Basic Knots class offered on Friday evening as part of this class.*

THIS IS A TWO-DAY CLASS OFFERED ON SATURDAY and SUNDAY

Equipment Needed: Lace-up boots with ankle support, clean leather gloves, eye protection, and a positive attitude with a desire to learn.

LEAD INSTRUCTORS: Al Wathen / Eric Coleman

8. Fire Investigation 101 (How To Investigate a Fire Scene)

This class will take you step-by-step from the initial call of a fire to the time that you determine that a crime may have occurred. Arson is a crime and is very difficult to investigate and prove that an individual is guilty. Clues are evident on scene that a crime may have been committed but how do you determine the difference between Incendiary and Accidental? This class will identify things to look for and how to handle the potential evidence as well as what to do with that evidence. If your jurisdiction does not investigate fire scenes, this class will be valuable to you as it will provide information on who to call and at the very least, what not to do to the scene so evidence is preserved and available for the incoming investigators. This class will be all classroom instruction.

THIS IS A ONE-DAY CLASS OFFERED ON SATURDAY

LEAD INSTRUCTORS: Rusty Todd and Keith Hurm

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9. FOAM Essentials

Foam is another tool available for use to the firefighter. Knowing what foam is available and how to properly use it is essential for the firefighter to know. This class will explore the different types of foam, the different types of application systems for foam and the safety aspects of use of foam. There will be classroom instruction as well as outside demonstrations of foam applications.

THIS IS A FOUR-HOUR CLASS OFFERED ON SATURDAY MORNING

LEAD INSTRUCTOR: Jeff King

10. Traffic Incident Management

Better incident response improves the safety of responders and drivers, reduces crashes that occur because of incident-related congestion, decreases traffic delays caused by incidents, and can cut incident response time. The National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training was created by responders for responders. This course provides first responders with a shared understanding of the requirements for safe, quick clearance of traffic incident scenes; prompt, reliable and open communication; and motorist and responder safeguards. First responders learn how to operate more efficiently and collectively.

THIS IS A FOUR-HOUR CLASS OFFERED ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Junior firefighters are welcome to take this class.

LEAD INSTRUCTOR: Mike Amos / Herb Hendrickson

11. Drones in Emergency Services

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones) are cutting edge technology utilized in many applications today. Emergency Services are not to be left out as they are becoming more popular throughout our industry. Many Fire Departments and Rescue squads are acquiring drones to assist in their missions. Whether searching for lost or missing persons or performing reconnaissance work around the fire ground, drones have become invaluable in assisting with fireground operations. This class will provide some ideas on how a drone can benefit your department and will provide ideas as to what is available to your department.

THIS IS A FOUR-HOUR CLASS OFFERED ON SUNDAY MORNING

Junior firefighters are welcome to take this class.

LEAD INSTRUCTOR: Adam Johnston

12. Narcan 101: Opioid Overdose Emergencies

The opioid epidemic continues to present significant challenges for emergency responders across the country. This one-day course is designed to provide career and volunteer firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency responders with the knowledge and practical skills needed to recognize, assess, and manage opioid overdose emergencies.

Participants will learn the signs and symptoms of opioid overdose, understand the pharmacology and indications for naloxone (Narcan), and review current best practices for its safe and effective administration. The course will also emphasize the critical role of airway assessment and basic airway management, including patient positioning, airway adjuncts, suctioning, bag-valve-mask ventilation, and post-resuscitation care.

Through a combination of classroom lecture and hands-on skills stations, attendees will develop confidence and competence to rapidly identify opioid overdose patients, provide life-saving interventions, and integrate these skills into their daily emergency response operations.

THIS IS A FOUR-HOUR CLASS OFFERED ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

LEAD INSTRUCTOR: Jordan Blake

13. NFA – Decision Making for Initial Company Operations

This 2-day course is designed to develop the decision-making skills needed by Company Officers (COs) to accomplish assigned tactics at structure fires. All activities and scenarios used in this course are based on structure fires. With the real possibility of being the first to arrive at an incident, the CO's initial decisions will have an impact throughout the entire incident. It is vital that COs be able to make good management decisions that have a favorable impact on the eventual outcome.

Students should have their FEMA Student ID Number (SID) PRIOR to arrival to the school.

THIS IS A TWO-DAY CLASS OFFERED ON SATURDAY and SUNDAY

LEAD INSTRUCTOR: Pat Crane

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14. Fire Instructor I Methodology

This course will address the information that is necessary for the Level I Instructor. The Kentucky Fire Commission will certify a Level I Instructor if the necessary criteria have been met. This course prepares candidates with basic knowledge to perform at the Instructor I Level, as defined by National Fire Protection Association Standard 1041. This knowledge is necessary to develop skills for preparing and presenting training for personnel of fire and emergency services organizations. **PREREQUISITES:** IFSAC Firefighter I & Firefighter II, HS Diploma or GED, and 2 years certified Firefighter. This course meets the requirements established by KBEMS for the methodology course required for EMS Instructor certification.

This course will run over two weekends: October 16 – 5:00pm-9:00pm, Oct. 17 & 18 – 8:00am-5:00pm. Oct. 23 – 5:00pm-9:00pm, Oct. 24 – 8:00am-5:00pm, Evaluation is Oct. 25 – 8:00am – Finish. At that time there will be a \$50.00 fee for the written examination (Check payable to KCTCS).

Students are required to purchase a textbook (IFSAC Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, 9th Edition) PRIOR to class start date.

THIS IS A TWO-WEEKEND COURSE beginning on Friday evening

LEAD INSTRUCTOR: Andy Offerman

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Local Hotels

SLEEP INN HOTEL	located at 51 Bon Harbor Hills Drive	270-691-6200
FAIRFIELD INN	located at 800 Salem Drive	270-688-8887
HAMPTON INN	located at 615 Salem Drive	270-926-2006

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY AS THERE ARE MANY ACTIVITIES IN OWENSBORO ON THIS SAME WEEKEND AND HOTEL ROOMS MAY BE SCARCE.



***District 3 State Fire Rescue Training and the Green River Firefighters Association
would like to thank the
Owensboro Community & Technical College
for hosting the location for the 2026 Fall Fire School***

Directions to the OCTC Campus:

From the South – Natcher parkway, exit west to the US 231 exit. Turn South. Travel approximately 1 mile to Veach Road. Turn right on Veach Road and the school entrance will be on the left.

From the West – Take the US 60 Bypass to US 231. Exit and travel south. Travel approximately 1 mile to Veach Road. Turn right on Veach Road and the school entrance will be on the left.

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