



Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company

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Example of Typical Training Schedule Required for State and County Certification and Company Membership

The following is a listing of the training activities required for Country and State certification and which have been adopted by Company 2 as the minimum standard for status as a fire fighter.

Company 2 By-Laws require completion of this training within 18 months of joining. Additional in-house training is also required (Cleared to Ride Orientation, etc.) and a County physical must also be completed.

The Country normally schedules the training in the sequence noted below and prefers that FF1/2 be the culminating event. However, depending on personal schedules, training elements may be taken in a different order. Note pre-requisites for the State Certifications. This could affect the sequence of your training.

FF1/2 is typically scheduled twice a year - February through June and September through January.

Recently the County has been offering FF1/2, Haz Mat Operations, and Mayday and sometimes HTR Vehicle as part of a single training event.

To receive State Certification you must take FF1/2 which requires CPR (8 hours) and Haz Mat Awareness (or Operations) for FF1; and then Haz Mat Operations (if not previously taken) for FF2. Mayday and HTR Vehicle are **NOT required for State cert for FF1/2.**

Hours are usually weeknights 7 - 10 PM; weekends 8 AM - 4 PM.

Summary of Required Training and Time Commitments

County Orientation

1 weeknight; 3 hours (scheduled once a month)

CPR (also covered in First responder)

1 weekend day; 8 Hours (required for FF1 State cert)

Hazardous Materials Awareness (minimum requirement for FF1 State cert)

1 weekend day; 8 hours

Hazardous Materials Operations (optional for FF1, required for FF2 State cert)

8 days: 5 weeknights, 2 nights per week; and 3 Saturdays; 40 hours

Blood Borne Pathogens

2 weeknights, 2 nights per week; 8 hours (also covered in First Responder)

First Responder (includes CPR and BBP in first three days)

19 days: 14 weeknights, 2 nights per week; and 5 Saturdays; 82 hours

FF1/2 (FF1 requires CPR and Haz Mat Awareness (or Ops); FF2 requires FF1 and Haz Mat Ops if not already taken)

55 days: 36 weeknights, 2 nights per week, and 19 Saturdays: 160 hours

Total: 87 days (or 300+ hours)

Note: If you take all the courses in the sequence the County is now offering them from start to finish, you will be in training every weekend and two nights each week for as many as 7 months.

It is best to plan your schedule around FF1/2 as it is the heaviest obligation, mindful that you must have CPR to complete FF1 and if the County does not offer Haz Mat Ops as part of the FF1/2 sequence you must also have Haz Mat Awareness (or Ops) for FF1 and Haz Mat Ops for FF2 (if you don't have Ops for FF1).

It is not necessary to have First Responder done before FF1/2. However, you must have CPR done before FF1/2 if you haven't taken First Responder.