



# Initial Firefighter Training Information

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The initial course work described below provides the minimum training needed to apply for firefighter type 2 positions; you must also be able to pass a fitness test. Completion of these courses does not qualify you to fight fire – only an NWCG member agency or organization can qualify you and issue a qualification (red) card. **The Michigan Prescribed Fire Council does not issue qualification (red) cards.**

For more information on how to become a firefighter:

Seasonal Firefighter Positions ([http://training.nwcg.gov/sect\\_firef\\_seasonal.htm](http://training.nwcg.gov/sect_firef_seasonal.htm))

Permanent Firefighter Positions ([http://training.nwcg.gov/sect\\_firef\\_full.htm](http://training.nwcg.gov/sect_firef_full.htm))

## Who can take this training?

The Michigan Prescribed Fire Council can provide this training as an affiliate of NWCG through its members. By registering with MPFC, you will receive the name of a course administrator that will be available to assist you with questions regarding the course work. Registration will open when the Training Committee determines there is sufficient interest; submit the [Course Interest Form](#) to indicate your interest.

## How much does it cost?

There is no cost for the online courses. Registration costs vary depending on the course offered. The cost to act as course administrator, provide Field Day Module for S-130 and NWCG certificates is \$50.00.

## Required course work for Firefighter Type 2

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### I-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System

This course is available online (<http://training.nwcg.gov/courses/i100.html>); a certificate will be issued upon completion. It can also be downloaded from the Fire Council's website, <http://www.firecouncil.org/training>, the test is included. To receive a certificate for the downloaded version, you must send the completed test to the course coordinator, Lara Rainbolt (address at the bottom of this document). This course is pre-work for S-130 and is required to be certified as a Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) and receive a qualifications (red) card.

### S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior

This course is available online (<http://training.nwcg.gov/courses/s190.html>) and provides instruction in the primary factors affecting the start and spread of wildfire and recognition of potentially hazardous situations. S-190 is typically taught in conjunction with or prior to S-130 Firefighter Training. The material is broken into three on-line modules. S-190 is a prerequisite to S-130.

### S-130 Firefighter Training

This course is available online (<http://training.nwcg.gov/courses/s130.html>) and addresses the foundational skills universal to all wildland firefighters. The material is broken into twelve on-line modules (1 to 3 hours each) and a mandatory, instructor led field day exercise (Module 13). Each on-line module explains the concepts and skills that will be performed and evaluated on the field day. Module twelve contains optional knowledge areas (pump operations, map and compass, fire investigation and cultural resources) that are useful concepts. Although the title to Module

twelve implies that it is optional it is required – the concepts are optional paths that you may consider in your firefighter career path.

### **Certification**

Upon completion of the Field Day, an NWCG certificate will be issued for S-190, S-130 and L-180. A version of L-180, Human Factors on the Fireline, is included in S-130 (Module 4).

### **How can I access the training?**

Access to the online training: <http://training.nwcg.gov/courses.html>

A CD version is available for those that have slow or unreliable internet connections for \$.95 + shipping and is available on the Registration Form.

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