

# University of Illinois Fire Service Institute

## Course Syllabus

**Course Title:** Basic Company Officer

**Course Duration:** 8 Hours

**Program:** Cornerstone Program

**Course Prerequisites:** None

**Course Description:** This class is designed to help company officers, or aspiring officers gain the knowledge and practical skills required to effectively lead fire companies. Classroom discussions and activities are based on emergency scene responsibilities, safety, and leadership qualities.

**Course Requirements:**

Pre-Course Work – None  
Course Work – Attend and participate  
Post-Course Work – None

**Course Policies:**

**Safety Policy:** Students shall understand and follow all instructions pertaining to operational safety, as stated by instructors or as written in course materials. Instructors and students shall be mindful of safety at all times. Conduct judged to be unsafe shall be grounds for dismissal from the course.

**Academic Integrity Policy:** IFSI has the responsibility for maintaining academic integrity so as to protect the quality of the education provided through its courses, and to protect those who depend upon our integrity. It is the responsibility of the student to refrain from infractions of academic integrity, from conduct that may lead to suspicion of such infractions, and from conduct that aids others in such infractions. Any violation of the code of conduct is grounds for immediate dismissal from the course.

**American Disabilities Act:** As guaranteed in the Vocational Rehabilitation Act and in the American Disabilities Act, if any student needs special accommodations, they are to notify their instructor and provide documentation as soon as possible so arrangements can be made to provide for the student's needs. If arrangements cannot be made at the class site, the student will test at an alternative time and place where the special accommodations can be made.

# University of Illinois Fire Service Institute

## Course Content:

Module: 1

Title: Fire Behavior, Building Construction, and Prevention

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will identify the components of fire behavior, building construction types, and types of applicable fire protection systems.

Module: 2

Title: Leadership

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of the module, the student will identify the various roles of the officer and how they pertain to the relationships with other personnel.

Module: 3

Title: Size Up and Initial Actions

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will perform a size-up and assign units on a fireground, identify tactical priorities and describe the transfer of command.

Module: 4

Title: Fire Department Administration

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will identify the administrative activities that a fire officer may be involved in.

Module: 5

Title: Safety

Terminal Learning Objective:

At the conclusion of this module, the student will explain the officer's role in risk management and safe operations at incidents.

## Reference List:

Building Construction for the Fire Service, (6<sup>th</sup> ed.) Branigan, Francis L.

Fire Officer Principles and Practice (Jones & Bartlett 4<sup>th</sup> ed.) 2021.

NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2020 Edition.

# University of Illinois Fire Service Institute

## Course Schedule

### DAY ONE

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Introductions	30 minutes
Module 1 – Fire Behavior, Building Construction and Prevention	1 hours 30 minutes
Module 2 – Leadership	2 hours
<b>Lunch</b>	
Module 3 – Size Up and Initial Actions	1 hour
Module 4 – Fire Department Administration	2 hours
Module 5 – Safety	1 hour

---