JEFFERSON COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS

FST101
INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRE SERVICE

3 Credit Hours

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I. CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION

Prerequisite: None

This course provides a detailed look and explanation into the fire service by examining educational expectations, fire department administration & operations, professional requirements, and the general public’s expectations of today’s fire service professional.

II. GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon (successful) completion of this course the student will:

A. Understand educational requirements essential to today’s fire service.
B. Recognize functions and obligations of administration in the fire service.
C. Identify fire service operations, training, equipment, apparatus, and fireground activities.
D. Understand the general public’s perception and expectations of today’s fire service.
E. Prepare for a career in the fire service.

III. COURSE OUTLINE

This course will give the student with limited or no knowledge of the fire service a broad look into:

A. Educational requirements
B. Legal aspects
C. Customer & employer expectations
D. Fire service operations at common emergency incidents.
IV. UNIT OBJECTIVES

A. Educational requirements for fire service personnel.
B. Legal issues and laws that affect the fire service.
C. Customer service and customer expectations of fire service professionals.
D. Fire Service functions
   i. Expectations
   ii. Coping with fire service issues.
E. Summary of the primary fire service functions on emergency incidents.
   i. Communications
   ii. Firefighter safety
   iii. Fire behavior
   iv. SCBA
   v. Ladders
   vi. Fire streams
   vii. Forcible entry and salvage/overhaul
   viii. Rescue practices
   ix. Fire control

V. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

A. Class lecture
B. Demonstration

VI. REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

There are no textbooks required for completion of this course.

VII. REQUIRED MATERIALS (Student)

There are no materials required for completion of this course.

VIII. SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES

Supplied by the instructor

IX. METHOD OF EVALUATION (Student)

Written quizzes and exams