

12 Foundations of Fire Department Training

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Set goals for every training, and make the training objectives and expectations clear to all students and instructors.

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Take the time to prepare instructors, equipment, the training area, and the students for the training they will receive.

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Assign mentors to help new members navigate department training, protocols, safety practices, and other aspects of department life.

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Document all training and conduct an evaluation to get feedback from those involved.

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Establish and follow an **annual training plan** that meets the needs of your specific community and the individual firefighter, with relevancy and safety at the forefront.

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Train like you operate. Follow recognized standards and organizational SOPs/SOGs. Practice builds consistency, so it is important to train like you operate in order to respond consistently and appropriately.

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Do everything possible to **ensure the safety and health** of all personnel during training.

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Maintain situational awareness of the training environment at all times and be prepared to intervene to stop unsafe acts or practices.

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Acknowledge and accept your responsibilities for the safety of everyone on the training ground.

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All involved need to **know when to say “STOP!”** if the training goes away from the training plan or if safety is in any way compromised.

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Properly decon and rehab after the training and conduct a post training assessment of all personnel who participated to ensure that they were not hurt or injured from the training.

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Incorporate behavioral health training and resources so members know where to turn if they or another crew member needs support.

