



King County Fire Training Officer's Association Officer Development Academy Course Syllabus

Incident Safety Officer Academy

Course Information

Course Title: Incident Safety Officer Academy

Course Description: This is a two-day course derived from Dave Dodson's book: "Fire Department Incident Safety Officer" (Delmar, 2nd edition, April 2007) and addresses ISO components of NFPA 1521 (2008). The course is a realistic, street-applicable approach to performing the functions of the Incident Safety Officer at fires and other working incidents. The class serves as an excellent study tool for those challenging the ISO Certification test for the National Professional Qualifications Board. This class is far more detailed and "street-practical" than the National Fire Academy's two-day ISO field course!

Dates: March 28-29

Class Time: 0830-1630

Location: TBA

Prerequisites/Pre-course Assignment: Fire Department Affiliation

College Credits: N/A

Instructor Information

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Instructor BIO: Chief Dodson is a 33-year fire service veteran – spending time as a Battalion Chief, Duty Safety Officer, and Emergency Manager for several Colorado Fire Departments. Chief Dodson continues to author and teach many firefighter safety topics including the popular “Reading Smoke” programs, First-Due decision-making, and Incident Safety Officer academies. He has served on several local and national boards including NFPA’s Occupational Safety and Health Technical Committee. In 1997, Dave was chosen as the ISFSI “George D. Post Fire Instructor of the Year.”

Course Design

Text: Course taken from the Delmar Book: *Fire Department Incident Safety Officer*, 2E, Dodson – 2007. Book is optional – but not required for course.

Additional
Materials: Instructor-provided 22-page course handout

Course Objectives: **Goal:** To systematically train and educate Fire Officers to serve as effective Incident Safety Officers – To help YOU Make a Difference!

Overhead Objectives:

1. Provide a summary of Incident Safety Officer duties and responsibilities.
2. Provide useful information to improve the awareness of hazards to firefighters.
3. Provide several realistic, practical processes to improve effectiveness of the individual serving as an Incident Scene Officer during actual incidents.



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4. Provide focused study information to help participants meet NFPA ISO Pro-Qualification standards.
5. Present useful study material for those wishing to pursue National ISO Certification (through FDSOA).

Course Policies: This course is designed to develop critical thinking skills requiring the students to participate in both classroom discussions and group projects. All students will respect the opinions of others and may debate in a manner that is respectful of all.

Attendance: All students should attend the full 16 hours. Failure to attend both days may result in an incomplete grade.

Grading: Grading will be based on the following criteria:
Attendance/Participation in group scenarios - 50 percent
Final Written Test – 50 percent

Final Grade will be either Pass or Incomplete with 70% or better used as passing.