

Rural Firefighting

Fire departments across the country have one thing in common; they go and put out fires. When you look past that commonality you will find there are many ways to get the job done. Some methods are better than others. Some are new and depend heavily on technology, while others are as old as fire itself. Each fire department develops their own methods based on factors such as: are they in the city, the suburbs, or rural areas, what kind of equipment do they have available, how are they staffed and what kinds of properties are they protecting?

This course seeks to clarify those criteria by examining how rural fire fighting is accomplished and what you need to know as a telecommunicator working with your local fire protection district.

Goals

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to demonstrate the following skills.

1. Explain how urban, suburban and rural fire agencies differ with regard to staffing, equipment and response times.
2. Describe how fire agencies (departments, districts, authorities, local fire brigades and public safety agencies) may be structured based on size and the community served.
3. Explain why it is important for a telecommunicator to know how command decisions are made in their fire service agency.
4. Explain how response time and water supply impact effective dispatching in rural communities.
5. Describe how weather and typography affect the spread of a wildfire.
6. Define the terms contained, controlled and extinguished with regard to fighting wildfires.
7. Explain why NFPA fire apparatus typing standards are important to a telecommunicator.

Requirements

This self-paced, online course is part of an ongoing effort by PowerPhone to provide timely and essential learning to telecommunicators on new advisories and procedures important to the PSAP community. After completing all sections of this class, you will need to score a minimum of 75% on the final quiz to earn 1.0 CEU.

- Desktop, laptop or mobile device
- Speakers / Headphones
- High-speed Internet access
- Internet Browser (Google Chrome preferred)