

BCPFFA FIRE OPS 101 — 2026

TAB 1 — PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Instructor & Candidate Reference

1. Program Purpose

Fire Ops 101 is an IAFF-developed program that gives politicians, elected officials, and key decision-makers a hands-on, safe experience of the work performed by career fire fighters. The program builds understanding of safe staffing, equipment requirements, NFPA 1710 standards, and the physical and technical demands of the profession.

2. Event At a Glance

Vancouver Fire and Rescue Training Centre, 1330 Chess St, Vancouver, BC V6A 4K6

- **08:30 - 10:00** - All Protective Gear should arrive at VFR Training Centre;
 - TBC:
- **11:15 - Participants / Local Reps:** Shuttle on our Bus from Pan Pacific / Convention Centre (East) to Vancouver Fire and Rescue Training Centre;
- **12:00** - Orientation, Lunch, & Vitals Testing
 - Vitals offline
- **13:00** - Classroom Session and Live Fire / Rescue Scenarios
 - Touch Points / Presentations / AV / Group Photo
- **16:00 - Return Participants:** Bus leaves for Pan Pacific Convention Centre
- **19:30-22:00** - Reception at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Date / Location	Total Candidates	Format
VFRS Training Centre	24 candidates (politicians & decision-makers)	Two rotating blocks: Burn Building + Skills Stations

3. Group Structure

Candidates are divided into two groups of 12, each subdivided into 3 companies of 4.

	Company 1	Company 2	Company 3
Platoon A (Group 1: Burn Building)	4 candidates + 4 wrangler	4 candidates + 4 wrangler	4 candidates + 4 wrangler
Platoon B (Block 2: Skills Stations)	4 candidates + 4 wrangler	4 candidates + 4 wrangler	4 candidates + 4 wrangler

Wrangler Float (Safety)	1 Safety/Float wrangler shared across both groups		
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4. Learning Objectives — Candidates

- Experience the physical demands of structural fire fighting in full PPE
- Understand the Incident Command System (ICS) and fireground roles
- Observe the minimum crew requirements set out in NFPA 1710
- Gain perspective on technical rescue, auto-extrication, and confined space operations
- Build informed advocacy for career fire fighter safe staffing and resources

5. Learning Objectives — Instructors / Wranglers

- Deliver consistent, safe, and engaging evolutions to all 24 candidates
- Connect every evolution to a clear safe-staffing / NFPA 1710 message
- Manage PPE fit, medical monitoring, and candidate welfare throughout
- Ensure smooth group transitions between Block 1 and Block 2
- Represent the BCPFFA and career fire service with professionalism

6. Block Rotation Summary

Platoon	Group A	Group B
Group 1 (1:00 – 2:30 PM)	Burn Building	Skills Stations
Group 2 (2:30 – 3:45 PM)	Skills Stations	Burn Building

Changeover / Reset: 2:30 – 3:45 PM (75 minutes)