

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Firing Operations (S-219)

Camp Edwards – Joint Base Cape Cod, Massachusetts

27 to 29 September, 2016



During the previous 15 years with the assistance of many partner organizations the Massachusetts Army National Guard (MAARNG) has sponsored and hosted wildland fire training at Camp Edwards. These annual training courses have focused on the planning and implementation of prescribed fire. The training classes are offered free of charge to students with the intent of furthering wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire within Massachusetts and among the MAARNG's many partner agencies.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The S-219 course was developed using a blended approach to learning, meaning that it contains a mix of online and instructor-led training (ILT). Students are required to complete the online training portion of the course prior to taking the ILT. The course introduces the roles and responsibilities of a firing boss (FIRB) and outlines duties of other personnel who may engage firing operations. The course discusses and illustrates common firing devices and techniques. Although comprehensive in nature, the course work is not a substitute for the dynamic fire environment. The course provides students with important information regarding general tasks required to be successful. Field exercises consisting of prescribed burning and other activities will be used to reinforce classroom topics.

Objectives

- Identify the roles and responsibilities of the FIRB for planning, execution, safety, coordination, and evaluation of an ignition operation on a wildland or prescribed fire.
- Describe the characteristics, applications, safety and availability of the various firing devices a FIRB has at their disposal.
- Given a wildland or prescribed scenario, prepare a firing plan and briefing that contains desired fire behavior, firing techniques, required resources, coordination, safety and risk management factors, and communication, to meet specific objectives.

TARGET GROUP: Personnel desiring to be qualified as firing boss, single resource (FIRB) and firefighter type 1 and 2 personnel looking to gain valuable information to conduct or participate in firing operations.

NOMINATION: Complete the registration form (Google Forms) at <http://goo.gl/forms/xeNblnHsdEEA3nSf2> by **Friday, August 26th, 2016**. Notification of acceptance will be emailed to students by **Monday, September 5th, 2016**.

TUITION: There is no tuition fee; however students are responsible for their own travel costs, food, and lodging.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: Students must complete the online portion of the training found at <http://onlinetraining.nwcg.gov/node/178> prior to attending the S-219 class.

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NOTES AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Attendance in all units of instruction of the course and appropriate participation is required to receive a certificate of completion.
- For **SECURITY REASONS**, provide on your registration form your full legal name, date of birth, driver license number (include state of issue), and vehicle plate number (include state of issue)/make/model/color of the vehicle that you will be arriving in. All students will be expected to access the base through the Bourne gate (Main Gate off Rte. 28). Directions will be provided upon request.
- All individuals enrolling in the training must be a minimum of 18 years of age and be affiliated with an organization and attending as part of that organization, whether that is as a volunteer or employee.
- This course will be classroom and field based with the potential of training prescribed burns being conducted.
- Students are required to bring writing utensils, note pad, appropriate field clothes/footwear (for rain or shine), leather gloves, eye protection (safety glasses or goggles), hearing protection (earplugs), canteens (two), and boots adequate for the fireline (no synthetic outer material and made of leather). If possible students should bring the following personal protective equipment; nomex (or aramid) outerwear, helmet, fire shelter, and a belt with harness. Some personal protective equipment is available if arranged for in advance – you must indicate what is needed and the proper size.
- Limited housing may be available on base on a fee basis. Lodging can be provided on site for a nominal fee less than \$50 per night. Please state that housing is needed when your nomination form is sent, additional information will then be sent to you. A list of local accommodations is available upon request.