Firefighter Retention Refresher Course
40 Hour Course

This is an approved refresher course for firefighters have current Florida Firefighter II certification, and wish to renew it before the four year expiration period, in accordance with the FAC section 69A-37-0527.

Date / Location: August 17-21, 2015, from 9am – 6pm, Bldg. 7, Rm 301
Cost: $340.00, non-refundable after August 3rd.

Students must bring a complete set of structural firefighting clothing (turnout gear), you will not be able to attend the program without acceptable turnout gear. You may use department provided or rental turnout gear. The course will include lecture and hands on training and required skills testing. It will not include live fire training.

If you will be renting gear, you should order gear at least two weeks in advance to insure it will arrive on time. You may use www.turnoutrental.com or any other vendor.

To retain certification, students must successfully pass this course and the state Firefighter II written exam at a PearsonVue testing center. Students are responsible for making all required applications to the state.

You must register before August 1st,
Contact Registration at (904) 547-3542
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Students who take the Firefighter Retention Refresher Course at First Coast Technical College will complete the required curriculum as required in Florida Administrative Code (see below).

In addition to the required skills testing, FCTC students will be required to pass (minimum 70%) a comprehensive written exam covering all Firefighter I and II course materials to pass the course and be eligible to sit for the state written examination. Obviously this material will not be covered in the refresher course, so students should be reviewing the Firefighter I and II course textbook prior to taking the refresher course.

(5) The refresher course that may be successfully completed for retention of a firefighter certificate pursuant to paragraph 633.414(1)(c), F.S., shall be taught by the Division or an approved provider at a certified firefighter recruit training facility.

(a) The refresher course shall be titled “Firefighter Retention Refresher Course” and consist of 40 hours of interactive instruction to include 16 hours of practical skills training and 8 hours of practical skill assessment. The firefighter retention refresher course includes the following course topics and hours of instruction:

1. Firefighter safety and health (2 hours);
2. Fire and life safety initiatives (1 hour);
3. Personal protective equipment (2 hours);
4. Structural search, victim removal, and firefighter survival (2 hours);
5. Ground ladders (1 hour);
6. Tactical ventilation (1 hour);
7. Water supply (1 hour);
8. Fire hose and fire streams (1 hour);
9. Fire control and tactics (2 hours);
10. Building construction (1 hour);
11. Fire protection systems (1 hour);
12. Fire origin and cause determination (1 hour);
13. Practical skills training (16 hours); and
14. Student practical skill assessment (8 hours).

(b) The individual shall successfully complete all required skills listed on Form DFS-K4-2128, “Firefighter Retention Skill Assessment Worksheet,” eff. 3/2014, which is incorporated by reference herein. The form may be obtained as indicated in subsection 69A-37.039(1), F.A.C.

(c) Upon completion of the refresher course under this section, the individual must successfully pass the written portion of the Firefighter Retention Examination with a score of 70% or higher. Any individual who does not obtain a passing score of 70% or more on this written portion of the minimum standards course examination will be permitted one opportunity to repeat this exam. The examination must be repeated within 6 months of the original examination or the opportunity is forfeited. An individual who fails to pass the written examination within the timeframes set forth above will have to successfully complete the minimum standards course and examination as defined in Rule 69A-37.055, F.A.C.

NOTE: This class requires a minimum of six students to run. If fewer than six students are registered on August 3rd, the class will be cancelled and all applicants notified via email.