

BUTTE COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

FSC 16 - Fire Company Organization and Management

3 Unit(s)

Prerequisite(s): NONE

Recommended Prep: NONE

Transfer Status: CSU

51 hours Lecture

This course introduces students to fire department organizations. It includes an overview of organizational structure, and an in depth examination of the role of the company officer. Planning, organizing, supervising and managing to meet the needs of the fire department mission are emphasized.

II. OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Describe the organization and management of fire departments.
- B. Identify key components of fire company organization, and describe fundamental aspects of fire company operations.
- C. Describe the role, responsibilities and duties of a fire company officer.

III. COURSE CONTENT

A. Unit Titles/Suggested Time Schedule

Lecture	
<u>Topics</u>	<u>Hours</u>
1. Fire department organizations	3.00
2. Mobile equipment and personnel resources	4.00
3. Fire department facilities and essential equipment	2.00
4. Introduction to fire company operations	5.00
5. Role and responsibilities of the company officer	5.00
6. Company management	4.00
7. Company supervision	6.00
8. Company role in personal safety	4.00
9. Company training and coaching	2.00
10. Company role in fire prevention	2.00
11. Company role in fire investigation	4.00
12. Company recordkeeping and records	4.00
13. Disaster preparedness planning	2.00
14. Incident management practices	4.00
Total Hours	51.00

IV. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- A. Lecture
- B. Group Discussions
- C. Discussion
- D. Reading Assignments
- E. Diagnostic Tests
- F. Case Studies
- G. Visual Aids

V. METHODS OF EVALUATION

- A. Projects
- B. Homework
- C. Written Assignments
- D. Written Examinations

VI. EXAMPLES OF ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Reading Assignments
 - 1. Read a chapter in the textbook on mobile fire equipment resources, and be prepared to complete a twenty question worksheet based on the reading.
 - 2. Read an assigned case study about a company officer leadership failure, and be prepared to discuss in class.
- B. Writing Assignments
 - 1. Write a 2-3 page paper describing the historic "Rattlesnake Incident," and identifying three leadership lessons that have been learned from the tragedy.
 - 2. Write a minimum two page paper summarizing an interview with a fire department company officer and identifying at least three key roles of company officers.
- C. Out-of-Class Assignments
 - 1. Produce a 3-5 minute video marketing presentation for a fire department entry-level firefighter recruitment.
 - 2. Conduct an interview with a company officer in a local fire department and identify specific experiences that are illustrative of the fundamental roles of company officers.

VII. RECOMMENDED MATERIALS OF INSTRUCTION

Textbooks:

- A. Clinton H. Smoke. Company Officer. 3rd Edition. Delmar Cengage Learning, 2010.

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