



***MINNESOTA
WILDFIRE ACADEMY***

June 1-5, 2026, GRAND RAPIDS, MN



MINNESOTA INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (MNICS)



MNICS is an interagency group with state and federal partners that cooperate to manage wildfire and all-risk incidents. MNICS provides standard procedures and common terminology to support emergency response. A Task Force of agency leads governs the organization.

Member agencies include the U.S. Forest Service (USFS); Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS); National Park Service (NPS); and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS), Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM).

The mission of MNICS is to coordinate, educate and implement the Incident Command System to support fire and all-risk incidents in Minnesota and nationwide.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location

Minnesota North College- Itasca
1851 East Highway 169
Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744

Minnesota North College – Itasca campus is tobacco and alcohol free

Meals

Lunch is provided for academy participants, including a vegetarian option. Sending agencies and departments are responsible for the cost of all other meals.

Questions?

Contact Minnesota North College, Itasca Campus Food Director, Tammy Gould at tammy.gould@minnesotanorth.edu (218) 322-2313

Community Attractions



Local attractions include the Forest History Center, Judy Garland Museum, and the Children's Discovery Museum along with great dining, and outdoor recreation opportunities. Learn more about how to spend your free time during the academy at www.visitgrandrapids.com.

Minnesota Wildfire Academy Code of Conduct

Responsible and professional conduct is required. While attending the Minnesota Wildfire Academy, remember your conduct directly reflects you, your agency or fire department, and all firefighters on and off campus. **All** academy participants are responsible for respectfully upholding our profession.

LODGING

MNC-Itasca Campus Dormitories

Lodging in the MNC-Itasca dormitories is available at \$52 per night. Single, double, and triple occupancy rooms are available. Register for a room online through the IASCE registration system (see below). **Bring your own bedding.**

Cancel reservations by April 30, 2026, to receive a **partial** refund.

Local Lodging

The Grand Rapids area offers several off-campus lodging opportunities. For more information on hotel accommodations contact the *Visit Grand Rapids* visitors bureau at (800) 355-9740 or visit them online at <https://visitgrandrapids.com/>.

REGISTRATION

Steps to register online

- Course registration opens online March 10, 2026 (priorities apply)
- To register visit the IASCE website at <https://tinyurl.com/23u9u6xr>
- Look under Programs
- Find Minnesota 2026 Wildfire Academy

Registration questions?

- View the academy registration video at <https://tinyurl.com/mrxn2wku>
- Or contact Holly Henriksen, IASCE, (218) 327-5730 hhenriksen@isd318.org.

MNICS Priority Deadline

Students from any of the MNICS partnering agencies will receive priority registration through **March 20, 2026** (includes BIA and tribal units, DNR, USFS, FWS, HSEM, NPS, State Fire Marshal, and Minnesota Fire Departments).

Questions? Contact

Todd Manley (218) 244-7925



Registration confirmations

Except for late registrations, participants will receive student confirmation emails by May 22, 2026.

If you have not received your course confirmation, or there is an error on your registration materials, contact:

Holly Henriksen, IASCE
(218) 327-5730

Prerequisites

Students must meet all prerequisites before enrolling in a course. Please be conscious and aware of the target group and prerequisite qualifications defined in the course descriptions.

Students who register for a course and do NOT meet course prerequisites by the start of the course will be un-enrolled and forfeit their course tuition.

Cancellations

All courses subject to a non-refundable course fee through April 30, 2026. Any request to cancel a course on or after May 1, 2026, will not be refunded.

Students are responsible for reviewing the non-refundable fees before enrolling.

A \$50.00 per course late fee will apply for those who register after the May 1, 2026, deadline. To cancel a course, call:

Holly Henriksen, IASCE
(218) 327-5730

Your prompt cancellations may open a spot for participants on the waiting list. *Don't delay!*

No refunds issued for courses canceled on or after May 1, 2026

Tuition Reimbursement Minnesota Fire Departments

Members of Minnesota fire departments seeking tuition reimbursement through the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant (VFA), please register and pay your tuition with a personal or organization credit card at <https://tinyurl.com/23u9u6xr>.

Following the Minnesota Wildfire Academy, eligible fire departments will receive a full refund to the card on file.

Tuition reimbursement eligibility questions?

Contact: Tim Oland
DNR Rural Fire Department program
(218) 322-2688
tim.oland@state.mn.us

COURSES

Special Academy Course Offering

Incident Management Team Course

The Minnesota Wildfire Academy offers a week-long, tuition-free, incident management team (IMT) course designed for trainees or team members who need recertification. Participants work directly with the Academy's IMT mentors. To learn more and register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/5n7532jd>.



S-130 S-190 L-180

Basic Wildland Firefighter, Introduction to Fire Behavior, and Human Factors on the Fireline

Mon, June 1, 0800 – Fri, June 5, 1700

S-130 introduces basic firefighting skills. S-190 covers primary factors that affect wildland fire behavior, the start and spread of a wildfire, recognizing the risks and potentially hazardous situations to firefighters. L-180 exposes students to human performance concepts as part of the basic wildland firefighter training.

Prerequisites: ICS-100 and IS-700 NIMS (online)

Class size: 80 **Course Fee:** \$440.00

S-130 Blended Field Day

Basic Wildland Firefighter Field Day

Wed, June 3, 0800 – Thurs, June 4, 1700

This field day is only for those who have taken the online portion of S130/190. Proof of online course completion required on the first day.

Prerequisites: ICS-100, IS-700, S-130/190 online

Class Size: 20 **Course Fee:** \$175



S-131

Firefighter Type 1

Mon, June 1, 0800 – Tues, June 2, 1700

This course is a requirement for the advanced firefighter or squad boss (FFT1) and the Type 5 incident commander (ICT5). The interactive, tactical exercises focus on the fireline reference and documentation materials, communication, LCES, and tactical decision-making discussions.

Prerequisites: Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) qualified

Bring: Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG)

Class size: 30 **Course Fee:** \$175.00

S-200

Initial Attack Incident Commander

Session 1: Mon, June 1, 0800 – Tues, June 2, 1700

Session 2: Wed, June 3, 0800 – Thurs, June 4, 1700

Note: The course is offered at two separate times during the Academy. Sign up for only one session.

Intended for the initial attack incident commander (ICT4), this course focuses on the foundational skills necessary to gather incident intelligence and documentation, size-up the incident, develop a plan of action plan (including post-fire activities), and evaluate the incident objectives to manage an incident.

Prerequisites: Qualified as any single resource boss (CRWB, ENGB, FIRB), successful completion of pre-coursework

Bring: Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG) and Wildland Fire Incident Management Guide

Class size: 30 **Course Fee:** \$160.00



S-211

Portable Pumps and Water Use

Wed, June 3, 0800 – Fri, June 5, 1700

Provides knowledge and skills development to design, set up, operate, troubleshoot, and shut down portable water delivery systems. Focus is on portable pumps and not water delivery for engines. Topics will include equipment, roles and responsibilities, system design and hydraulics. Includes a field exercise.

Bring: Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG)

Class size: 30 **Course Fee:** \$290.00

S-212

Wildland Fire Chainsaws (Faller)

Mon, June 1, 0800 – Thurs, June 4, 1700

An introduction to the function, maintenance, use, and tactical wildland fire application of internal combustion engine powered chain saws. Classroom and field exercises focus on cutting techniques and procedures applicable throughout the U.S. and addresses local tree and brush species differences

Prerequisites: Qualified as FFT2

Class size: 30 **Course Fee:** \$345.00

S-215

Fire Operations in the Wildland/Urban Interface

Mon, June 1, 0800 – Thurs, June 3, 1200

Instructional units include firefighter safety and managing human factors in the interface, pre-incident planning, size up and initial strategy, a structure protection overview and structure triage, tactics and tactical operations and resource use in the interface, action assessment, plan update, and the after-action review.

Prerequisites: Wildland fire students must be Advanced Firefighter (FFT1) qualified. The S-215 course is also appropriate for structural fire department engine operators, chief officers, and company officers responsible for structure protection in suburban and urban interface areas.

Class size: 24 **Course fee:** \$280.00



S-219

Firing Operations

Tues, June 2, 0800 – Wed, June 3, 1200

An entry-level course focused on the functional roles and responsibilities for firing operations. The course covers planning, ignition procedures and techniques, and equipment for wildland and prescribed fire.

Prerequisite: Qualified as FFT2

Bring: Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG)

Class size: 30 **Course fee:** \$245.00

S-230

Crew Boss (Single Resource)

Mon, June 1, 0800 – Wed, June 3, 1700

This course focuses on performing single resource crew boss responsibilities, from the initial dispatch through to the demobilization, and return to the home unit. Topics include preparation for mobilization and the assignment, tactics and safety, off-line duties, and the demobilization and post-incident activities.

Prerequisites: FFT1 qualified, Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (S-290).

Pre-Work: Complete a 21-question assignment using the IRPG - *due first day of class*.

Bring: Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG)

Class size: 30 **Course Fee:** \$275.00

S-231

Engine Boss (Single Resource)

Thurs, June 4, 0800 – Fri, June 5, 1700

This skills-based course is designed to improve proficiency when performing duties associated with the Engine Boss, Single Resource (ENGB) qualification. The topics include engine and crew capabilities and limitations, information sources, fire size-up considerations, tactics, and wildland/urban interface.

Prerequisites: Qualified as FFT1, completion of S-230, Crew Boss (Single Resource) (CRWB)

Bring: Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG)

Class size: 30 **Course Fee:** \$220.00

S-236

Heavy Equipment Boss (Single Resource)

Wed., June 3, 0800 – Fri, June 5, 1200

Course content is designed to produce student proficiency in performing the duties associated with Heavy Equipment Boss, Single Resource (HEQB). Topics include tactics and safety precautions required to establish and maintain an effective dozer operation.

Prerequisite: Qualified as FFT1, Completion of S-230, Completion of course pre-work.

Class size: 24 **Course Fee:** \$305.00



S-261

Applied Interagency Business Management

Tues, June 2, 0800 – Thurs, June 4, 1700

This course designed for entry-level finance positions. The format is a mix of exercises, facilitated group discussions, and lecture supported by PowerPoint presentations to prepare students for positions such as INJR, CLMS, PTRC, EQTR.

Prerequisite: Completion of S-260, online course

Class size: 30 **Course Fee:** \$320

S-270

Basic Air Operations

Wed, June 3, 0800 – Thurs, June 4, 1700

This course covers the variety of aircraft used in wildland firefighting, capabilities of aviation management, and safety for flying in and working with agency aircraft.

The topics will focus on management policy, aircraft operation regulations, tactical and logistical uses, and the specifications for helicopter landing areas.

Prerequisite: None

Class Size: 35 **Course Fee:** \$190.00



S-290

Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior

Mon, June 1, 0800 – Tue, June 2, 1700

Wed, June 3, 0800- Thurs, June 4, 1700

Note: The course is offered at two separate times during the Academy. Sign up for only one session.

The S-290 course provides classroom-based instruction designed to prepare the prospective fireline supervisor to undertake safe and effective fire management operations. It is the second course in a series that collectively serves to develop fire behavior prediction knowledge and skills. The fire environment differences are also discussed as appropriate to the topic.

Prerequisite: Intro. to Fire Behavior (S-190).

Pre-Work: Complete the course pre-test.

Bring: PMS-210 and Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG)

Class size: 30 **Course Fee:** \$190.00

L-280

Followership to Leadership

Mon, June 1, 0800 – Tues, June 2, 1700

The course is designed to prepare individuals looking to step into a leadership role. Through classroom instruction and field experiences, students will work through a series of problem-solving scenarios applying practical leadership values and principles, team cohesion, ethical decision-making, and after-action review (AAR) techniques. Some of the course delivery may be arduous in nature.

Prerequisites: L-180 Human Factors on the Fireline, pre-coursework, and experience on incident assignments in operations or a support function.

Class Size: 24 **Course Fee:** \$205.00

ICS 300

Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents

Mon, June 1, 0800 – Wed, June 3, 1700

ICS-300 provides advanced training and resources on the application of the Incident Command System (ICS). The course expands on the foundational information covered in the ICS-100 and 200 level courses. It is intended for individuals who may assume a supervisory role during an expanding incident or Type 3 incidents. This is a National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliant course.

Prerequisites: ICS - 100, 200 and IS- 700 and 800 (all available online)

Class size: 25 **Course Fee:** \$260.00



FI-110

Wildland Fire Observations & Origin Scene Protection for First Responders

Fri, June 5, 0800 – 1700

The primary focus of this course is sound wildland fire observations and origin scene protection practices, best practices for first responders to a wildland fire scene to perform proper origin scene protection procedures.

Prerequisites: None

Class Size: 30 **Course Fee:** \$105.00



RT-130

Wildland Fire Annual Safety Refresher

Fri, June 5, 0800 – 1700

The RT-130 is a required course providing up to date fireline safety information for all employees who hold Incident Command System (ICS) qualifications.

Prerequisites: None

Class Size: 20 **Course Fee:** \$85.00

SCHEDULE

Code	Course Title	Tuition	Non-refundable course fee *	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
S-130 S-190 L-180	Basic Firefighter	\$440.00	\$347.50	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm
S-130 Field Day	Field Day for Blended Course	\$175.00	\$138.10			am/pm	am/pm	
S-131	Firefighter Type 1	\$175.00	\$138.10	am/pm	am/pm			
S-200 (1)	Initial Attack IC	\$160.00	\$123.10	am/pm	am/pm			
S-200 (2)	Initial Attack IC	\$160.00	\$123.10			am/pm	am/pm	
S-211	Portable Pumps and Water Use	\$290.00	\$234.65			am/pm	am/pm	am/pm
S-212	Wildland Fire Chainsaws	\$345.00	\$271.20	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	
S-215	Fire Ops in the Wildland/Urban Interface	\$280.00	\$206.20	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm		
S-219	Firing Operations	\$245.00	\$189.65		am/pm	am/pm		
S-230	Crew Boss (Single Resource)	\$275.00	\$219.65	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm		

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S-231	Engine Boss (Single Resource)	\$220.00	\$183.10				am/pm	am/pm
S-236	Heavy Equipment Boss	\$305.00	\$247.67			am/pm	am/pm	am
S-261	Applied Business Management	\$320.00	\$251.20		am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	
S-270	Basic Air Operations	\$190.00	\$153.10			am/pm	am/pm	
S-290	Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior	\$190.00	\$153.10	am/pm	am/pm			
S-290	Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior	\$190.00	\$153.10			am/pm	am/pm	
L-280	Followership to Leadership	\$205.00	\$168.10	am/pm	am/pm			
ICS-300	Intermediate ICS	\$260.00	\$204.65	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm		
ICS-400	Advanced ICS	\$160.00	\$123.10				am/pm	am/pm
FI-110	Fire Observation and Origins	\$105.00	\$86.55					am/pm
RT-130	Wildland Fire Annual Safety Refresher	\$85.00	\$66.55					am/pm

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