



# Suffolk County Fire Academy



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Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the Suffolk County Fire Academy (SCFA) will be making some significant changes to our course offerings. The **Introduction to Fire Officer** and **Strategy & Tactics for the Initial Responder** courses, as you know them today, will no longer be offered.

We are transitioning to *New York State Fire Officer-1 – Supervising Fire Officer* modular program. This program contains five independent modules which will guide the student in achieving the *NFPA 1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications*, Fire Officer-1 job performance requirements:

1. Fireground Strategies & Tactics for First Arriving Companies – Course length: 15 hours
2. Leadership and Supervision – Course length: 15 hours
3. Company Training & Community Risk Reduction – Course length: 12 hours
4. Planning & Emergency Response – Course length: 9 hours
5. Firefighter Health & Safety – Course length: 12 hours

Student prerequisites: Firefighter 1 or Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations w/HMFRO

Student Manuals: The student will be responsible for providing the textbook, **IFTSA Fire and Emergency Services Company Officer, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition**.

A student will receive a Fire Officer 1 – Supervising Fire Officer course completion in the New York State (NYS) learning management system upon **successfully completing all five modules within 24 months of the start date of the first module taken**.

On October 10, 2023, NYS granted course equivalency to SCFA programs to meet 2 of the 5 modules listed above:

- SCFA Strategy & Tactics for the Initial Responder has been granted equivalency to the NYS Fireground Strategies & Tactics for First Arriving Companies
- SCFA Introduction to Fire Officer has been granted equivalency to NYS Leadership and Supervision.

These course equivalencies will allow SCFA students that have successfully completed one or both of these programs to only need the remaining modules to receive NYS Fire Officer 1 – Supervising Fire Officer.

Additionally, after January 1, 2024, the SCFA **will be** issuing an **Introduction to Fire Officer** certificate to students that complete both the NYS Fireground Strategies & Tactics for First Arriving Companies and Leadership and Supervision modules.

Any questions regarding the program or equivalencies should be directed to Chief Davonski ([sdavonski@scfa-li.org](mailto:sdavonski@scfa-li.org)) or Chief Sicilian ([dsicilian@scfa-li.org](mailto:dsicilian@scfa-li.org)).