

# NOTES FROM RICK IN THE TRAINING OFFICE

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## Training Plan for March, 2010

- 3/2 HazMat Operations class #4 @ Station #1 @ 1900 hours (Monitors) [*note: this is a change*]
- 3/3 CPR class @ Station #1 @ 1900 hours [*note: this is the last class for the season*]
- 3/5 Regular Thursday Training @ Station #1 @ 1900 hours ([FF I class – Fire Behavior](#))
- 3/8 Recruit 2010-1 @ Station #1 @ 1900 hours (HazMat Awareness)
- 3/10 Recruit 2010-1 @ Station #1 @ 1900 hours (S-130 Basic Wildland Firefighter)
- 3/11 Driver/Operator Training @ Station #1 @ 1900 hours (VFIS Emergency Vehicle Driver Training-part 1)
- 3/17 HazMat Operations class #5 @ Station #1 @ 1900 hours (Decon)
- 3/18 Regular Thursday Training @ Station #1 @ 1900 hours (FF I class – Ropes and Knots)
- 3/22 Recruit 2010-1 @ Station #1 @ 1900 hours (S-190 Wildland Fire Behavior)
- 3/24 Recruit 2010-1 @ Station #1 @ 1900 hours (S-130 Wildland Skills)
- 3/25 EMS Training @ Station #1 @ 1900 hours (VFIS Patient Handling, Lifting and Moving)
- 3/29 Recruit 2010-1 @ Station #1 @ 1900 hours (Firefighter Self Rescue)
- 3/31 HazMat Operations class #6 @ Station #1 @ 1900 hours (Diking and Damming)

## Fire Fighter I Course

The Firefighter I classes are continuing with those attending getting credit for numerous sign-offs. I will have a sign-off booklet completed this month for those wishing to complete their Firefighter I. This is not the State program but it does meet NFPA 1001 requirements, Local Authority Having Jurisdiction being MRFD.

## Recruit Course 2010-1

The Recruit Class is ongoing and seems to be coming along very well. We currently have 16 enrolled. If anyone wants to assist with the training process of this class, please give me a call and I will find a job for you. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

## EMT Recertification

Are you up for Recertification this year? If so, give me a call for assistance; if not, I will get you next year. If you have sent information to me to complete the process for recertification, please follow up with me to make sure it has not slipped through the cracks. I do not want you to have to take the EMT class over again.

If you are a current EMT, we are asking all to get signed in on the National Registry web site. Call me for assistance in getting this done. This new process makes recertification very smooth and easy.

## Thursday Training Ideas

For those of you who have been at the last few Thursday night training sessions, you have found that we have a situation to tackle: numbers are up! This is not a bad thing, just something that we need to address. My goal is to make training productive and worth all the time you as firefighters give to MRFD. During the last several training sessions, we have been at or above 40 to 45 in attendance. Some things that have been kicked around include moving some training sessions out to the outlying stations, splitting up personnel to manageable numbers, and to hold the same training session several times a week at station #1. If you have ideas or input, please contact me and we will look at all options.

