

Course Syllabus

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Department: Fire Technology

Course Title: Legal Aspects of Fire Protection

Section Name: FIRT_1353_WB

Start Date: 08/22/2011

End Date: 12/07/2011

Modality: ONLINE

Credits: 3

Instructor Information

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Course Description: Study of the rights, duties, liability concerns, and responsibilities of public fire protection agencies and personnel. Students will summarize basic criminal and civil law; discuss relevant tort law; and describe state and federal legal systems. (SCANS 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11)

Course Objectives

1. Students will define key terms associated with Legal Considerations for Fire & Emergency personnel.
2. Students will describe and explain the structure of Legal Considerations for Fire & Emergency personnel.
3. Students will describe and explain the roles of firefighters dealing with criminal law, criminal procedures, civil liability issues, and other employer and employee rights and responsibilities.
4. Students will describe and explain the process of Legal Considerations for Fire & Emergency Services.
5. Students will describe and explain the Legal Considerations for Fire & Emergency Services in a community.

Required Readings/Materials

Title: Legal Considerations for Fire & Emergency Services

Edition: 2nd

Author: Varone, Curtis J.

ISBN# 1-111-30880-2

Publisher: Delmar/Cengage Learning

Course Requirements

(Lesson Plans, PowerPoint presentations, Assignments and Tests)

You will see the chapter lesson assignments as we move through the course. These assignments will correspond with your required weekly readings. Please, respond to each Discussion Board question with a minimum 250 word response.

Topic/Overview: See summary listed below.

Summary of Assignments & Activities

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Week 1-Chapter 1 & 2

Review Lesson Plan and PowerPoint

Read chapter and complete Assignment while reading the chapter

Take Test and Post your Discussion Board responses before the Sunday deadline

Week 2-Chapter 3

Review Lesson Plan and PowerPoint

Read chapter and complete Assignment while reading the chapter

Take Test and Post your Discussion Board responses before the Sunday deadline

Week 3-Chapter 4

Review Lesson Plan and PowerPoint

Read chapter and complete Assignment while reading the chapter

Take Test and Post your Discussion Board responses before the Sunday deadline

Week 4-Chapter 5 & 6

Review Lesson Plan and PowerPoint

Read chapter and complete Assignment while reading the chapter

Take Test and Post your Discussion Board responses before the Sunday deadline

Week 5-Chapter 7

Review Lesson Plan and PowerPoint

Read chapter and complete Assignment while reading the chapter

Take Test and Post your Discussion Board responses before the Sunday deadline

Week 6-Chapter 8

Review Lesson Plan and PowerPoint

Read chapter and complete Assignment while reading the chapter

Take Test and Post your Discussion Board responses before the Sunday deadline

Week 7-Chapter 9

Review Lesson Plan and PowerPoint

Read chapter and complete Assignment while reading the chapter

Take Test and Post your Discussion Board responses before the Sunday deadline

Week 8-Chapter 10

Review Lesson Plan and PowerPoint

Read chapter and complete Assignment while reading the chapter

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Week 9-Chapter 11

Review Lesson Plan and PowerPoint

Read chapter and complete Assignment while reading the chapter

Take Test and Post your Discussion Board responses before the Sunday deadline

Week 10-Chapter 12

Review Lesson Plan and PowerPoint

Read chapter and complete Assignment while reading the chapter

Take Test and Post your Discussion Board responses before the Sunday deadline

Week 11-Chapter 13

Review Lesson Plan and PowerPoint

Read chapter and complete Assignment while reading the chapter

Take Test and Post your Discussion Board responses before the Sunday deadline

Week 12-Chapter 14

Review Lesson Plan and PowerPoint

Read chapter and complete Assignment while reading the chapter

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Week 13-Chapter 15

Review Lesson Plan and PowerPoint

Read chapter and complete Assignment while reading the chapter

Take Test and Post your Discussion Board responses before the Sunday deadline

Week 14-Chapter 16

Review Lesson Plan and PowerPoint

Read chapter and complete Assignment while reading the chapter

Take Test and Post your Discussion Board responses before the Sunday deadline

Week 15-Final Test

Your Final Exam will open at 8 am on Wednesday of Finals Week and close at 10 pm.

You will have ONE attempt to complete the 100 question multiple choice and true/false exam.

I will post the grades on Monday after Finals Week.

Grading Policy

Each week, I will provide grades or scores and comments on assignments within 5 days of when they were submitted. After I send feedback each week, I will post a notification in the **Main** forum. Late assignments receive a 10% deduction for each day they are late if assignments are not posted by 11:59 p.m. central on the day they are due. Assignments more than 5 days late will not be accepted. Technological issues will not be considered as valid grounds for late assignment submission. In the event of a server outage, students should submit assignments to the instructor as a hardcopy.

Assignments/Review Questions	30%
Chapter Test	30%
Final Exam	60%
Total	100%

Letter grades for this course.

Letter Grade	Percentage	Grade Point
A	90-100%	4.0
B	80-89%	3.0
C	70-79%	2.0
D	60-69%	1.0
F	Below 60%	0.0

Special Needs

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Learning Resource Center (Library)

The Library, known as the Learning Resources Center, provides research assistance via the LRC's catalog (print books, videos, e-books) and databases (journal and magazine articles). Research guides covering specific subject areas, tutorials, and the "Ask a Librarian" service provide additional help.

Student E-mail

Please access your Odessa College Student E-mail, by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. All assignments or correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email with exception to VCT students.

Technical Support

For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm.

Important School Policies

For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or students and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the Odessa College Student Handbook.