

TN Fire Chiefs Association
TFACA Report
Gatlinburg Meeting
4-29-2010

1. Upcoming classes –
 - a. Fire Officer II starts 5/3/10 – Cleveland FD
 - b. Fire Chief Orientation – starts 5/4/10 and will be conducted at Chattanooga training center; to be conducted one night a week until completed.
 - c. Recruit Firefighter – summer class added at TFACA – begins 6/14/10. A few slots are still available.
2. Newsletter – TFACA Fire Service Program has begun a quarterly news letter to be sent out through email. The first edition was sent earlier in April. If you didn't receive one and would like to receive future editions, please register at TFACA's website for email updates.
3. New Classes approved by Firefighting Commission during their meeting on April 28, 2010:
 - a. Fire Officer 1 & 2 combined (FO196) – class is 120 hours with first offering set for August 2010
 - b. Fire Instructor 1 & 2 combined (FO147) – class is 40 hours with first offering in July or August 2010
 - c. Introduction to Technical Rescue (FR300) - class is 24 hours with first offering late fall 2010
4. TFACA's pass rate on Hazmat awareness and operations for recruit classes is 94%, while state-wide rate is much less.
5. Interviews have been completed for Codes Enforcement Program Director and Fire Service Instructor Supervisor positions. We hope to have selected applicants hired by June 1, 2010.
6. Budget reduction – Once again for 2011 TFACA was asked to reduce the budget. The plan presently submitted contains reductions and an increase in dormitory and meals to meet the budget requirements. The increase totals \$10 per night and breaks down to \$8.00 per night for dormitory and \$1.00 each for breakfast and dinner meals. This increase only applies to classes conducted at TFACA's campus. If budget is passed as proposed, the increase will take effect Oct. 1, 2010.
7. Student Contact Hours – presently we are running only 5% below last year's student contact hours in a year-to-date report. We are pleased with the response to classes considering the budget problems most departments are experiencing. Thanks to everyone for their continued support for TFACA classes!