Name:	Fire Protection Hydraulics and Water Supply
Course Description:	This course provides a foundation of theoretical knowledge in order to understand the principles of the use of water in fire protection and to apply hydraulic principles to analyze and to solve water supply problems.
Prerequisite:	Demonstration of a competency in high school level algebra or the equivalent.
Outcomes:	1. Apply the application of mathematics and physics to the movement of water in fire suppression activities.
	2. Comprehend the design principles of fire service pumping apparatus.
	3. Analyze community fire flow demand criteria.
	4. Demonstrate, through problem solving, a thorough understanding of the principles of forces that affect water at rest and in motion.
Available Texts:	<i>Fire Protection Hydraulics and Water Supply Analysis</i> ; Pat Brock, Fire Protection Publications, 2005
	Fire Protection Handbook; NFPA
	<i>Fire Service Hydraulics and Water Supply</i> ; Mike Wieder, IFSTA/Fire Protection Publications, 2004
	Introduction to Fire Pumps; Thomas Sturtevant, Thomson, 2004
Supporting References/Research for Faculty and Students:	U.S. Fire Administration
	Publications:
	http://www.usfa.fema.gov/applications/publications/pubs_main.cfm
	See Fire Protection, Fire Administration, Fire Service Operations, Wildfire
	<u>Applied Research</u> : <u>http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/research.cfm</u>
	Research Reports:
	http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/r_reports.cfm
	Technical Reports:
	http://www.usfa.fema.gov/applications/publications/techreps.cfm
	Topical Fire Research Series:
	http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/tfrs.cfm
	Learning Resource Center:
	http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/lrc.cfm
	National Institute for Standards and Technology
	http://www.fire.nist.gov: Fire Tests/Data, Software/Models, Publications, FIREDOC (under Publications)
	References
	Fire Service Hydraulics; James Casey, Pennwell, 2 <sup>nd</sup> .Ed. 1984
	Fire Service Pump Operators Handbook; Warren Isman, Pennwell 1984

	<ul> <li>Hydraulics for Firefighting; William Crapo, Thomson, 2001</li> <li>Pumping Apparatus: Driver/Operator Handbook; Fire Protection</li> <li>Publications, 1998</li> <li>Techniques of Fire Hydraulics; Lawrence Erven, Glencoe Fire Service</li> <li>Series, 1972</li> </ul>
Supporting References/Research for Faculty and Students:	Current Events/News <a href="http://www.firehouse.com/">http://www.firehouse.com/</a> <a href="http://www.fireengineering.com/">http://www.fireengineering.com/</a> <a href="http://www.withthecommand.com/">http://www.fireengineering.com/</a>
Assessment:	Students will be evaluated for mastery of learning objectives by methods of evaluation to be determined by the instructor.
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## **Course Outline**

## Fire Protection Hydraulics and Water Supply

- I. Water as an extinguishing agent
  - A. Physical properties
  - B. Terms and definitions
- II. Math review
  - A. Fractions
  - B. Ratios, proportions, and percentage
  - C. Powers and roots
- III. Water at rest
  - A. Basic principles of hydrostatics
    - 1. Pressure and force
    - 2. Six principles of fluid pressure
    - 3. Pressure as a function of height and density
    - 4. Atmospheric pressure
  - B. Measuring devices for static pressure
- IV. Water in motion
  - A. Basic principles of hydrokinetics
  - B. Measuring devices for measuring flow
  - C. Relationship of discharge velocity, orifice size, and flow
- V. Water distribution systems
  - A. Water sources
  - B. Public water distribution systems
  - C. Private water distribution systems
  - D. Friction loss in piping systems
  - E. Fire hydrants and flow testing
- VI. Fire Pumps
  - A. Pump theory
  - B. Pump classifications
  - C. Priming systems
  - D. Pump capacity
  - E. Pump gauges and control devices
  - F. Testing fire pumps

## VII. Fire streams

- A. Calculating fire flow requirements
- B. Effective horizontal and vertical reach
- C. Appliances for nozzles
- D. Performance of smooth-bore and combination nozzles
- E. Hand-held lines
- F. Master streams
- G. Nozzle pressures and reaction
- H. Water hammer and cavitations
- VIII. Friction loss
  - A. Factors affecting friction loss
  - B. Maximum efficient flow in fire hose
  - C. Calculating friction loss in fire hose
  - D. Friction loss in appliances
  - E. Reducing friction loss
- IX. Engine pressures
  - A. Factors affecting engine pressure
- X. Standpipe and sprinkler systems
  - A. Standpipe systems
    - 1. Classifications
    - 2. Components
    - 3. Supplying Standpipe Systems
  - B. Sprinkler systems
    - 1. Classifications
    - 2. Components
    - 3. Supplying sprinkler systems