The Fire Department Training Network is excited to announce the dates for the 2019 Live-Fire Spring Training Camp! FDTN’s 3-day Training Camp will feature 6 blocks of live-fire training—each focusing on performing actual fireground skills under intense and realistic conditions. Students will rotate through each 4-hour training block during the 3 day camp.

Students will perform multiple repetitions of each skill under actual fireground conditions. Each training block is designed to develop, build, and enhance the decision making and muscle memory skills needed to perform at a high level during actual fireground operations. FDTN’s Live-Fire Training Camp WILL get you into fireground shape—both mentally and physically!

Past Training Blocks include:

**Firefighter Survival:** We’ve all practiced transmitting a Mayday, following a hoseline, breaching a wall, and even dealing with a disentanglement. We’ve done it blacked-out, in simulated smoke, and maybe even in a burn building. Have you ever done it under actual fireground conditions? Have you ever been able to repeatedly practice it, under real conditions, in order to develop both the mental and physical skills needed to identify and solve an emergency? During the Firefighter Survival Block you’ll be placed in a realistic fireground setting where you’ll have to transmit a Mayday and solve a variety of REAL problems—problems you will have to overcome in order to exit the building.

Real fire, real smoke, real heat, real adrenaline and real stress will be combined to create the conditions needed for you to practice and perfect REAL solutions under conditions likely to be encountered on your next response.

**Forcible Entry:** The best-of-the-best spend their career mastering the basics of forcible entry...under every possible condition likely to be thrown at them on the fireground! Have you?

By the end of the Forcible Entry Block you’ll be tired of forcing doors...that’s a promise! You’ll force inward swinging and outward swinging doors under realistic fireground conditions...both exterior AND interior conditions...by yourself and with a partner! There’s not much more to say except you better hone up your skills or you’ll be absolutely exhausted at the end of this forcible entry gauntlet!
Residential Basement Operations: Let’s face it, basement fires are tough, tough, fires! The Residential Basement Fires Block allows you to practice, under intense and realistic smoke-heat-fire conditions, the teamwork and skills needed to perform both the engine and truck company skills required to be successful. Making the basement stairs may be one of the toughest stretches you’ll ever encounter…it will be during this block! Moving a victim up a set of basement stairs…under intense conditions…is your job as part of the truck crew. Do you really know how much the heat and smoke will sap your strength? You’ll find out during this block. Finally, you’ll work together and do both at the same time. You’ll have the opportunity to practice that, for sure!

Searching without a Line: The Search & VES Block will test you for sure! You’re the first-arriving truck company to a single-family residence with nasty looking smoke boiling out of the front door, a kid yelling and screaming that her daddy went back inside, and no engine on scene…have you trained for that? Have you practiced that? How about being directed by the chief to that lone window on the second floor with nasty smoke boiling from it because somebody in the yard is screaming that there is victim in that room.

This block is all about realistic search conditions! Let’s face it, there’s no way to take your search skills to the next level (the fireground level) without practicing them under realistic fireground conditions…you’ll definitely develop them here!

Hoarder Conditions: The Hoarder Block is tough…but that’s exactly what the real hoarder house will be! Have you ever experienced a real hoarder condition while stretching a line? Did you have to flow the line continuously to try and cool the environment? Have you ever found an actual victim in a hoarder condition? How were you able to distinguish them from the actual debris you were crawling over?

There is simply no way to develop the skills needed to perform under these fireground conditions without actually recreating the conditions and practicing the skills. We are confident that you’ll not only have a new appreciation for what a hoarder house on fire really is…but you’ll have plenty of practice honing the engine and truck skills you’ll need to deal with one under some of the most intense conditions you’ve ever been in!

Firefighter Rescue & RIT: The Firefighter Rescue & RIT Block will put you in some of the most realistic, and difficult, fireground conditions you’ve ever faced so that you can practice and perfect the skills needed to rescue a downed firefighter. Heat, fire, smoke, fireground chaos, communication challenges, relentless conditions, limited air supply…all of those things you’re going to be faced with during the real thing…will all be present as you hone your skills (search, packaging, removal) while rescuing a firefighter. We’re confident that you’ll realize both the difficulty and importance of the mental and physical skills needed to succeed!