The course material covered in this class fulfills the requirements for Fire Officer III as described in the current edition of NFPA 1021, Fire Officer Professional Qualifications. The objective of this course is to develop the chief officer for the administrative and operational challenges of the fire service in the 21st century.

Major topics covered in the course are program orientation; ethics; establishing a partnership with the community; budgetary process, budgeting and auditing practices, budget development and fiscal planning; managing human resources; inspections and pre-incident planning for specific occupancies; risk management and safety programs; managing personnel evaluations, assessment centers, and accountability; and emergency services delivery, incident planning and multi-agency involvement.

Methods of instruction include lecture; discussion; classroom exercises; case studies; role-playing; problem solving; research and group projects; group presentations and peer evaluations; student projects, presentations, and participation which are evaluated based on instructor and peer evaluation process.

Students will be recommended to take the Fire Officer III certification examination offered by the Firefighter and Emergency Responder Certification Program. This is optional and will be given at the conclusion of the course.

**Certification Process:**
The Student must be certified in Fire Officer II and Fire Service Instructor II from the Louisiana Firefighter Certification Program or another agency accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) or ProBoard.

Students must be able to pass the practical skills assessment given in order to take the written exam.

**Certification Fees:**
There is a separate charge for taking the certification exam; it is not included in the course fees. Details of the certification process and examination material can be found under the certification tab on the main page of the website.

The lower listed cost applies to all Louisiana Municipal Fire Departments who are issued a Fire Department ID from the State Fire Marshal’s Office.

**Course Cost & Dates Subject to Change**