

# WSESI

Wisconsin Society of Emergency Services Instructors



## 64<sup>th</sup> Annual **INSTRUCTORS CONFERENCE**

February 14-16, 2025

Hosted by

**BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE (BTC)**



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TECHNICAL COLLEGE**



**Public Safety and  
Transportation Complex  
BTC Main Campus**

6004 S County Rd G, Janesville, WI  
(Conference Programs)



**AmericInn by Wyndham Janesville**

3900 Milton Ave, Janesville, WI  
(Friday Dinner & Annual Meeting)

- Pre-Conference Training – Live Fire Instructor
- Friday Dinner Buffet & Annual Meeting
- Instructor Development – FOUR Saturday tracks:
  - Fire Hands-On Training (HOT) and Breakouts
  - EMS Fire Hands-On Training (HOT) and Breakouts

For latest official information, visit [www.wsesi.org/annual-conference](http://www.wsesi.org/annual-conference)

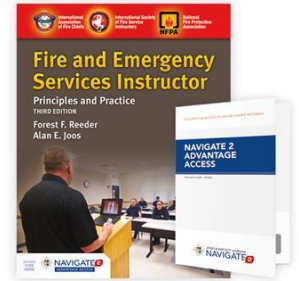
**Pre-Conference Training:**  
Monday, February 10 through Friday, February 14



**FULL LIVE FIRE INSTRUCTOR (LFI) FULL**

Part of the statewide launch of this new course, it satisfies the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1041 Standard for Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Professional Qualifications, Chapter 7, Live Fire Instructor. This certification course includes an orally-assessed practical exam. Details are being finalized – call or email for latest information.

Course fee of \$400.00 includes textbook\*



**Class is FULL – Standby list will be held thru Jan. 31.**

**Friday Evening:  
DINNER BUFFET SOCIAL  
5:30 – 7:00 PM  
Included with Conference  
fee!**

Instructor of the Year presentation



**WSESI 64TH  
ANNUAL MEETING  
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FRIDAY, FEB. 14  
7:00 PM**

**TWO National Fire Academy (NFA) Courses:  
Incident Command System for Structural Collapse Incidents F0322**



**Supervising Emergency Medical Services F0146**

**Due to insufficient enrollment, both NFA classes have been cancelled.**

## SATURDAY HANDS-ON TRAINING (HOT) All-day sessions:

### **FIRE: Thermal Imaging “Before the Handoff”**

**DAVID BRIGGS,  
Firefighter Training,  
Development, and  
Coaching LLC**



This 8-hour workshop will focus on thermal imagers and thermal imaging from an introductory perspective. This course was designed to provide instructors a basic knowledge to inform firefighters on what thermal imagers are, are not, and how they could and should be used. The intent is not to teach all aspects of thermal imaging to new firefighters, but to begin their education in utilizing a tool that can be useful in making the fire scene a safer workplace.

#### Objectives:

- Familiarize and review NFPA 1801– Standard on Thermal imagers for the Fire Service, NFPA 1408 - Standard for Training Fire Service Personnel in the Operation, Care, Use, and Maintenance of Thermal imagers, NFPA 1700 – Guide for Structural Firefighting
- Explain working operations of a thermal imager
- Identify the limitations of a thermal imager
- Explain the tactical applications of the thermal imager for operations on the fire ground; including, but not limited to; SIZE-UP, fire location, victim location, and flow path identification.
- Identify core elements of effective thermal imaging training
- Share resources, drills, concepts with participants to enhance thermal imaging training

### **EMS: Mastering EMS Instruction: Elevating Teaching Through Effective Feedback, Evaluation, and Scenario Design**

**MARC HILL, Wausau Fire Dept. (ret.) / Two  
Dark Thirty Educational Consulting**



This 8-hour hands-on training (HOT) session will provide EMS-specific instructors with the tools and skills needed to refine their teaching methods, build robust evaluation systems, and design impactful scenario-based training. Participants will refresh their understanding of teaching fundamentals, explore the importance of well-crafted rubrics, learn strategies for effective feedback, and navigate challenging conversations. The session will emphasize curriculum standards and give participants practical experience in creating immersive, real-world training scenarios.

#### Course Objectives:

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Refresh and apply the fundamentals of effective teaching in EMS instruction.
2. Analyze and improve existing evaluation methods to ensure accurate learner assessment.
3. Develop and implement effective rubrics for objective evaluation of EMS skills.
4. Align course content with relevant curriculum standards and ensure compliance.
5. Navigate difficult conversations with students while delivering constructive feedback.
6. Create meaningful, scenario-based training that reflects real-world EMS challenges.
7. Identify key components of successful scenario design, including realism and progression.
8. Evaluate the effectiveness of scenario training through feedback loops and performance analysis.
9. Facilitate open dialogue with students to address gaps in understanding and skill execution.
10. Integrate continuous improvement strategies into both teaching and evaluation methods.



## **SATURDAY INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT Breakout Workshops:**

### ***FIRE***

**SPS 330:**

**How It Affects Fire Training**

***APRIL HAMMOND,***

***Wisconsin Department of  
Safety and Professional Services (DSPS)***



### ***EMS***

**EKG BASICS**

**(First of two EKG workshops)**

***GARY KRAUSE,  
EKG Concepts***



**INSTRUCTOR-BASED  
EXTRICATION TRAINING**

***KEVIN SEARS,  
Genesis Rescue Systems***



**DO YOU G.A.S YOUR  
LEARNERS?**

***KRISTY CROCKER,  
Health and Public Safety  
Simulation Specialist/Coordinator,  
Blackhawk Technical College***



**IGNITING LEARNING:  
Unveiling the Science  
Behind Effective  
Instruction**

***BRANDON HAGEMAN,  
Stevens Point Fire Dept. /  
Mid-State Technical  
College***



**12-LEADS & MORE**

**(Second of two EKG  
workshops)**

***GARY KRAUSE,  
EKG Concepts***



**STRESS AND RESILIENCE for  
Emergency Responders**

***ROY SMALLEY,  
Mayville Fire Dept / Moraine  
Park Technical College***



For full descriptions of Breakout workshops, visit [www.wsesi.org/annual-conference](http://www.wsesi.org/annual-conference)

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PRE-CONFERENCE: Live Fire Instructor	\$400.00*	
<b>CONFERENCE FEES: Include programs and Friday buffet social.</b>		
<b>\$10 Early-bird Discount:</b> Register by January 14, 2025!		
After January 14:	<i>WSESI Members</i>	<i>Non-members</i>
<b>All Instructor Development tracks</b>	\$110.00	\$125.00
<b>Friday Dinner Buffet</b> (additional ticket for family members or guests)	\$35.00	

\*Live Fire Instructor includes textbook (J&B Instructor 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.); students who already own a copy may contact us for a discounted rate.

**Cancellation policy:** Cancel before 01/01/2025: Full refund. Before 01/14/2025: Refund less \$25 fee. Before 02/01/2025: \$50 fee. 02/01/2025 or later: No refund.

**WSESI MEMBERS – Renewing your membership?**  
**Include your dues with your conference registration!**  
 (Remember to update contact information per renewal notice)  
**Joining / Returning? Include membership application**  
 (paper or online)

**Lodging** (on your own) is available – \$119.85 (+tax)  
 Contact AmericInn and ask for group code **WSESI1** –  
 Book early! — Phone: 1-608-371-9981



**QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? SUGGESTIONS?**

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**SEE YOU IN JANESVILLE!**



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– or – complete and return this form with your payment. Agency invoice and PayPal options available.

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