

SPSA Training Calendar

2026 – April to August

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Overview

This document provides upcoming training at the SPSA from April to August of 2025. The focus of this training is on operational training, ensuring responders and all those who support are prepared for their roles. Branch or unit specific training, such as Air Operations training, may not be listed in this document. This document does not include scheduled external training that the SPSA provides to communities and response agencies, unless otherwise noted.

Additional training opportunities and professional development opportunities may be found through PSC Client My Learning, or through contacting Carole Stewart (carole.stewart@gov.sk.ca) for specific learning and development guidance.

The Safety Unit and Training Unit will be continuing to enhance its presence on SPSA's SharePoint site, Basecamp. Look forward to updates soon.

Note: training courses may be cancelled due to low student registration or operational readiness. Additional courses may be scheduled if demand is high.

Course Calendar List

Code	Course Name	Dates	Seats	Location	Course Coordinator
SO-202	Transportation of Dangerous Goods – Ground https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/24075845286346?p=6dKSAHid3MKc4H6y9D	April 8	N/A	Virtual	Assigned Safety Advisor
FI-110	FI-110 Wildland Fire Observations and Origin Scene Protection https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/22051763444140?p=3EsvLLzw6j66fLNAdv	April 14	N/A	Virtual	Tanner Harriman
LS-203/IT-209	Radio Dispatcher (Protection Base)/SK Dispatch	April 14-15	24	Prince Albert	Beth Runn
SO-202	Transportation of Dangerous Goods – Ground https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/27846122763127?p=qrYzs7Ct0qzmDu5uYB	April 16	N/A	Virtual	Assigned Safety Advisor
OW-201	CIFFC Crew Member / New Hire (Type 1)	April 19-25	28	Hannin Creek	Dean Johnson
OW-201	CIFFC Crew Member / New Hire (Type 2)	April 20-25	28	Sandy Beach	Tanner Harriman
SO-202	Transportation of Dangerous Goods – Ground https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2390476417766?p=ooYHknyGCZuPGZyMus	April 28	N/A	Virtual	Assigned Safety Advisor
LM-310	Leadership and Supervision Development	April 28-30	30	Prince Albert	Beth Runn
OW-201	CIFFC Crew Member / New Hire (Type 1)	May 3-9	28	Hannin Creek	Beth Runn
OW-201	CIFFC Crew Member / New Hire (Type 2)	May 4-9	28	Sandy Beach	Tanner Harriman
---	Incident Management Team Workshop	May 5-7		Prince Albert	Cory Wilson
SO-202	Transportation of Dangerous Goods – Ground https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/29704381395726?p=CRtzyOw3Z6KbgDeQPM	May 5	N/A	Virtual	Assigned Safety Advisor
OW-301	CIFCC Crew Leader (Type 1)	May 11-15	28	Hannin Creek	Tanner Harriman

OW-301	CIFCC Crew Leader (Type 2)	May 11-15	28	Sandy Beach	Dean Johnson
---	Ignition Workshop	May 12-14		Prince Albert	Cory Wilson
OW-208	Aerial Observer	May 19-20	20	La Ronge	Beth Runn
OW-304	Task Force/Strike Team Leader	May 19-22	28	Hannin Creek	Tanner Harriman
OW-306	Intermediate Wildland Fire Behaviour	May 25-29	24	Prince Albert	Beth Runn
SO-204	First Aid Intermediate/CPR C/AED – NRA / AO	June 2-3	18	La Ronge	Dean Johnson
IC-300	ICS 300 Incident Command System Intermediate	June 2-4	24	Prince Albert	Beth Runn
OW-201	CIFCC Crew Member / New Hire (Type 1)	June 7-13	28	PAGC Ponderosa	Dean Johnson
OW-201	CIFCC Crew Member / New Hire (Type 2)	June 8-13			Tanner Harriman
OW-301	CIFCC Crew Leader (Type 1)	June 15-19	28	Hannin Creek	Beth Runn
OW-301	CIFCC Crew Leader (Type 2)	June 15-19	28	Sandy Beach	Tanner Harriman
SO-204	First Aid Intermediate/CPR C/AED – ERA	June 23-24	18	Prince Albert	Tanner Harriman
SO-204	First Aid Intermediate/CPR C/AED – NRA	June 23-24	18	La Ronge	Dean Johnson
SO-204	First Aid Intermediate/CPR C/AED – WRA	June 23-24	18	Big River	Beth Runn
AV-201	AvSafe 201	August 5	24	Prince Albert	Tanner Harriman
LM-310	Leadership and Supervision Development	August 11-13	40	Prince Albert	Dean Johnson
IN_631	Aviation Fuel Testing – Train the Trainer	TBD	24	Virtual	Tanner Harriman
OW-406	Advanced Wildland Fire Behaviour	November 19-25	4	HTC (AB)	Tanner Harriman
SO-304	Mental Health First Aid	TBD	25	Prince Albert	Carole Stewart
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Field Training – Land Operations

Field Training is defined as courses scheduled by Land Operations Protection bases. Courses may be taught through accredited internal instructors at these locations, or instructors can be requested through the Safety and Training Unit.

The areas assigned Training Advisors **shall be notified of all scheduled field training** unless otherwise noted. This is to ensure courses have seats filled to maximum capacity where possible and the instructor audits can be arranged.

All Course Registration Forms must be completed and sent to cdmsadministratorspsa@gov.sk.ca.

List of Field Training Courses

- AV-203 - CIFCC Hover Emplane/Deplane¹
- IC-200 – Incident Command System Basic
- OW-113 – Fireline Safety Orientation²
- OW-216 – Heavy Equipment Line Locator
- OW-224/324 & OW 224-RC/OW324-RC - SPSA Chainsaw Level 1 & 2
- OW-231 – Aviation Fuel Testing
- OW-305 – Ground Ignition
- SO-204/SO-204-RC – First Aid Intermediate/CPR C/AED
- SO-223 – UTV Operator Course
- SO-224 – ATV Operator Course

¹ Notice not required

² Notice not required

2026 - September to December Preview

Through September to December 2026, the SPSA will be looking at hosting or working in cooperation with external agencies to deliver the following courses. All dates and locations are tentative.

OW-406 (S-490) Advanced Wildland Fire Behaviour - *(November – Hinton Training Centre)*

ICS 200 Incident Command System Basic - *(Various dates and locations)*

ICS 300 Incident Command System Intermediate - *(Various dates and locations)*

ICS 400 Incident Command System Advanced - *(TBD – Prince Albert)*

FI-210 Wildfire Origin and Cause Determination - *(October – HTC)*

NFPA 1041 Fire Service Level Instructor Level 1 - *(TBD – Prince Albert)*

NFPA 1072 Hazmat Awareness - *(TBD – Prince Albert)*

LM-203 CISM Basic Group Intervention - *(TBD)*

LM-301 Assisting Individuals in Crisis - *(TBD)*

Call for Candidates

Call for Candidates notifications will begin on April 1 (or before, if required). Where possible, Call for Candidates will commence 4 weeks prior to a course. Links will be emailed and available on Basecamp to register names for training.

All Protection Bases will route candidate names through their respective **Response Centre Coordinators** to prioritize candidates. Prerequisites are to be reviewed prior to candidate name submission.

Notice of Selection

Upon closing the Call for Candidates process, candidates will be selected by the Training Unit or Safety Unit by provided dates. All registered attendees will be notified via email, at least 1 week prior to training dates, confirmation of attendance, course location, course start date and time, and other details.

Where candidates are submitted through Response Centre Coordinators (RCC), RCC and applicable Protection Officers, or supervisors will be emailed candidate names selected.

Course Registration

Course Registrations are required for record keeping of course completion in SPSA's various training tracking programs. Contact your assigned area Training Advisor or cdmsadministratorspsa@gov.sk.ca for more details on forms and processes.

Course Syllabi

AV-201: AvSafe 201

Course Description

This course was designed to address safety for the passengers of chartered aircraft in the SPSA. It ensures that passengers are aware of helicopters and airplane design, features and limitations. It focuses on heightening awareness of passenger safety.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion students will have knowledge of:

- Helicopter: Controls, Hovering Flight, In Ground Effect, Translational Lift, Density Altitude, Project Planning, Autorotation
- Airplanes: Aerodynamics, Parts of a Plane, Forces Acting on an Airplane, Factors Affecting Lift, Turns, Stalling, Floatplanes and Propellor Safety
- Flight Physiology: G Force, Restraints, Motion Sickness, Fatigue, Flight Fitness
- Safety Checklist: Weather, Clothing, Survival, Dangerous Goods, Safety Equipment, Briefings

Target Audience

Crew Member, Crew Leader, ERT Lieutenant, ERT Captain, Fire Base Supervisor, Protection Officer, Investigator, Aerial Observer, Emergency Services Officer, Safety Advisor, or other staff requiring more consistent travel on chartered or SPSA-owned aircraft.

Current Offerings

August 5 – Prince Albert

Course Length

6 hours

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

Notes

Course is also a component of CIFCC Crew Leader and Aerial Observer courses.

Separate offering AV-101 is no longer offered and is an equivalent to AV-201.

AV-203: CIFFC Hover Emplane/Deplane

Course Description

This nationally recognized course is delivered to provide training to Crew Members and Crew Leaders to safely emplane and deplane helicopters in a hover state (where the helicopter is under power, and the pilot must manipulate the flight controls to maintain stable altitude).

Learning Objectives

Upon completion students will have knowledge and be able to demonstrate through a practical exercise:

- Procedures, briefings, exit site reconnaissance, exiting from a hover, cargo offloading, common signals, and safety procedures.

Target Audience

Crew Members, Crew Leaders

Current Offerings

Scheduled by Protection Bases – part of Recurrent Training

Course Length

8 hours (classroom and practical)

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

Annual recertification.

Notes

Course is offered as component of Land Operations Recurrent Training.

MUST have a Course Registration sent in annually with confirmation of class modules and practical components completed.

FI-110: Wildland Fire Observations and Origin Scene Protection

Course Description

The primary emphasis of this course is to teach sound wildland fire observations and origin scene protection practices that enable first responders to a wildland fire scene to perform proper origin scene protection procedures. The course is presented with short lectures, electronic presentations, exercises, and class discussion.

Learning Objectives

- Understand roles & responsibilities of first responder supporting investigation of wildland fire.
- List the key objectives that should be made when responding to a wildland fire.
- Understand the basic fire behaviour, fire pattern indicators that identify signs of general origin area and the various causes of wildland fire.
- Understand the requirements of the post-response phase, including the information transfer process.

Target Audience

Crew Leaders, ERT Lieutenant, ERT Captain, Investigator, Fire Base Supervisor, Protection Officer, Emergency Services Officer

Current Offerings

April 14 – VIRTUAL <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/22051763444140?p=3EsvLLzw6J66fLNAdv>

Course Length

4 hours

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

Notes

Wildland Fire Investigation Awareness presentation in Land Operations Recurrent Training is not an equivalent to this course.

FI-210: Wildfire Origin and Cause Determination

Course Description

This course focuses on the process of locating fire origin and determining fire causes. Classroom instruction will cover theory of using fire patterns to locate the ignition point of a fire and executive report preparation. Identification procedures and techniques will be addressed through formal lectures and case studies. Students will have the opportunity to apply classroom techniques through practical exercises and field labs.

Learning Objectives

- Perform the common roles and responsibilities of a wildland fire investigator involved in an initial investigation environment.
- Practice wildland fire investigation methods, evidence collection, and documentation processes in a realistic environment.
- Identify laws, regulations, and related court procedures associated with administrative, civil, and criminal litigation processes.
- Describe the fundamentals of investigation.
- Know the elements of professional code of conduct.

Target Audience

ERT Captain, Investigator, Fire Base Supervisor, Protection Officer, Emergency Services Officer

Current Offerings

Course expected to be hosted October 5-10 – HTC (Alberta)

Course Length

7 days

Prerequisites

FI-110, OW-210

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

IC-200 Incident Command System Basic

ICS 200

Course Description

IC-200 defines the unique qualities of ICS as an event or incident management system. This course focuses on the management of single resources. IC-200 provides training for personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the ICS.

Learning Objectives

At the successful completion of this course participants will be able to demonstrate basic knowledge of ICS through:

- Leadership & Management: chain of command, formal communication relationships, common leadership positions, span of control and modular development, and position titles.
- Delegation of Authority and Management by Objectives: scope of authority and the process by which authority is delegated.
- Management by objectives and Transfer of Command.
- Functional Areas and Positions: introduction to the process used to manage an incident, the function of organizational positions, and demonstrations of the use of an ICS 201 form.
- Briefings: operational briefings and field, staff and section briefings/meetings.
- Organizational Flexibility: modular organization expansion and contraction, complexity analysis, five types of incidents, and the importance of preparedness plans and agreements.

Target Audience

Crew Member, Crew Leader, ERT Lieutenant, ERT Captain, Emergency Services Officers, HRBP, Safety Advisor, Training Advisor, staff completing applicable Incident Management Team Task Books, others as required.

Current Offerings

As scheduled by Protection Bases and as required otherwise.

Course Length

2 days

Prerequisites

ICS 100

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

IC-300: Incident Command System

Intermediate ICS 300

Course Description

IC-300 defines the unique qualities of ICS as an event or incident management system in an expanding/escalating situation. IC-300 is designed to enable personnel to operate efficiently during an incident or event using ICS in supervisory roles on expanding or Type 3 Incidents.

Learning Objectives

At the successful completion of this course participants will be able to demonstrate intermediate knowledge of ICS as described in the following topics and learning outcomes:

- ICS Fundamentals Review: ICS fundamentals and organization, reporting and working relationships, information flow, and transfer of command.
- Unified Command: organization and functions in a multi-jurisdictional/multiagency incident. Roles & reporting relationships under unified command in single & multi-jurisdictional incidents.
- Incident Management Operations: methods and tools used to assess incident/event complexity and transferring and assuming incident command. The key principles of incident management operations and additional training on developing incident objectives, strategies, and tactics.
- Resource Management: steps of resource management and use of appropriate ICS forms.
- Planning Process: planning for incidents or events in reference to the major planning steps, such as logistical concerns, cost-benefit analysis, situational understanding, plan development, implementation, and evaluation.
- Demobilization, Transfer of Command: planning, impact of agency specific policies, procedures, and agreements, and terminating command

Target Audience

Fire Base Supervisors, Protection Officers, Emergency Services Officers, staff completing applicable Incident Management Team Task Books, others as required.

Current Offerings

June 2-4 – Prince Albert

Course Length

3 days

Prerequisites

ICS 200

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

IC-400: Incident Command System

Advanced ICS 400

Course Description

IC-400 is designed to enable personnel to operate efficiently in the advanced application of the Incident Command System. The course deals with the command and general staff functions during complex incidents, the implementation of the incident management process on a complex incident and the management and coordination process during multiple incidents.

Learning Objectives

At the successful completion of this course participants will be able to demonstrate intermediate knowledge of ICS as described in the following topics and learning outcomes:

- Command and General Staff: unified command functions in a multi-jurisdictional or multiagency, complex incident, major steps involved in the planning process, issues that influence incident complexity and available analysis tools, primary guidelines and responsibilities of the Command and General Staff positions.
- Major/Complex Incident/Event Management: Deputies and Assistants: primary factors affecting major and/or complex incidents and events, expansion options for incident/event organization.
- Area Command: principal advantages of area command, including how, where, and when area command would be established, area command organization and primary functions.
- Unified Command: Unified command structure and operations.
- Organizational Relationships: organizational relationships among area command, unified command, multi-entity coordination systems, and emergency operation centres/emergency coordination centres.

Target Audience

Protection Officers, Emergency Services Officers, staff completing applicable Incident Management Team Task Books, others as required.

Current Offerings

March 18-19 Prince Albert

Course Length

2 days

Prerequisites

ICS 300

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

IN-630: Chainsaw Operator Train the Trainer

Course Description

This course will prepare new trainers to deliver SPSA chainsaw operator training. It will provide recertification of the training, 2 days of curriculum delivery training and concludes with supervised and assessed delivery of the training to students.

Learning Objectives

Coming soon

Target Audience

Prospective instructors

Current Offerings

None planned for 2026.

Course Length

8 days

Prerequisites

Previously held certification as chainsaw operator and 3 years' operating experience

Expiry/Recertification

After completion of training requires course taught every 2 years

IN-631: Aviation Fuel Testing Train the Trainer

Course Description

This course will prepare a trainer to deliver OW-231 Aviation Fuel Testing to staff.

Learning Objectives

Coming soon

Target Audience

Prospective instructors

Current Offerings

None planned for 2026.

Course Length

4 hours

Prerequisites

OW-231 and previous experience with aviation fuel testing

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

IT-209: SK Dispatch

Course Description

SK Dispatch is used province wide to track and log information within the SPSA. Knowing how to use SK Dispatch is vital for dispatchers and other roles in the agency. This course is an introduction to the functionality of SK Dispatch and its features. Generally delivered with Radio Dispatcher training.

Learning Objectives

At the end of this course students will be able to use the following functions in SK Dispatch:

- Menu bar, toolbars, maps and layers
- Flooding forms
- Search and Rescue Forms
- Organization Icons and Forms
- Resources Icons and Forms
- Air Tanker Request Form
- Initial Phone Reports
- Resource Requests
- Values Protection Form
- Values at Risk Form
- Burn Notice Form
- Reports

Target Audience

Dispatcher, Fire Base Supervisor, Protection Officer

Current Offerings

Currently being offered as component of LS-203 Radio Dispatcher April 14-15.

Course Length

1 day

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

LM-300: Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) for Supervisors

Course Description

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) – information on SPSA CISM Program and how supervisors can request CISM interventions to support staff who have experienced a critical incident.

Learning Objectives

- What is Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)
- SPSA CISM Program Outline
- CISM Interventions – RITS, CMB, Defusing, Critical Incident Stress Debriefing
- What is Crisis Intervention
- Building resilience and other Mental Health information
- How CISM Program supports SPSA staff in a crisis situation

Target Audience

All SPSA People Leaders (supervisors) and staff completing applicable Incident Management Team Task Books

Current Offerings

Available on MY LEARN – PSC Client [PSCClient](#) | [SPSA CISM Awareness](#)

Course Length

45 minutes to 1 hour

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

LM-310: Leadership & Supervision Development

Course Description

This course is delivered to upskilled new and current leaders (supervisors). It provides an opportunity for networking with other leaders in the agency and ensure they have the information to successfully coach/mentor and develop others as it relates to organizational values and competencies. The learners will focus on coaching/mentorship and development skills that align with the organization's competencies affiliated with learning the organization's current values of the agency. The learners will learn about the responsibilities of supervision and safety as it relates to their roles in the agency, including regulatory requirements.

Learning Objectives

Following this course, students will be able to:

- Describe SPSA and Government of Saskatchewan values and alignment with strategic goals, leadership competencies, work plans and SMART objectives.
- Describe and demonstrate elements of coaching/mentorship, listening skills, communication techniques and feedback skills
- Describe supervisor's responsibilities in safety, 13 psychological health and safety factors, and review of workplace safety culture

Target Audience

SPSA People Leaders (all staff with supervisory roles), staff completing applicable Incident Management Team Task Books and for use as a development tool for emerging leaders.

Current Offerings

April 28-30 Prince Albert; August 11-13 Prince Albert

Course Length

3 days

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

Notes

This course serves as a replacement for LM-303 Effective Supervision. It also serves as the equivalent for SO-215 OH&S Supervision and Safety.

LS-101 Restricted Radio Operator Certificate – Aeronautical (ROC-A)

Course Description

The Restricted Radio Operator Certificate Aeronautical (ROC-A) is a type of radio operator certificate intended for aircraft pilots, airport radio operators, drone pilots, ground staff and other operating radios that use frequencies in the aeronautical band.

Learning Objectives

Students will learn:

- Requirements for licensing
- Regulations
- Operating Procedures
- Emergency Communications
- Urgency Communications

Target Audience

Operators of radios using the frequencies in the aeronautical band.

Current Offerings

Scheduled as per demand.

Course Length

4-8 hours

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

LS-201: Safe Food Handling

Course Description

This government-approved curriculum is designed to equip the learner with a comprehensive understanding of food safety that can be translated into responsible food handling practices in the workplace.

Learning Objectives

Students will learn the following:

- Understanding food contamination; food borne illness and allergy management; food safety laws
- Personal hygiene and workplace behaviour, time and temperature control, cleaning and sanitizing, maintaining food premises and equipment
- Purchasing, receiving and storing food safely, preparing food safely, serving and dispensing food safely
- Managing a food safety plan

Target Audience

Cooks, staff completing applicable Incident Management Team Task Books

Current Offerings

Contact your assigned Safety Advisor for more information.

Course Length

6 hours

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

LS-203: Radio Dispatcher (Protection Base)

Course Description

This course will prepare a Dispatcher to understand their day-to-day responsibilities at a Protection Base in support of operations staff and incident response. Generally, includes IT-209 – SK Dispatch training.

Learning Objectives

After this course students will have knowledge of Dispatchers' daily responsibilities as it relates to:

- Attendance
- Audits
- Daily Flight Reports
- Radio Logs
- Radio Operations and Communications
- Aircraft Coordination and Support
- Fire/Incident Information

Target Audience

Dispatcher, Fire Base Supervisor, or staff working towards applicable Incident Management Team Task Books

Current Offerings

April 14-15 – Prince Albert

Course Length

1 day

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

Notes

Taken together with IT-209 (SK Dispatch) for 2 days of total training.

OW-201: CIFFC Crew Member (S-131)

Course Description

This course prepares Crew Members to assume initial response, sustained action and mop-up roles in wildland fire response. Students will learn in the classroom and with practical demonstrations before having to conduct practical assessments on their ability to effectively use wildland fire suppression equipment.

Learning Objectives

Students will gain knowledge in:

- Fireline Safety
- Basic Fire Behaviour
- Fire Suppression
- Aviation Safety and Operations
- Pump Use and Maintenance
- Hose Lays and Water Application
- Hand Tools
- Sprinklers
- Basic Orienteering and Survival Skills

Target Audience

Crew Member, ERT Lieutenant

Current Offerings

SPSA-Led: April 19-25 Hannin Creek; May 3-9 Hannin Creek; June 7-13 Sandy Beach

or Hannin Creek; PAGC-Led: April 19-25 Sandy Beach, May 3-9 Sandy Beach

Course Length

6 Days

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

Notes

Includes ICS 100, WHIMS, TDG- Ground, OW-113, AV-201

PAGC-led training only include Type 2 contractors. SPSA-led training may include Type 2 contractors if space is available as Type 1's take priority.

OW-206 Basic Fire Behaviour

Course Description

This course will provide students with a basic overview of wildland fire behaviour.

Learning Objectives

After this course students will understand:

- Topography
- Weather
- Fuels

Target Audience

Crew Members, Aerial Observers, as required by role

Current Offerings

Available online if a required course for role or staff is completing applicable Incident Management Team Task Books – Contact your assigned Training Advisor for details.

Course Length

3 hours

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

Notes

Included in OW-201 – CIFFC Crew Member and OW-208 – Aerial Observer. Online equivalent is Unit 3: Fire Behaviour Fundamentals of CIFFC Crew Member.

OW-208: Aerial Observer

Course Description

This course is designed to prepare Aerial Observers with the skills require to perform daily duties in scanning for wildland fires, completing initial assessment report and communication information back to Protection Bases.

Learning Objectives

At the completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of:

- Role requirements
- Basic fire behaviour and fire assessments
- Communicating with pilots and dispatch
- Aviation occurrences and reporting
- Briefings, route planning, flight kits, scanning zones, initial smoke reports, determining fire size

Target Audience

Aerial Observers

Current Offerings

May 19-20 La Ronge

Course Length

2 days

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

Notes

Includes AV-201 – AvSafe) and OW-206 – Basic Wildland Fire Behaviour

OW-209: Canadian Forest Fire Behaviour Prediction System (CIFFC S-292)

Course Description

The Canadian Forest Fire Behaviour Prediction (FBP System online course will provide a systematic method for assessing fire behaviour. During this course, students will learn how to fuel, weather and topographic factors influence fire behaviour. By gaining an enhanced understanding of the inputs that make up the FBP system, students will have a better grasp on predicting wildfire behaviour

Learning Objectives

Coming soon

Target Audience

As required by role, staff working towards applicable Incident Management Team Task Books

Current Offerings

Online – contact your assigned Training Advisor.

Course Length

4 hours

Prerequisites

OW-211 – Understanding the Fire Weather Index System; OW-210 – Principles of Fire Behaviour; OW-206 – Basic Wildland Fire Behaviour

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

OW-210: Principles of Fire Behaviour (CIFFC S-290)

Course Description

Principles of Fire Behaviour is an intermediate level fire behaviour course that builds on pre-existing fire behaviour knowledge and was mandated by the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC). Principles of Fire Behaviour is a skill course designed to instruct you in wildland fire behaviour for effective and safe fire management. This course will help you anticipate fire behaviour based on a number of observable and measurable behaviours.

Learning Objectives

Coming soon

Target Audience

As required by role, staff working towards applicable Incident Management Team Task Books

Current Offerings

Online – contact your assigned Training Advisor.

Course Length

4 hours

Prerequisites

OW-206 – Basic Wildland Fire Behaviour

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

OW-211: Understanding the Fire Weather Index System (CIFFC S-291)

Course Description

Understanding the Fire Weather Index (FWI) System offers a comprehensive introduction to the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index (FWI) System, which is a critical tool used for assessing Wildland fire potential, and is one of the major subsystems or modules of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System. By taking this course students will learn about the three fuel moisture codes, three fire behaviour indexes and four weather observations that make up the FWI System.

Learning Objectives

Coming soon

Target Audience

As required by role, staff working towards applicable Incident Management Team Task Books

Current Offerings

Online – contact your assigned Training Advisor.

Course Length

4 hours

Prerequisites

OW-210 – Principles of Fire Behaviour; OW-206 – Basic Wildland Fire Behaviour

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

OW-212: Safety on the Fireline (CIFFC S-134)

Course Description

Wildland Fire - Safety on the Fireline aims to educate employees on how to avoid incidents on the fireline. This course is essential for anyone working on the fireline to ensure fireline personnel are aware of hazards and their associated risks. Safety is a major consideration in preventing wildland fire accidents.

Learning Objectives

Coming soon

Target Audience

As required by role, staff working towards applicable Incident Management Team Task Books

Current Offerings

Online – contact your assigned Training Advisor.

Course Length

4 hours

Prerequisites

OW-211 – CIFFC Understanding the Fire Weather Index System; OW-210 – CIFFC Principles of Fire Behaviour

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

OW-216: Heavy Equipment Line Locator

Course Description

This course is designed for those who will be assuming the role of the Heavy Equipment Line Locator on a wildfire response.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Explain the role of the Heavy Equipment Line Locator
- Establish routes for heavy equipment while following best practices in Reclamation Manual
- Plan and implement control line routes
- Demonstrate proper flagging techniques
- Explain methods of attack
- Work safely around heavy equipment
- Understand environmental and cultural considerations
- Understand Heavy Equipment Dailies process

Target Audience

Crew Members, Crew Leaders, staff completing applicable Incident Management Team Task Books

Current Offerings

Scheduled by Protection Bases – field delivery.

Course Length

1 day

Prerequisites

OW-206 – Basic Wildland Fire Behaviour

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

OW-223: Fire Behaviour Field Application Workshop

Course Description

This course is designed to develop students' understandings of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System. Students will be primarily exposed to the Canadian Forest Fire Behavior Prediction System (FBP) and the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index (FWI) System. Students will demonstrate the ability to produce weather data to use the FBP and FWI systems.

Learning Objectives

Stay tuned – under review in 2026.

Target Audience

Crew Members, Crew Leader, Fire Base Supervisor, staff completing applicable Incident Management Team Task Books

Current Offerings

None scheduled for 2026 – course is under review – contents of FBFAW will be included in Crew Leader and Task Force Leader training.

Course Length

3 days

Prerequisites

OW-206 – Basic Wildland Fire Behaviour

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

OW-224 Chainsaw Level 1 and OW-224 RC Chainsaw Recertification OW-324 Chainsaw Level 2 and OW-324 RC Chainsaw Recertification

Course Description

This course is designed to prepare students to operate chainsaws safely and correctly when bucking, limbing, brushing, and felling trees.

Learning Objectives

Students will gain knowledge and be able to demonstrate:

- Basic chainsaw maintenance
- Proper storage and transport
- Safe starting methods and carrying techniques
- Proper methods for brushing, bucking, limbing and felling
- Tree assessments

Target Audience

SPSA staff operating chainsaws

Current Offerings

Scheduled by Protection Bases – contact your Response Centre Coordinator.

Course Length

3 days full course, 1 day recertification (RC)

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

3 years

OW-231: Aviation Fuel Testing

Course Description

Learn fuel types and properties; containment; types of storage; provincial and federal standards; handling fuel safely and performing quality control (QC) tests and inspections; duty and documentation reports.

Learning Objectives

Coming soon

Target Audience

Base Support, as required by role, staff working towards applicable Incident Management Team Task Books

Current Offerings

Scheduled by Protection Bases – using the trained aviation fuel testing instructors – or contact your Response Centre Coordinator.

Course Length

1-1.5 days

Prerequisites

SO-102 – Fire Extinguisher PSC Client My Learning [TR-00814](#).

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

Notes

Protection Bases without instructors' contract Training Advisor for course instructing assistance.

OW-301: CIFFC Crew Leader (S-230)

Course Description

The course provides students with the theory portion of the Crew Leader certification. Students will develop an understanding of the agency policy and organization; safety responsibilities; leadership and supervision; fire behavior and the fire environment; the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System; fireline safety; wildland fire assessment and reporting; fire operations; air operations; communications; preparedness, mobilization and demobilization; orienteering; crew health and welfare; and fire administration.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course students will have knowledge (built from previous courses) of:

- Safety Responsibilities
- Leadership and Supervision
- Fire Behaviour
- Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating
- Fireline Safety & Crew Health and Welfare
- Fireline Operations
- Fire Assessments
- Administration

Target Audience

Crew Members, Crew Leaders

Current Offerings

SPSA-led: May 11-15 Hannin Creek; June 15-19 Hannin Creek; **PAGC-led:** May 11-15

Sandy Beach; June 15-19 Sandy Beach

Course Length

5 days

Prerequisites

OW-201 – CIFFC Crew Member

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

Notes

PAGC-led training only includes Type 2 contractors. SPSA-led training may include Type 2 contractors if space is available as Type 1's take priority.

OW-304 Task Force/Strike Team Leader (S-330)

Course Description

This course will prepare an individual to assume the role of Task Force and Strike Team Leader on a wildfire incident. Towards the end of the course students demonstrate values/structure protection techniques by deploying 25 sprinklers.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course students will have knowledge (progressively advanced from previous courses) on:

- Roles and responsibilities of a TFL/STL
- Leadership and supervision principles
- Incident deployment and arrival tasks
- Risk management and fireline strategy
- Aviation Operations
- Fire Suppression Tactics
- Demobilization

Target Audience

Crew Members, Crew Leaders, staff working towards applicable Incident Management Team Task Books

Current Offerings

May 19-22 Hannin Creek

Course Length

4 days

Prerequisites

OW-301 – CIFFC Crew Leader; OW-210 – CIFFC Principles of Fire Behaviour; OW-211 – CIFFC Understanding the Fire Weather Index System

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

OW-305: Ground Ignition

Course Description

This course will prepare students to plan and manage ground ignition operations.

Learning Objectives

At the completion of the course students will have knowledge of and demonstrate

- Three ignition methods
- Suppression tactics using burning
- Safety considerations
- Common ignition patterns
- Use of a drip torch
- Completing Ground Ignition Operations Plan and Burn Evaluation

Target Audience

Crew Members, Crew Leaders, as required by role, staff working towards applicable Incident Management Team Task Books

Current Offerings

Scheduled by Protection Bases.

Course Length

1 day (classroom and practical)

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

OW-306: Intermediate Wildland Fire Behaviour

Course Description

Designed to improve the fire behavior knowledge of fire program staff and prepare candidates to attend the CIFFC nationally delivered "Advanced Wildland Fire Behavior" course.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion students will have a intermediate knowledge of:

- Weather and implications of fire behaviour
- Fire Weather Index
- Fire Behaviour Documentation
- Physical Characteristics of Fuels/Forest Fire Types
- Topographic Effects on Fire Behaviour
- FBP System
- Forecasting and Projection Procedures

Target Audience

As required by role, staff working towards applicable Incident Management Team Task Books

Current Offerings

May 25-29 Prince Albert

Course Length

4 days

Prerequisites

OW-223 – FBFAW; OW-211 – CIFFC Understanding the Fire Weather Index System; OW-210 – CIFFC Principles of Fire Behaviour; OW-209 – CIFFC Canadian Forest Fire Behaviour Prediction System; OW-206 – Basic Wildland Fire Behaviour

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

OW-402: Aerial Ignition (workshop)

Course Description

The course focuses on the use and maintenance of the A.I.D. and Helitorch ignition tools. Focus is also given to fire management strategy and tactics, logistical inventory and needs, and finally ICS interactions and administrative duties are reviewed.

Learning Objectives

Coming soon

Target Audience

Member of Aerial Ignition Team.

Current Offerings

May 12-14 Prince Albert

Prerequisites

Contact Cory Wilson – for workshop information

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

SO-100: Powered Mobile Equipment Theory

Course Description

This course is the first step in operating Powered Mobile Equipment at the SPSA. It provides background on legislation, types of equipment, safety considerations, pre-use inspections and other factors to ensure the safe operations of powered mobile equipment.

Learning Objectives

Coming soon

Target Audience

As required by role.

Current Offerings

Self-Study available on Basecamp [HR Safety & Training - Safety Documents - SO-106 PME 4 Hour Self-Study - All Documents](#)

Or contact your assigned Safety Advisor for assistance.

Course length

4 hours

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

Notes

Updated course 2026.

SO-102: Fire Extinguisher

Course Description

This training course equips individuals with the knowledge and skills to safely and effectively use fire extinguishers, understand fire classifications, and follow emergency procedures

Learning Objectives

Coming soon

Target Audience

As required by role.

Current Offerings

Available online through PSC Client My Learning [TR-00814](#).

Course Length

2 hours

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

Notes

Group course participation is approved for Labour Service staff.

No practical demonstration of skills is required unless in Air Operations as per regulations.

SO-103: Skid Steer Operator

Course Description

This course will prepare a student to safely operate a Skid Steer.

Learning Objectives

After completion of this course students will have knowledge of and be able to demonstrate:

- Equipment features
- Safety and pre-use inspection
- Start up, controls and testing
- Equipment operation
- Bucket operation

Target Audience

As required for duties.

Current Offerings

TBD – upon request – contact Director, Safety Justin Pearce justin.pearce@gov.sk.ca or your assigned Safety Advisor.

Course Length

Up to 12 hours

Prerequisites

SO-100 – PME Theory

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

SO-202: Transportation of Dangerous Goods – Ground

Course Description

This course, mandated by Transport Canada, provides training on safety handling, transportation and emergency response procedures for dangerous goods, covering classification, packaging, labeling and documentation.

Learning Objectives

Coming soon.

Target Audience

As required for duties.

Current Offerings

April 8 Virtual <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/24075845286346?p=6dKSAHid3MKc4H6y9D>

April 16 Virtual <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/27846122763127?p=qrYzs7Ct0qzmDu5uYB>

April 28 Virtual <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2390476417766?p=ooYHknyGCZuPGZyMus>

May 5 Virtual <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/29704381395726?p=CRtzyOw3Z6KbgDeQPM>

Course Length

2 hours

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

3 years

SO-204 First Aid Intermediate/CPR C/AED and First Aid Intermediate /CPR/AED Recertification (SO-204 RC)

Course Description

Learn how to save lives by enrolling in our comprehensive two-day course focused on first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and AED for adults, children, and infants.

Learning Objectives

Students will learn about the following:

- CPR for adults, children and infants
- Using AED's
- Chocking and breathing emergencies
- Mental health first aid
- Bleeding and burn management
- Bone and joint injuries
- Environmental emergencies

Target Audience

Crew Members, Crew Leaders and other staff as required by role.

Current Offerings

June 23-24 Prince Albert (ERA); June 2-3 and June 23-24 La Ronge (NRA/AO); June 23-24 Big River (NRA) - (all Full Course)

Full Course SPSA – TBD

Recertification SPSA – TBD

Course Length

2 days full course; 1 day recertification

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

Notes

SPSA offers CPR C. Candidate selection based on needs requirement of individuals role and location.

SO-205: Occupational Health Committee (OHC) Level 1

Course Description

Occupational Health Committee (OHC) Level one is an introductory course designed to introduce students to relevant OH&S legislation and the roles and responsibilities of an OHC.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, OHC members and OHS reps will know:

- How to locate relevant information in Saskatchewan OHS legislation to address OHS issues in their workplace.
- The requirements for establishing and operating an effective OHC.
- The duties and role of the OHC within the OHS Workplace Responsibility System.
- How to identify and assess workplace hazards.
- How to identify and recommend corrective actions to control workplace hazards.
- How to handle OHS concerns and how to investigate refusals to work as it relates to safety.

Target Audience

OHC Members, SPSA People Leaders (supervisors), Safety Advisors

Current Offerings

Online or Virtual through [WorkSafe Saskatchewan](#).

Course Length

2-4 hours online; 7.5 hours virtual

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

Notes

Online and virtual courses must be taken individually. Can be completed on mobile device.

SO-206: Occupation Health Committee (OHC) Level 2 (Inspections and Investigations)

Course Description

Occupational Health Committee (OHC) Level Two course is designed to introduce students to the legislative requirements for workplace inspections and investigations, conducting and recording inspections and investigations and developing after action reports.

Learning Objectives

Coming soon

Target Audience

OHC Co-Chairs, SPSA People Leaders (supervisors), Safety Advisors

Current Offerings

Online or Virtual through [WorkSafe Saskatchewan](#).

Course Length

2 hours online; 7.5 hours virtual

Prerequisites

SO-205 – OHC Level 1

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

Notes

Online and virtual courses must be taken individually. Can be completed on mobile device.

SO-223: UTV Operator

Course Description

The course is conducted by Canadian Safety Council certified instructors. The curriculum is based on field-tested techniques. A UTV is designed to be a safe vehicle when used as intended. The key to safe operation is YOUR knowledge of the vehicle; recognizing and accepting it as a motorized vehicle; respecting its capabilities and its limitations; varying operating conditions; and good judgement and courtesy. Recognizing your own capabilities and limitations is also a very important factor for the safe operation of your UTV.

Learning Objectives

Coming soon

Target Audience

As required by duties.

Current Offerings

Scheduled by Protection Base. Additional courses schedule by demand – Contact Director, Safety Justin Pearce justin.pearce@gov.sk.ca

Course Length

Up to 12 hours

Prerequisites

SO-100 – PME Theory

Expiry/Recertification

N/A. Must demonstrate use of UTV every three years to remain valid.

Notes

Equivalencies to be assessed by Safety Advisor.

SO-224: ATV Operator

Course Description

The course is conducted by Canadian Safety Council certified instructors. The curriculum, which is based on field-tested techniques, provides a structured way to learn proper ATV operation. The rider learns about controls, reading terrain, turning and climbing hills.

Learning Objectives

Coming soon

Target Audience

As required by duties.

Current Offerings

Scheduled by Protection Base. Additional courses schedule by demand – Contact Director, Safety Justin Pearce justin.pearce@gov.sk.ca

Course Length

Up to 12 hours

Prerequisites

SO-100 – PME Theory

Expiry/Recertification

N/A. Must demonstrate use of ATV every three years to remain valid.

Notes

Equivalencies to be assessed by Safety Advisor.

SO-304: Mental Health First Aid

Course Description

At the SPSA, we are on a path to enhancing our wellness and support of each other in the workplace. Participants will improve their capacity to interact meaningfully with others who may be experiencing declining mental well-being, as well as gain insights and strategies to support co-workers, family members, friends, colleagues, and self.

Learning Objectives

Participants will learn how to:

- Recognize signs that a person may be experiencing a decline in their mental well-being or substance use crisis.
- Have conversations that encourage a person to talk about their mental well-being, discuss professional and other support that could help recovery, and reach out to these supports.
- Assist in a mental health or substance use crisis.
- Check in with one's own mental well-being and act as needed.

Target Audience

As needed.

Current Offerings

Scheduled dates TBD – notification will come out from Carole Stewart.

Course Length:

2 days

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A

SO-400: Fall Protection Competent Inspector

Course Description

The Competent Person for Equipment Inspection course is designed for the fall protection equipment user, or at-risk worker, as well as their supervisors and the safety professional. It is also designed for those in the tool room who may issue fall protection gear to others and who are required to perform regular inspections on it.

Learning Objectives

At completion of this course, the participants will be able to discuss and demonstrate the following topics:

- Consensus standards as they relate to inspection
- Formal documentation requirements
- Formal inspection processes, including criteria for pass/fail and disposal of equipment
- Equipment cleaning and storage

Target Audience

Safety Advisors, Individuals assigned with completing annual inspections of fall protection equipment

Current Offerings

Contact Director, Safety Justin Pearce justin.pearce@gov.sk.ca

4 hours

Prerequisites

None

Expiry/Recertification

N/A