

## Training-Fire

(LCFR) Training Division develops & delivers weekly department training for all three (3) shifts to ensure (LCFR) meets its mission and vision statement, to include receiving the required 24-hours for state certification per O.C.G.A. 205-1-3-.04 as well as the required (ISO) hours.

Facility Training	All fire personnel	18 hours
Company Training	All fire personnel	192 hours
Officer Training	Lieutenants/Acting Officers	12 hours
Hazmat Training	All fire personnel	6 hours
Driver/Operator Training	Relief Driver and above	12 hours
Investigation	Investigators	40 hours
Fire & Life Safety Education	Fire and Life Safety Educators	10 hours
Inspection	Inspectors	24 hours

While the State of Georgia only requires the 24-hours of minimum training, Lowndes County Fire Rescue (LCFR) requires our career staff to complete at least 216-hours for Firefighters, 228-hours for Driver Operators & 240-hours for Officers annually to satisfy the more stringent requirements of the Insurance Services Organization (ISO). While (ISO) credit is a major factor for (LCFR) being able to obtain the best rating possible, the primary reason for the additional training provides career staff the opportunity for professional growth to expand their knowledge and skill set in an all-hazards service. This additional training also paves the pathway for career staff to promote to higher-level positions within (LCFR). Today's fire service being considered an all-hazards service, with stringent training requirements, allows our organization to provide the highest level of service to our citizens and community stakeholders, by enabling our staff to obtain and maintain numerous specialized certifications in areas, such as hazardous materials response, technical rescue, medical response, vehicle extrication techniques, water rescue emergencies, community-risk reduction, etc.

All career staff are required by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council (GFSTC) to complete at least 24-hours of training each year to maintain their state certification. The required 24-hours by (GFSTC) also ensures that any specialized state certifications are maintained (i.e.. Inspector, Investigator).