

D14 Training Report FY 2020

D14 tried a new initiative in order to get member of D14 into MA Fire Academy (MFA) classes that have long waiting lists by entering into contract with the MFA for “muni-hire” programs. This investment into our members allowed classes to be taught by MFA instructors with MFA curriculum to the NFPA standards. D14 became the sponsor and each individual department shared the cost of the program by paying a fee on a per attendee basis.

With that, D14 sponsored a Fire Instructor 1 class in the fall of 2019. This class was hosted by the Westborough Fire Dept. All students were D14 members and were taught to the NFPA 1041 standard for Instructor Level #1. This class prepared them in how to teach in the fire service as well as it prepared them to sit for the national certification exam.

The Instructor 1 program was very successful and the District wanted to follow suit to the next level of training. In late winter of 2020 Southborough Fire hosted the Fire Officer 1 class. Much like Instructor 1, this class taught the D14 members key aspects at entry level officer skills. The class was taught to the NFPA 1021 standard and this training, along with Instructor 1 certification, allowed eligible members to sit for the national certification exam.

Along with these classes, lines of communication were kept open with the MFA and MFTC meetings were attended.

I'd like to thank all of the D14 Chiefs in their support of efforts to continue to training efforts for D14.

Respectfully,

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