



# Lehigh Emergency Services

## Training Academy

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### Memorandum

**To:** Lehigh County Fire Chief's Association

**From:** Lehigh Emergency Services Training Academy

**Date:** October 30<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Subject:** 2026 Training Updates / Bucks Training Information

LESTA met with the leadership of Bucks Community College Public Safety division to discuss our options for training in 2026 and beyond. Due to recent changes in the fee structure and the elimination of the traditional TMP Packages Bucks had offered in the past, the college is now offering us a "Bundled Package" of training for Non-Certification Courses (i.e. Pumps 1, Truck 1, EVDT ect.). The following non-certification courses are being offered for 2026 at **no cost** to the student or department:

- a. One (1) Truck Company Operations 1 – 16 hrs
- b. One (1) Truck Company Operations 2 - 16 hrs
- c. One (1) Pump Operations 1 – 16 hrs
- d. One (1) Pump Operations 2 – 16 hrs
- e. One (1) RIT Basic – 16 hrs
- f. One (1) RIT Advanced – 16 hrs
- g. One (1) Emergency Boat and Rescue Operations (EBOR) – 16 hrs
- h. One (1) Ice Rescue and Emergency Response – 16 hrs
- i. One (1) Water Rescue and Emergency Response – 16 hrs
- j. One (1) Basic Fire Police
- k. One (1) Advanced Fire Police
- l. One (1) Confined Space Awareness
- m. One (1) Structural Collapse Awareness / Operations
- n. One (1) Trench Rescue Awareness / Operations
- o. One (1) HMAR – 2 hrs
- p. Four (4) HMOR – 6 hrs
- q. One (1) EVDT – 16 hrs
- r. One (1) Engine Company Operations – 16 hrs
- s. One (1) Fire Fighter Survival – 16 hrs
- t. One (1) Forcible Entry – 16 hrs
- u. One (1) G-191 ICS/EOC Interface
- v. One (1) G-235 Emergency Planning
- w. One (1) G-393 Mitigation for Emergency Managers
- x. One (1) G/L-105 Public Information Basics
- y. One (1) G/L-146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program

- z. One (1) G/L-2300 Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions
- aa. One (1) ICS 300
- bb. One (1) ICS 400

Proboard Certification Classes, LESTA has never covered the cost of these classes. We will still offer and run them, for example Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2. However, Bucks will be charging the student upfront immediately upon registration. You will not be able to register for a certification class without payment first. The cost per person for a certification class in 2026 will be \$280, this is about \$100 more than previous.

### **Registration Changes**

The changes regarding how students will sign up for classes that we are hosting are as follows. Proboard Certification classes will be done directly through Bucks new LMS program called Campus Marketplace. We will have the ability to restrict any and all classes to Lehigh County First Responders if we choose too. Since these classes are no longer deducting hours from our package as in the past, our stance on allowing outside county first responders may be lax on that, however priority will always be given to the Lehigh Responder. **You MUST pay \$280/pp for the class upfront to be accepted into the class.**

Non-Certification classes will remain on PA Train. All students will be given a coupon code from LESTA and then will need to proceed to Campus Marketplace to sign up after verification of chief officer authorization.

**This is still subject to change as we navigate the changes with Bucks County Public Safety.**

### **No Show Policy Update**

Due to the increase in pricing for the student fee. LESTA has decided to increase the no-show fee to match the Per Student Registration Fee. Please see the attached updated policy update. This will take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

  
Matt Eharth, Director

  
Joe Light, Fire Training Coordinator