



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Personnel

FROM: Special Operations Captain Green

SUBJECT: Hazardous Materials Technician School

UFA will host a five-week Hazardous Materials Technician School from April 28 to May 30, 2025. The school will provide technician-level instruction in chemistry, emergency response, site practices, PPE, decontamination, and monitoring/detection in the hazardous environment in accordance with applicable standards.

This training is required for personnel wishing to promote to the Hazardous Materials Technician position. Following the Professional Development Plan, personnel who possess Hazardous Materials Technician training may receive preference in getting assigned to the UFA HazMat Specialty Program. UFA will make seats available to Firefighters, promoted Specialists (Engineer and Paramedic), and Officers who want to attend this school and gain the experience/certifications to potentially join the HazMat Program when an opening comes available. Preference will also be given to those individuals in the HazMat program who did not possess certification at the time of their assignment. Certification is required to remain assigned to the HazMat Program.

Full attendance is required to complete the school and to be eligible for certification. Each candidate will be responsible for attending school on their days off with no monetary reimbursement. However, if the candidate is on-duty, time to attend school will be covered by the Department. How that time is covered will be at the discretion of the Emergency Services AC and the Operations Chief. Candidates will not be responsible for getting trades or covering their shift while on duty.

The Hazardous Materials Technician School will not be tied to the promotional process. The promotional process will be separate from the school and will be administered at a later date following the completion of the school.

Additional information for submitting interest in the Hazardous Materials Technician School will be sent out in March 2025.

Any questions about Hazardous Materials Technician School, please contact [Captain Green](#) or 801-970-3750.