

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number: FST 140**

**Credits: 4**

**Course Title: Fire Officer I**

**Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts)**

Presents a basic course to help individuals develop the skills needed to supervise and direct personnel and manage resources at the company level, and is based on the requirements of the current edition of NFPA 1021, Standards for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications. Prepares the student for certification as Fire Officer I. Lecture 4 hours per week.

**Course Prerequisites/Corequisites (Entry-level competencies *required* for enrollment)**

None

**Course Objectives (Each item should complete the following sentence.)**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

1. Understand the management of personnel at company level.
2. Identify the authority and responsibility of fire department components.
3. Complete the reports required of a supervisor.
4. Identify the factors to be considered in controlling a fire situation.

**Major Topics to be Included**

1. Human resource management
2. Community awareness/public relations
3. Organizational structure
4. Budget
5. Communication skills
6. Information management
7. Planning
8. Inspection, investigation, and public education
9. Emergency service delivery
10. Safety

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year): October 1, 2008**