

2020 LNG / LP SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Most Comprehensive LNG Safety and Emergency Response Training Program in the Industry. Complete your LNG /LPG Emergency Training and Fulfill U.S. DOT Requirements in 2 Days!

The Northeast Gas Association, in partnership with the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA), offers the most comprehensive LNG/LP safety and emergency response training program in the country, combining classroom instruction and hands-on training.

NGA has been monitoring the impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and recognizes the limitations on travel that many companies and agencies have implemented.

NGA and the MFA are still going to hold classes this fall, but in a new modified way. The classroom session will not be on site at the MFA in Stow MA. Instead, the classroom session will be offered virtually, and you are required to register and attend **one classroom session**. The hands-on sessions will still be held on site at MFA, 1 State Road, Stow, MA.

VIRTUAL CLASSROOM SESSION:

- Virtual Classroom sessions begins at 9:00 AM, Zoom details will be sent via email.

HANDS-ON SESSION:

- Hands-On fire fighting training, involving real life situations, starting at 7:30 AM.
- Full firefighting gear is distributed to each student for training purposes.
- Locker rooms and showers are available on site.
- Certificates awarded to participants who successfully complete the full program.

The Fall classes are not consecutive sessions. You are required to register for one virtual classroom session and a separate registration for one hands-on session. Again you do not have to take them together, you just have to complete each to receive a certificate.



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THE PROGRAM The curriculum has been designed to address the requirements set forth in the Department of Transportation regulations pertaining to LNG emergency training. The Program is recognized throughout the globe and has been attended by over 2,500 individuals from the United States and other countries (e.g., Chile, Trinidad and Tobago, Qatar, Singapore and Mexico). The relationship originated in the 1970's and was developed based on a common need to provide information and training involving natural gas, liquid natural gas (LNG) and propane. This unique public/private sector relationship has resulted in the development and operation of the LNG Safety and Emergency Response Training Program.

Day One—Classroom Instruction

9:00 AM—3:00 PM Virtually

- Basic characteristics of natural gas, LNG and propane
- Essential information re: multi-agency operations, NIMS/ICS, nature of fire, LNG in storage and transportation, LNG/LPG chemical properties and examples of actual incidents
- In-depth discussion of practical scenarios
- Classroom is no longer restricted since it is virtual

Day Two—Hands-On Training

7:30 AM—3:00 PM

- Students fitted into full firefighting gear and experience LNG Emergency situations first hand
- Interactions learned in the classroom are experienced in the field through a series of props
- For security purposes, you are not allowed to bring your own equipment.

- ◇ Hands-on sessions are limited to 24 students.
- ◇ Certificates are awarded to those successfully completing the full program.
- ◇ Gear is cleaned after each use (please see next page for more details).

FACULTY Norm Seymour is the Coordinator of the Flammable Gas Office at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Norm has been with the MFA for 20+ years and an active fireman for 25+ years. In addition to Norm, 8-12 (depending on class size) fire personnel with similar qualifications, assist with the training.

Dates—Fall Virtual

Classroom - All Classroom sessions start at 9:00 AM

- September 2
- September 30
- November 4

Dates—Fall Hands-On

- September 3
- September 10
- October 1
- October 8
- October 15
- October 22
- November 5

Location

Massachusetts Firefighting Academy
One State Road
Stow, Massachusetts

Overnight Accommodations

Discounted room rates are available at the Holiday Inn in Marlborough, MA. 800-315-2621 or 508-481-3000
The Hotel is 15 minutes from the Academy.

2-Day Program Rates/Fees

LDC Member: \$945
Associate Member: \$1,145
Non-NGA Member: \$1,995

Cancellation Policy

Payment must accompany registration in order for space to be held. Confirmed registrants who fail to attend and have not cancelled their registration two weeks prior to the session are responsible for the entire fee.

Registration

Register online at www.northeastgas.org, by selecting the tab “Training & Qualifications”, followed by “LNG/LP Safety and Emergency Response Training.”

Program Contact

Contact Eileen Sitte @ 781-455-6800 (1170) or email at esitte@northeastgas.org or Heather Vieira @ 781-455-6800 (1030) or email at hvieira@northeastgas.org if you have program or registration questions.

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Hands-On Session Details and Safety Procedures

The hands-on session will be held this Fall, at Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, 1 State Road, Stow, MA.

Please see the following details.

- 1) Report time will be 7:30 AM ET, One State Road, Stow, MA Thursday, for hands-on session only.
- 2) Students will park in the lower lot to the left of the front entrance and wait at their vehicles until met by our staff.
- 3) Students should arrive with face masks to be worn when exiting their car.
- 4) Students will be escorted to the gas field for the day's training.
- 5) Student will be taken to where the gear is stored, and they will be informed when masks can be removed. Students are NOT to remove masks unless directed by MFA staff.
- 6) At the end of training, students will be released from the gas field and escorted back to their vehicles.
- 7) NGA is still working on the logistics of food (a pre-packaged continental breakfast and boxed lunch).

All the gear at the Academy has been cleaned, dried, sprayed and secured in our storage building. Any gear that is used will be kept separate and cleaned before being placed back in the building to prevent any cross-contamination.

The MFA will require that liability waivers be submitted electronically for the foreseeable future. Please sign the waiver using the hyperlink below and send it back to Eileen Sitte at esitte@northeastgas.org, so we can confirm your registration. We will need these completed and sent back prior to your attending the on-site session.

• MA Fire Academy classes waiver form https://www.northeastgas.org/pdf/waver_form.pdf

As Always, **Please Continue To Use The Recommended COVID-19 Safety Practices.** If you are sick or have a fever or any flu-/virus-like symptoms, report this immediately to your company supervisor and consult your physician.

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then immediately throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not immediately available use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Regularly disinfect your phones and handheld devices as these are some of the dirtiest items we carry.
- Regularly clean the interior of vehicles, and limit multiple personnel sharing a vehicle.
- Maintain social distancing whenever possible [six (6) feet distance, even more so if possible, from anyone coughing or sneezing]. Avoid shaking hands and touching others.
- Use "non-circulating mode" for vehicle air conditioning/heating/ventilation.