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Baker Technical Institute selected to provide first-response training for federal workers

Wilderness First Responder program prepares US Forest Service employees for advanced medical response

September 15, 2016 – BAKER CITY, Ore. – In an emergency, a properly trained first responder can make a life-or-death difference. Whether it’s an injured hiker on a remote trail or a wildland firefighter suffering from smoke inhalation, proper medical training is essential.

That’s why the U.S. Forest Service has selected Baker Technical Institute to provide Wilderness First Responder training and certifications for its employees. Employees will receive medical training, leadership, and critical thinking for remote outdoor emergency situations.

“This type of training is ideal for our staff and for those who may be facing a life or death situation on federal land,” says Nathan Goodrich, Zone Fire Management Officer for the U.S. Forest Service. “Whether we are in the mountains, battling a fire or confronted with extreme elements, we want to be prepared to address medical issues.”

A key factor in the Forest Service’s decision to partner with BTI, a leading provider of career technical education programs, was the opportunity to work with instructor Dr. Kaare Tingelstad. A physician who has trained EMS agencies and wilderness guides, Tingelstad also has experience in wild and hostile situations as a paramedic, ski patroller, search and rescue member, and naval officer.

Classes like Wilderness First Responder, offered as part of BTI’s health services career program, advance the skills of a particular workforce. Classes are also aimed at learners interested in pursuing a career in healthcare, or can be customized to train those wanting the skill sets for an adventurous lifestyle.

“Interest in emergency response medical skills in a remote setting continues to be in high demand,” said Doug Dalton, President of BTI. “Future courses are planned in Oregon and around the Pacific Northwest that range from Wilderness First Aid to Wilderness Advanced Life Support.”

For more information about upcoming coursework and programs offered at Baker Technical Institute, call 541-519-2671.

About Baker Technical Institute

Headquartered in Baker City, Oregon, Baker Technical Institute is a leading provider of Career Technical Education programs designed to develop the next generation of skilled workers, technology innovators, entrepreneurs, and community leaders in rural communities. Baker Technical Institute offers the very latest education and training, leading to certification in high-salary, high-demand careers in various fields including Agriculture Sciences, Building Trades, Natural Resources/Environmental Sciences, Engineering, Health Services, Welding, and Metal Technology. Baker Technical Institute faculty and staff are committed to ensuring that programs stay on the cutting-edge of business know-how and technological innovations. www.bakerti.org

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