

eBOOK

A firefighter in a dark blue uniform sits on the bumper of a white KME fire truck, looking at a laptop. The truck has orange and white stripes and a "KME KOVATCH" logo on the grille. The background is slightly blurred, showing a street scene.

Top 7 Things to Look for in a **Continuing Education Provider for Firefighters**

Introduction

As a firefighter, you know how difficult it is to keep up with changes in the field. New products come on the market, outdated techniques are abandoned or replaced, and research drives changes in tactics and strategies. As someone dedicated to saving lives, your responsibility is to stay abreast of these latest advances, and one way to achieve this is through continuing education.

Fortunately, the same technological advances that have improved the services you deliver are also available for your continuing education. Gone are the days of mandatory attendance and tailoring your work and home life around classroom and academic schedules. Now, the latest advances in firefighting are delivered right to your laptop or smartphone, wherever and whenever you choose.

But not all programs are created equal.



Here are 7 things you should require your continuing education provider to deliver:



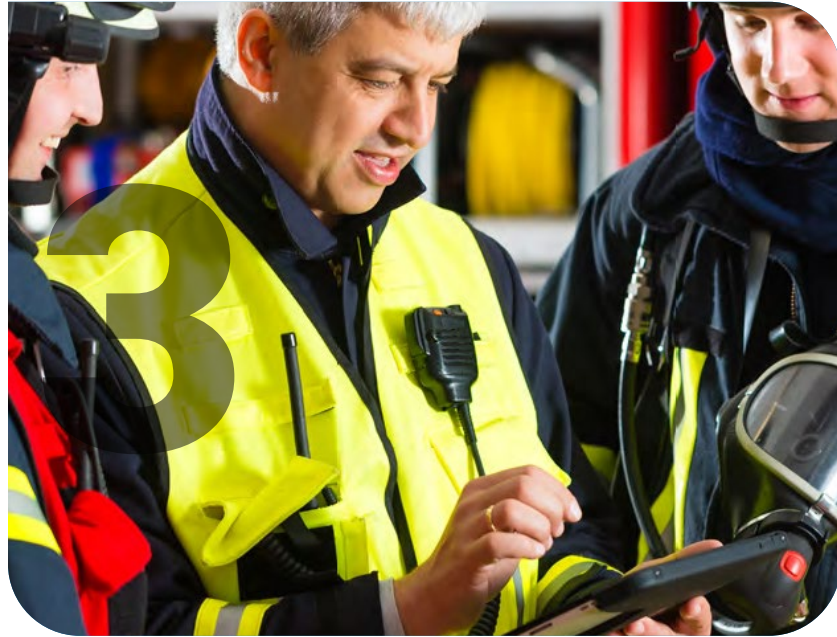
Accessibility

For education to be effective, it must first be accessible. And with today's technology, the classroom is just a click away. Delivery options must be available to suit the audience and learning environment.



Flexibility

Emergency calls do not occur on schedule—a four car pile-up is not going to wait until you finish your lesson. You must be ready around the clock, which means your continuing education must be just as flexible. Choose a program that is tailored to your active work environment.



Accuracy

The most important aspect of any educational program is its content. Continuing education credits must meet state and national requirements. It must not only be current, but also provide detailed information for a well-rounded learning experience. The days of rigid protocols are behind us. Today's professionals must thoroughly understand treatment strategies, signs of trauma, and scene control in order to improve patient outcomes, protect property, and ensure the safety of emergency personnel.



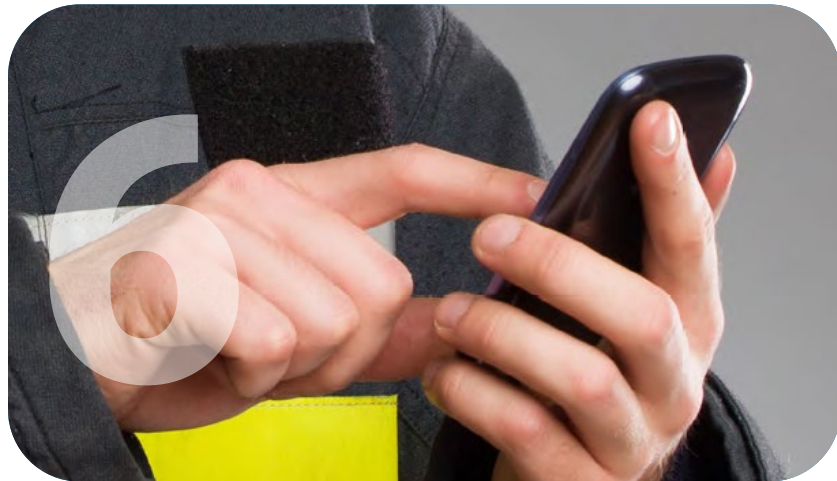
Engagement

Learning should be exciting. Learning should be enjoyable. Learning should stimulate the mind and energize the body. Let's face it: A dry, dusty textbook or a one-dimensional PowerPoint presentation achieves none of these goals. Emergency personnel thrive on action. Therefore, their continuing education must engage and stimulate. Why simply read about a new technique when you can visualize it through interactive videos? Support materials for conducting practice scenarios are also a must.



Affordability

Everything comes down to budget. Even the most cutting-edge, comprehensive program is useless if no one can afford it.



Automated Reporting

The last thing anyone wants to think about is paperwork and managing to-do items. The best continuing education programs will automate the process so that your certifications and transcripts are managed easily with a central repository for supervisors to pull your information and remind you of upcoming expirations.



Industry Experts

And finally, make sure you are learning from the best. Your continuing education courses should be managed and taught by industry and subject matter experts who are knowledgeable in their area of expertise. Only choose a provider with an advisory panel made up of experts to make sure you are getting the best content available.



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