I. **FSM Mission Statement:** The Fire and Homeland Security program will be designed to meet the needs of the fire service professional. The increased demand for a highly educated professional fuels the demand for this program not only from current and former students but also the industry itself. The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) has developed a Chief Officer Designation (CFOD) and professional model matrix. These two programs along with a higher demand for fire personnel to have a master’s degree to hold the fire chief’s position make this program in high demand among the fire service. Currently there are only 7 programs in the country that afford fire personnel this opportunity. This academic setting of this program will foster creative thinking and communication skills in our pursuit of excellence.

II. **Course Description:** Students will receive the preparation necessary to uniquely manage and make critical decisions regarding a major incident or disaster. The course focuses on specialized decision making processes involving analytical methods and information management; interaction with other agencies and effective coordination of roles and efforts within a structured command system offer the crisis manger decisions in an unstructured environment; major events that have happened to the fire service; how to prepare for the unexpected, including how to be a strong leader dealing with instant life and death decision making on the emergency scene.

III. **Prerequisite:** None

IV. **Text, Reference Material, and Supplies:**

V. **Course Outcomes/Objectives:**

**TOPICAL OUTLINE**