



## FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY INFO SHEET

The staff of Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) Public Safety Training appreciates your interest in our program. The demands of the fire service require those entering the profession to be disciplined, motivated, and well-trained. The intent of this information sheet is to outline the application process for the Academy.

### Prerequisites

- Applicant must be 18 years of age by the start date of the academy.
- Applicant must furnish a copy of a high school diploma or equivalent.
- A copy of CASAS Reading Goal of 249 or higher OR an official college transcript showing successful completion of a college level English class within the past ten (10) years.
- Applicant must be a volunteer or employee of a fire department—each affiliated applicant **must be sponsored by a fire department** to participate in the academy. **Sponsorship** means that the applicant's fire department 1) endorses the applicant to participate in the academy, 2) provides NFPA-approved structural firefighting gear, and 3) shows proof that the applicant is covered by the sponsor fire department's workers compensation insurance. If you are interested but not a member of a department, please contact us for more information. The Fire Department Sponsor Form must be filled out and returned.
- Applicant must provide a letter from their sponsoring department stating that they have had a criminal records/background check from the county in which the applicant resides.
- Securing lodging is the responsibility of the student. Information will be given regarding the necessary steps for this process.

### Academy Approval

- Applicants will be notified by e-mail of acceptance.
- Once accepted, recruits will need to schedule a CFCC First Responder Physical through Wilmington Health Occupational Medicine.
- Recruits will be required to provide their own textbook, Fundamentals of Firefighter Skills and Hazardous Materials Response, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.
- Recruits are required to wear black or dark blue BTU's, duty boots, and CFCC Firefighter Academy T-shirts (available in the CFCC bookstore) each day in class.
- Recruits needing lodging during the academy should finalize arrangements.
- A mandatory orientation session will be held on the first day of the Academy that covers the expectations of the program.
- ICS-700 must be completed prior to the Academy. When you are accepted, additional information will be sent to you.

Please contact the Academy Coordinator, Mike Cross at 362-7642 [mcross@cfcc.edu](mailto:mcross@cfcc.edu) or Stephen Malloy at 910-362-7799 [smalloy@cfcc.edu](mailto:smalloy@cfcc.edu) if you have questions regarding the process.

Again, we appreciate your interest in our profession and our program. We wish you well in your pursuit of being part of Cape Fear Community College's Firefighter Academy!