

California Regional Fire Academy

Basic Firefighter I Academy



Academy Start Dates:

Academy 24 ~ Full-Time Format: January 6, 2014

Academy 25 ~ Extended Format: January 6, 2014

Academy 26 ~ Full-Time Format: July 7, 2014

Academy 27 ~ Extended Format: July 7, 2014

Office hours for application delivery:
9320 Tech Center Drive. Sacramento 95826
Monday-Friday
8:00am-5:00pm



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APPLICATION GUIDELINES
Information for Your Reference

Dear Fire Academy Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the California Regional Fire Academy. This program will help you in preparation for a career in the Fire Service. The California Regional Fire Academy is an American River College course that is accredited by the California State Fire Marshal.

Please read the information provided to you in the following pages and follow the instructions carefully when filling out your application. ***Incomplete application packages, or failure to comply with these procedures, may preclude your acceptance into the Academy.*** The CRFA Instructor Cadre would like to thank you again for your interest and look forward to your participation within the program.

COURSE INFORMATION

California Regional Fire Academy will be accepting applications for:

◆ **Academy 24 ~ Full-Time Format Academy (ARC S14)**

19-week course; start date will be Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7am This course meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 7am to 4pm There will also be an occasional Saturday or Sunday session. Enrollment is limited to 45. On two occasions, this Academy will meet Monday-Friday for a 40 hour technical rescue course. Specific dates will be determined at the start of the Academy

◆ **Academy 25 ~ Extended Format Academy (ARC S14)**

24-week course; start date will be Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7 am. This course meets Monday from 6pm to 10pm, and Wednesday and Saturday from 7am to 6pm. There will also be an occasional Sunday session. Enrollment is limited to 45. On two occasions, this Academy will meet Monday-Friday for a 40 hour technical rescue course. Specific dates will be determined at the start of the Academy

Academy 26 ~ Full-Time Format Academy (ARC F14)

19-week course; start date will be Monday, July 7, 2014 at 7am This course meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 7am to 4pm There will also be an occasional Saturday or Sunday session. Enrollment is limited to 45. On two occasions, this Academy will meet Monday-Friday for a 40 hour technical rescue course. Specific dates will be determined at the start of the Academy

◆ **Academy 27 ~ Extended Format Academy (ARC F14)**

24-week course; start date will be Monday, July 7, 2014 at 7 am. This course meets Monday from 6pm to 10pm, and Wednesday and Saturday from 7am to 6pm. There will also be an occasional Sunday session. Enrollment is limited to 45. On two occasions, this Academy will meet Monday-Friday for a 40 hour technical rescue course. Specific dates will be determined at the start of the Academy

Class locations include the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Fire Station 21 in Citrus Heights and several other field locations.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This 650-hour course provides manipulative and technical training in basic concepts of fire department organization, ropes, knots and hitches, hose and hose handling, ladder evolutions, wildland fires, fire investigation, fire prevention, salvage operations, fire department apparatus, tools and equipment, breathing apparatus, extinguishers, personal protective equipment, communications, swift water rescue, hazardous materials and physical fitness training. The Fire Academy will also teach the recruit how to prepare for a career in the fire service through resume building workshops and mock oral interview panels.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Age of 18 Years

High School Graduate (or equivalent)

Valid Driver's License (or ID)

Pass an Oral Interview, Written Exam, and Physical Agility Test

PHYSICAL TRAINING

Physical Training is an important component of the Academy. All candidates must be in good physical condition before entering the Academy. Candidates will be required to complete a personal history report and statement indicating freedom from physical disabilities which would restrict physical training. Those applicants who are unable to perform typical firefighting tasks will not be accepted into the Academy.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be at least 18 years old on the date applications are due. Applicants are chosen based upon their college education and related work experience. If you have not yet begun your college education and/or do not have any previous fire experience, you may still be admitted into the Academy (15% of the class will be chosen from a lottery of eligible applicants).

CONDUCT

The Academy is conducted in a paramilitary format. Candidates are expected to adhere to strict rules of conduct. Appearance and grooming standards are enforced. All questions regarding Academy operations and expectations will be answered during the official orientation after acceptance into the Academy.

ACCEPTANCE

All applicants will be notified in writing *within two weeks after the application deadline* regarding their standing in the Academy. Successful candidates will be given instructions regarding the Testing Phase of the application process.

BACKGROUND CHECK & DRUG SCREEN

Successful candidates will be required to complete a background check and drug screen utilizing crfabackground.com. Candidates will receive background check and drug screen information upon notification of acceptance into the Academy. The background check and drug screen are completed at the Candidate's expense, paid directly to crfabackground.com.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Successful candidates will be required to participate in and pass a medical examination. Candidates will schedule an examination upon notification of acceptance into the Academy. The medical examination is completed at the Candidate's expense. Candidates can utilize either their Medical Provider or contact Mercy Medical Group: Occupational Health to make an appointment. The Mercy Medical Group Treatment Form and pricing list will be provided upon notification of acceptance into the Academy.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please type or use black ink only. Fill out the attached application completely and return it to the Business Office. Please indicate which academy program you are applying for. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all pertaining documents arrive with your application packet. Your placement in the Academy will be determined upon review of your application and supporting documents. All supporting documents must be in your application package for you to be considered for the academy.

At least 15% of the available positions in the class will be offered to successful applicants through a lottery. In the event numerous applications are submitted for the limited spaces remaining, the following criteria will be utilized to determine preference ranking:

- Recruit profile
- College transcripts (official transcripts not required)
- Paramedic, EMT1, EMT2 (submit a copy of your card)
- Verification of reserve, cadet, volunteer, seasonal firefighter experience (submit on department letterhead)
- The most qualified applicants based on work experience and/or education will be admitted.

Note: EMT Certification is not required to be considered for entry into the Academy at this time; however, it is highly recommended.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Below is a brief order of the application process:

Application Deadline

The application deadline for each Academy Class will be approx. one month prior to the start date of that Academy. Applications received after that date will be considered for the next upcoming Academy program.

Selection Process

Academy Staff review all submitted applications.

Notifications

Notifications are sent to all applicants regarding their standing in the Academy

Testing Phase (Attendance is Mandatory).

Successful candidates will be invited to participate in the following areas:

- a. Physical Agility Test
- b. Written Exam
- c. Informal Interview

Acceptance Phase

Letters will be sent to all applicants regarding their standing in the Academy. Candidates who successfully complete the Testing Phase will be given direction to complete the following items:

- a. Registration and payment
- b. Background Check & Drug Screen
- c. Medical Examination
- d. Liability Release
- e. Ordering of Class B Uniforms
- f. Los Rios Community College District Application
- g. Los Rios BOGW (Board of Governor's Fee Waiver), if applicable

Acceptance Orientation

Candidates will attend an Acceptance Orientation (Attendance is Mandatory)

- a. Submit completed paperwork
- b. Order & pay for Start-Up Materials
- c. Order & pay for Physical Training (PT) Uniforms
- d. Pay Academy Course Fees (see "Estimated Costs" sheet)

Academy Orientation

Candidates will attend Orientation Night (Attendance is Mandatory)

- a. Academy Orientation
- b. Meet Academy Staff and Drill Instructors
- c. Issued Start-Up Materials, PT Uniforms
- d. Campus Tour

Academy Begins

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- a. Candidates must provide an active Student ID Number. American River College Fire Academy enrollment will be completed by Academy staff for all accepted students.

****All candidates will pay fees by the required dates or will be dismissed****

****Final Fee information will be provided to candidates upon acceptance****

A COMPLETE APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

- Firefighter 1 Academy Application (Attached)
- “Tell Me About You” (Form Attached)
- Copy of Valid Driver’s License (or ID)
- Copy of College Transcripts (official transcripts not required)
- Any Letters of Recommendation
- Copy of any relating certifications and/or CPR, EMT, or Paramedic cards
- Verification of related work experience on department letterhead
- Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214)(for those with Military experience)

Mail Application Packet or Deliver Application Packet To:

Academy Director
California Fire & Rescue Training Authority
9320 Tech Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826

Office hours for hand-delivery:
Monday-Friday
8:00am-5:00pm
Closed Saturday & Sunday

Instructions: Please print in black ink or type. Answer all questions accurately and completely. All statements in your application are subject to verification; incorrect or incomplete statements may bar or remove you from enrollment. Resumes will not be accepted in place of a completed application.

1. Personal Data

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| Name (Last, First Middle) | Area Code () | Home Telephone Number |
| Mailing Address (Number & Street) | Area Code () | Cellular Phone |
| City, State, Zip | Area Code () | Work Phone |
| Date of Birth | Email Address | |

2. Preferred Academy

While preference is considered, it is not guaranteed. Recruits will be assigned based on availability & application.

- Academy 24 ~ Full-Time Format Academy 25 ~ Extended Format
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3. Education

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| High School Graduate: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> GED | Location of High School |
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| Schools Attended other than High Schools | Location | Course of Study | Units Earned | Degree or Certificate | Points | Total Points |
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Please describe additional course work or training (including military), which may assist you in the Fire Service.

Please list special certificates or other competencies which may assist you in the Fire Service.

Licensing Information

EMT 1 Certification: Type: _____ Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Driver's License: Type: _____ Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

4. Physical Conditions or Limitations

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| Do you have any physical limitations that would prevent you from performing tasks involved in the Firefighter I Academy? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, please explain: |
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5. Conviction Record

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| Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense, which resulted in you being imprisoned or placed on probation? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, please explain: |
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6. Work Experience

You should respond completely to the information in this section. LIST YOUR MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT **FIRST**. Describe different positions held with the same employer in different blocks. List all experience, paid and voluntary. Additional sheets should be attached to this application when necessary to fully describe related experience, training, education. DO NOT ENTER "SEE RESUME".

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| From: _____ To: _____ Month/Year Month/Year | Title of Position: |
| Name & Address of Employer: | Duties/Responsibilities: |
| Name & Title of Your Supervisor: | |
| Reason for Leaving: | Number Supervised: |
| From: _____ To: _____ Month/Year Month/Year | Title of Position: |
| Name & Address of Employer: | Duties/Responsibilities: |
| Name & Title of Your Supervisor: | |
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| Reason for Leaving: | Number Supervised: |
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| Name & Address of Employer: | Duties/Responsibilities: |
| Name & Title of Your Supervisor: | |
| Reason for Leaving: | Number Supervised: |
| From: _____ To: _____ Month/Year Month/Year | Title of Position: |
| Name & Address of Employer: | Duties/Responsibilities: |
| Name & Title of Your Supervisor: | |
| Reason for Leaving: | Number Supervised: |

7. Certification of Applicant

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| I Certify that the foregoing information and answers are true, complete, and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of facts is cause for rejection of application and removal from the eligibility list for enrollment in the California Regional Fire Academy Basic Firefighter I Academy. I hereby authorize the California Regional Fire Academy Director to investigate all statements contained in this application. | |
| Signature: _____ | Date: _____ |

Reminder: Attach ALL necessary documentation to verify education and certifications. You MUST include a copy of a valid California Driver’s License (or ID).

Name: _____ Date: _____

TELL ME ABOUT YOU

The following questions will be reviewed by the CRFA Instructor Cadre. Please answer all questions candidly.

1. Why should you be selected for the Basic Firefighter I Academy?

2. Cite examples of working under pressure or deadlines.

3. Describe your personality.

4. What are your outstanding strengths?

5. What are your greatest weaknesses?

6. What are your three biggest accomplishments thus far?

7. What final impression would you like to leave on the program?

