

South Bay Regional Fire Academy Information Sheet

1. State Fire Training Prerequisites for Firefighter 1 Certification:
 - Public Safety First Aid and CPR (CA health and Safety Code 17.97182)
2. Fire Academy Course Curriculum
 - State Fire Training Firefighter 1 (2013)
3. Fire Academy Session:
 - Two academies are offered each year
 - Spring Academy is in session January – June
 - Fall Academy is in session July- December
4. Hours of operation:
 - 1800-2200 (6pm-10 pm) three to four rotating Friday nights per month
 - 0700-1800 (7 am – 6 pm) prescheduled Friday full day sessions per academy
 - 0700-1800 (7 am – 6 pm) every Saturday and Sunday
5. Locations of operations:
 - Academy utilizes multiple sites through out the course of the fire academy.
 - San Jose FD, Hollister FD, Palo Alto FD, and other locations through out the bay area.
6. Total Academy Hours of Instruction:
 - 540 total academy instruction
 - Classroom sessions
 - Drill ground hands-on training
7. Fire Academy Tuition:
 - \$2,250.00 (may be subject to change)
 - Full amount due 30 days before the first day of the academy.
 - Tuition covers college registration, online learning management system account, academy manuals, certification fees, and consumable materials.
8. Mandatory Academic Standard:
 - Students are required to maintain a grade of 80% or higher.
 - Student with grades that drop below may be removed from academy.
 - Students must pass all aspects of the fire academy for course completion certificate.
9. Mandatory Physical Fitness Requirements:
 - Students will be expected to participate a very demanding physical fitness program.
 - Details of the program will be explained at Pre-Orientation meeting.
10. Required Academy Uniforms:
 - Class B uniform is not included in the academy tuition cost.
 - Fire Academy Class B Uniform, estimated cost for all items is estimated at \$275
 - Please see Uniform Guide and PPE Guide for specific items and approved vendors.
 - Class C Uniform Physical Fitness Training Uniform (PT Uniform)
 - PT uniforms are included with tuition
11. Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
 - Personal Protective Equipment is not covered in the academy tuition.
 - Vendor rental information is available on the South Bay Fire Academy web page.

- SBRFA will not be responsible for any damage to personal, rented or sponsored PPE and SCBA during the course of the fire academy.
- Turnout and Wildland PPE
 - Includes structural firefighting and wild land firefighting ensembles
 - Students may rent PPE from any vendor of their choice.
 - Structural & Wildland gear rental cost estimated at \$550 from our recommended vendor.
 - Please see Uniform Guide and PPE Guide for specific items and approved vendors.
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
 - Students may rent SCBA from any vendor of their choice, we recommend our vendor for our students.
 - Self Contained Breathing Apparatus rental and face fit testing estimated cost of \$380 from our recommended vendor.
 - Students who are sponsored by a fire agency may use department issued SCBA.
 - Sponsoring agency must provide documentation that SCBA is NFPA compliant and in service for Immediately Dangerous Life and Health (IDLH) live fire operations.
 - Must provide a letter signed by the department Fire Chief or designee allowing use while attending South Bay Regional Fire Academy.
 - Face fit testing is required for all students.
 - Must provide written documentation for face fit testing if using sponsoring agency SCBA.
 - Must provide proof of annual inspection and testing for SCBA if using sponsored agency SCBA.
 - Fit testing will be made available at the Pre-Orientation if you are renting SCBA from our recommended vendor.

12. Fire Academy Registration:

- Fire academy class size is limited to 30 students.
- Notifications of open enrollment will be announced on the academy website and may be emailed to those on the interest list.
- Fire academy will be registered at one of the 11 community colleges with in the Consortium.
- To register or be placed on the interest list if the academy is full please contact for the academy office at (408) 270-6458.
- Students who receive a confirmation of enrollment will be required to get physical fitness uniforms sized at the academy office.

13. Financial Aid:

- Board of Governor (BOG) Waiver may be available and may only cover college unit fees.

14. Fire Academy Pre-Orientation Meeting:

- Business attire is required for this informational meeting.
- Pre-Orientation meeting is mandatory and will be held 45-60 days prior to the first day of the academy.
- Notification of Pre-Orientation meeting dates will be emailed to students on the interest list.
- Pre-Orientation will provide academy specifics, policies, and procedures.

15. Total Estimated Cost

- Academy Tuition \$2,250.00.
- Personal Protective Equipment \$550 and Self Contained Breathing Rental \$380.
- Class B Uniforms \$275.
- Total estimated out of pocket amount: \$3,450.00.