

38th Heartland Fire Academy

STATE ACCREDITED FF1 ACADEMY

In Partnership with Southwestern Community College

APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

January 6th 2025 – March 29th 2025

Dear Fire Academy Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the 38th Heartland Fire Academy. We hope this academy will help you in preparation for a career in the Fire Service. The Heartland Fire Academy consists of Southwestern Community College courses (FS-281F and FS-281G) and various certification courses that are accredited by the California State Fire Marshal. Upon successful completion of the Heartland Fire Academy and the additional required SFT courses, students will receive a State Fire Training Firefighter 1 Certificate, and earn seventeen (17) Southwestern Community College Fire Technology units. Financial aid and academy scholarships are available, please inquire if interested.

The Heartland Fire Academy includes lecture-based classroom sessions on topics such as *firefighter safety, equipment operation, fire extinguishers, forcible entry tools and techniques, lifting and hoisting equipment, fire hose, hose nozzles and fittings, hose evolutions, ladders, breathing apparatus, fire control, fire prevention, and more*. Manipulative classes give recruits the opportunity to practice skills taught in the classroom.

ACADEMY INFORMATION

- Academy 38 is a 540-hour course; start date will be Monday, January 6th, 2025 at 8:00 am
- This course meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Class locations will be the Heartland Fire Training Facility and other off-site locations
- Students are expected to be present at each of the required academy training sessions
- Academy fees (due by December 2nd, 2024) *Monthly payment plans available – at no extra cost*

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- 18 years of age at time of academy start date
- EMT-B or Public Safety-First Aid (*completed by December 2nd, 2024*)
- High school graduate or equivalent (GED)

PREREQUISITE CERTIFICATIONS (Due by December 2nd, 2024)

- WMD/Terrorism Awareness for first responders (available online at teex.org)
- ICS IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800
- CPAT completion no older than 12 months at time of acceptance to academy
- Medical Examination
- High school diploma/university transcripts

ACADEMY FEES

Fire Academy cost includes: **College Tuition** for FS-281F (16 units) and FS-281G (1 unit) (**\$46 per unit fee reflects California in-state tuition**). Financial aid and scholarships available, please inquire if interested.

Course Title	Units	Tuition Fee
FS 281F Heartland Firefighter 1 Academy	16 Units	\$736.00
FS 281G Firefighter I Skills Review and Certification	1 Unit	\$46.00
FS 32 Pre-Academy Fitness and Nutrition	3 Units	\$138.00*

**FS32 course fees will be paid by recruit/student directly to Southwestern College*

Included Certifications are listed below:

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| ➤ California State Firefighter 1 Certification | SFT Cert* |
| ➤ Fire Control 3 | SFT Cert* |
| ➤ Firefighter Survival | SFT Cert* |
| ➤ Confined Space Awareness Certificate | SFT Cert* |
| ➤ S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior | NWCG Cert* |
| ➤ S-130 Wildland Firefighter Training | NWCG Cert* |
| ➤ HAZMAT FRO/FRA Pro-Board | CSTI Cert |

Academy Fees (first payment) Due by November 15th 2024

Payment by Credit card, Cashier's check or money order will be made to Heartland Fire Training Facility, at time of entrance notification.

****Monthly payment plans available, see payment plan schedule at the bottom of the academy announcement. ****

Heartland Fire Training Authority Fees:

Consumables, textbooks, manuals, handouts, field guides and printed materials	\$1,200.00
Southwestern College Tuition (FS-281F and FS- 281G)	\$782.00
State Fire Training Certificates, materials and fees	<u>\$1,018.00</u>
Total Fees:	\$3,000.00

Recruit costs to vendors:

Equipment Rental (If turnout gear not provided by an agency)	Approximately	\$1,075.00
Medical and Respiratory Examination	Approximately	\$150.00
Uniforms (Class B & P.T.) and Boots	Approximately	\$540.00

Each recruit will be required to have the appropriate uniforms and personal protective equipment prior to the start of the Academy. The fees also include consumable items required to teach the FF1 curriculum, all text books, manuals, handouts, field guides, state skill sheets, state certifications and printed documents. Heartland Fire Training works to get the best rate on rental safety gear for the academy student.

Once accepted to the Academy, each recruit will receive detailed information on the specifications and type of uniforms and safety gear. These costs will be paid by the student directly to the vendor.

SELECTION PROCESS

- **Interview:** Each *Open Enrollee candidate* must pass an oral Interview Board. Please arrive fifteen minutes before your scheduled interview time. Interviews will last approximately thirty minutes.
- **Medical Examination:** Successful candidates will be required to complete a Respiratory Clearance Doctor Exam; specific to OSHA requirements.
 - The medical examination is completed at the candidate's expense; approximate cost is \$165.00. An exam can be done at San Diego Sports Medicine, 6699 Alvarado Rd. Suite 2100, San Diego CA 92120. 619-229-3909.
- **Mask Fit Test.** All successful candidates will be required to:
 - Provide a copy of an annual Mask Fit Test. HFTA will contract with a vendor in which recruits may take their BA mask and get tested.
- **Physical Abilities Test:** Candidates must have a valid CPAT card *dated no older than 12 months before the academy start date*. See <http://www.cffjac.org/go/jac/cpat/> for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| ➤ October 25 th 2024 | **Applications Close** |
| ➤ November 6 th 2024 | Academy Interviews (mandatory attendance) |
| ➤ November 8 th 2024 | Acceptance notifications (sent via email) |
| ➤ November 15 th 2024 | Academy Fees due** (payment plans available) |
| ➤ December 2 nd 2024 | In-Person Orientation (mandatory attendance) |
| ➤ December 2 nd 2024 | Prerequisite certificates and transcripts due |
| ➤ January 6 th 2025 | First Day of Academy |

MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN SCHEDULE:

- *November 15th 2024 – First payment of \$1,000.00 due (33.3%)*
- *December 16th 2024 – Second payment of \$1,000.00 due (33.3%)*
- *January 13th 2024 – Final payment of \$1,000.00 due (33.3%)*

If you have questions regarding the monthly payment plans, please contact the office of the training manager at (619)441-1683 or by email at info@heartlandfiretraining.org

CONDUCT

The Academy is conducted in a paramilitary format and every effort will be made for the success of all candidates. Candidates are expected to adhere to all rules of conduct which include appropriate appearance and grooming standards

PHYSICAL TRAINING

Physical Training is an important component of the Academy. All candidates must be in good physical condition before entering the Academy. ***At a minimum, a candidate should be able to perform to the following standards on the first day of the Academy: 1.5-mile run / 3 Pull-ups / 25 Pushups in one minute / 30 Sit-Ups in one minute***

