

37th Heartland Fire Academy

STATE ACCREDITED FF1 ACADEMY

In Partnership with Southwestern Community College

APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

August 26th 2024 – November 2nd 2024

Dear Fire Academy Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the 37th 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.

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 37 is a 540-hour course; start date will be Monday, August 26th, 2024 at 7:00 am**
- **This course meets Monday to 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 August 26th, 2024)**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

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

PREREQUISITE CERTIFICATIONS (Due by August 1st, 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 |
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| FS 281F Heartland Firefighter 1 Academy | 16 Units | \$736.00 |
| FS 281G Firefighter I Skills Review and Certification | 1 Unit | \$46.00 |

Included Certifications are listed below:

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

Heartland Fire Training Authority Fees:

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| Consumables, textbooks, manuals, handouts, field guides and printed materials | \$1,518.00 |
| Southwestern College Tuition (FS-281F and FS- 281G) | \$782.00 |
| State Fire Training Certificates, materials and fees, | <u>\$700.00</u> |
| Total Fees: | \$3,000.00 |

SELECTION PROCESS

- **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.
 - Agency required medical examination can be used in lieu of San Diego Sports Medicine physical
- **Mask Fit Test.** All successful candidates will be required to:
 - Provide a copy of an annual Mask Fit Test.
- **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.
 - **Agency approved physical ability test can be used in lieu of CPAT.**

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

37TH HEARTLAND FIRE ACADEMY **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

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.

Fill out the attached application completely and return it before 5:00pm on Wednesday July 31st, 2024. **It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all pertaining documents arrive with your application packet.** All supporting documents must be in your application package for you to be considered for the academy.

If submitting application electronically, send completed packet to info@heartlandfiretraining.org with the subject line title **“37TH HEARTLAND FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATION - YOUR NAME”**

IF MAILING APPLICATION PACKET OR DELIVERING APPLICATION PACKET IN-PERSON:

Heartland Fire Training Facility
Attn: Office of the Training Manager
1301 N. Marshall Ave
El Cajon CA 92020

Office Hours for Delivery
Monday – Friday 7:30 AM. to 3:30 PM
Phone: (619) 441-1693

A COMPLETE APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Candidate application (*form attached*)
- Copies of certificates, transcripts for all prerequisite courses that have been completed.
- Copies of any related certifications, CPR, EMT-B, EMT-P, etc.
- Certificate of release or discharge from active duty (DD214) if applicable

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NO OTHER FORM OF APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED

INSTRUCTIONS (please read carefully): This application is an initial part of the candidate evaluation process. Please apply only if you feel reasonably certain that you meet the requirements as described in the position flyer. Print clearly in **Black or Blue** ink or type and fill this application out completely. Please notify us promptly if you have a change of address, phone or email.

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| Full Name (Last, First MI) | | Date of Birth | DATE of APPLICATION | |
| Home Address | | City | State | Zip Code |
| Mailing Address (if different from home address) | | | | |
| Home Phone () | Cell Phone* () | Driver's License Number | State | Exp. Date |

EMAIL _____

WRITE CLEARLY AS MOST COMMUNICATION/NOTICES WILL BE SENT TO YOU VIA YOUR EMAIL

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Name and Location of High School: _____

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| Circle Highest Grade Completed | 9 10 11 12 | Diploma | GED |
| Circle Highest Degree Completed | A.A. / A.S. | B.A. / B.S. | M.A. / M.S. |

Include relevant education and training, including college, business, technical and in-service coursework.

Attach a copy of your San Diego County EMT 1A card, CPR card and CDL, and unofficial copies of college transcripts. SEE Guideline Page

| School Name Location (city and state) | Dates of Attendance | | Units/Hours Completed | | Course/Series Title or Major Field | Degree/Certificate Received & Year |
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| Please describe additional course work or training (including military), which may assist you in the Fire Service. | | |
| Please list and provide copies of special certificates or other competencies which may assist you in the Fire Service. | | |
| Licensing Information | | |
| EMT 1 Certification: Type: | Number: | Expiration Date: |
| EMT-P Certification: Type: | Number: | Expiration Date: |
| Driver's License: Type: | Number: | Expiration Date: |

EXPERIENCE

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| Please list Fire Reserve, Volunteer, Ride-A-Long experience (agency and duration) |
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