

2014 Fall Session of the Fort Smith Fire Department's Citizens Fire Academy

Thursday, March 20, 2014 - Introduction to the Fire Service, Fighting Fires and Much More

The Fort Smith Fire Department is responsible for much more than simply fighting fires. During the opening night session, CFA participants will learn about FSFD's responsibilities and the organization's role in our community. Firefighters will demonstrate all phases of Firefighter I & II requirements for state and national certification. Class participants will get hands-on experience with firefighter gear and equipment and handle a fire hose while flowing water.

Thursday, March 27, 2014 - A Tour of the Town

Do you know where your local Fire Station is? During this session we will be visiting the Fire Stations around the city, including a visit to the newly constructed Station 11 at Chaffee Crossing. You will get to see firsthand how we work and live as Fire Fighters on a daily basis.

Thursday, April 03, 2014 - Quick Response & Action: The Difference Between Life & Death

Under simulated conditions, participants can don full turnout gear and are trained in search and rescue techniques. FSFD rescue teams will also demonstrate vehicle extrication techniques, using an actual vehicle that will be cut up using the "Jaws of Life" tools.

Thursday, April 10, 2014 - Meet Graci, the Toughest Firefighter

Participants see the FSFD Bomb Squad in action. This will include both a live entry by a bomb technician and a demonstration with "Graci" (the FSFD bomb robot). She and the team will show a render safe procedure on a simulated explosive device.

Thursday, April 17, 2014 - Being Safe in Your Home

CFA participants will be briefed on fire prevention techniques, education, and code enforcement. Not only will participants learn how to prevent fires in their home and places of business, class members will receive hands-on training with fire extinguishers on a live fire.

Thursday, April 24, 2014 - A Higher Calling

This session separates the adventuresome class participants from those who prefer to keep their feet on the ground. Firefighters will demonstrate confined space and high angle rescues. Participants will get a ride in the Ladder Truck's platform, which reaches 105 feet high. The more daring class members can rappel down a rescue rope.

Thursday, May 01, 2014 - Dangerous Duties

The Fort Smith Fire Department fields hazardous materials and bomb squad teams. The specially-trained and equipped crews respond to hazmat spills and potential Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) threats. This session features response scenarios for potentially deadly situations. Class members will have the chance to suit up in a level "A" (moon suit) and participate in an entry.

Thursday, May 08, 2014 - First Responders to a Medical Emergency

Fort Smith Firefighters are typically first on the scene during a medical emergency. During this session, class members will learn about FSFD's responsibility as a designated first responder. Participants will also receive a course in basic first aid and CPR during this session.

Thursday, May 15, 2014 - CFA Graduation

During this session we will begin with a dinner hosted by the FSFD. Prospective graduates will get to show off their new skills to friends and family members. It's another fun filled evening that your guests can partake in also. FSFD's activities, current operations, and future direction will be featured in a discussion between firefighters and citizens. Participants will be encouraged to provide their thoughts and suggestions about the FSFD.