

ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE FIREFIGHTER 1 ACADEMY



Fall 2023 APPLICATION PACKET

Please read the entire packet before filling out your application. All information pertaining to the application process and the current requirements are explained in this packet. Applicants are encouraged to attend one informational meeting prior to filing an application. Any questions you may have concerning the Academy would be answered at the meeting.

**ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
HEALTH AND SAFETY SCIENCES DIVISION
FIRE TECHNOLOGY (FTEC)**

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To: Fire Academy Applicant
From: Mark Gilman, Director
Subject: FireFighter 1 Academy Application Process

The AVC Fire Academy is scheduled to begin Tuesday, August 15, 2023. The graduation date is scheduled for May 3rd, 2024.

The attached information includes application forms for the FireFighter 1 Academy at Antelope Valley College. It will be a part-time academy held over the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 semesters. Class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 AM to 2:05 PM, and on Fridays from 7:00 AM to 6:30 PM. The registration process for this class will be announced.

Please ensure that you completely fill out all of the necessary forms and the supporting documents outlined on the Fire Academy application checklist. Application packets are due no later than May 5th, 2023 at 4:00 PM. Incomplete packets will NOT be considered for further processing. This includes sponsored applicants. It is your responsibility to make sure that your application packet is complete. You will not be notified if your packet is incomplete.

The following are the advisory courses for the FireFighter 1 Academy:

ENG	099
MATH	070
READ	099
FTEC	111 (Required)

Medical examinations are a requirement of the Academy and must be completed by the application filing. See attached information pertaining to medical examinations.

If you are a sponsored Los Angeles County Fire Department Call-Firefighter you must submit a letter of verification of sponsorship with your application. This letter should include the signature of the Call-Firefighter Coordinator. Being sponsored will NOT waive any of the necessary forms or requirements to process your application.

All candidates must provide proof of having passed the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) or Biddle Physical Ability Test, within 12 months before the start date of the fire academy (8/15/22). Candidates must have the ability to pay all costs and fees required for the Academy. In addition, the candidate must provide the date he/she attended the Academy Informational Meeting in the designated area on the application.

DO NOT call our office asking if you have been selected or if you can know where you are on the waiting list. We will send notification of being accepted or not.

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**About the
Antelope Valley College Basic Firefighter 1 Academy**

The Antelope Valley College Fire Academy has been designated by the California State Board of Fire Services as a Basic FireFighter 1 Academy. It provides the education and hands-on training required by most fire agencies for entry-level employment as an apprentice firefighter.

The Fire Academy provides over 480 hours of expert instruction in a part-time format. The course of instruction starts with the fall semester and is completed by the end of the spring semester. Class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 AM to 2:05 PM and on Fridays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Some scheduling may be required on other days.

All coursework is referenced to, complies with, and in most cases exceeds, the California State Board of Fire Services Firefighter 1 curriculum, leading to certification as Firefighter I. Graduates of the academy are awarded an Antelope Valley College "Certificate of Proficiency" and receive the following certifications and/or certificates:

SFT	LARRO
SFT	ICS 200
SFT	Fire Control
NWCG	S-110 Basic Fire Suppression
NWCG	S-130 Firefighter Training
NWCG	S-134 LCES
NWCG	S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
NWCG	L-280 Followership to Leadership

In addition to the certification and/or certificates listed, a rigorous physical fitness program is included as part of the Academy. You will be enrolled in FTEC-290 Physical Fitness for Firefighters. This class meets Tuesday and Thursdays from 8:00 am to 9:20 am. Students desiring to enter the Academy are required to have completed a medical examination and CPAT/Biddle. See the attached information pertaining to the medical examination and CPAT or Biddle.

Cost

Students will be required to pay the enrollment fee, buy their own books and materials, and purchase uniforms and safety equipment. The cost of the Academy is approximately \$3,200.00.

FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Academy is open to all students who meet application and deadline requirements on a first come, first served basis.

Filing Applications

Our office will start accepting complete application packets as of May 1st, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Completed applications and supporting documentation, including sponsorship, if applicable, for Fire Academy Class #15, must be received in the Fire Technology Office no later than May 5th, 2023 at 4:00 PM. Do not leave your application packet with any of your instructors at the college, or the counseling office.

NOTE: It is your responsibility to ensure delivery of your application packet to, Health and Safety Sciences Office, UH 198

Registration

The enrollment process for the class will be announced.

For additional information

For additional information and to answer questions you may have on the Fire Technology Program, the Basic Fire Academy, and the Fire Academy application process, please contact Mark Gilman at (661) 722-6300 ext. 6012.

Links:

[Biddle Test](#)

[CPAT](#)

Medical Exam

You may use a physician of your choice. Or you can obtain a voucher for a medical exam, email: http://studenthealth@avc.edu/
(Explain that you are applying for the AVC Fire Academy)

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATION CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided to assist you in completing and turning in all items and forms necessary to process your application packet. **Please use and attach this form to the top of your application.**

All items listed below must be provided to submit your application. **DO NOT** submit your packet until all items listed are completed and included.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- ☐ Provide the date you attended the required Academy Informational Meeting in the designated area on the application. _____
- ☐ Completed Fire Academy application and supporting documentation, due no later than May 5th, 2023 at 4:00 PM to Health and Safety Sciences Office, UH 198
- ☐ Sponsorship Letter (applicable only to LACoFD Call Firefighters)
- ☐ Applicant's current resume.
- ☐ Completed Photo Release form
- ☐ Completed Medical Examination forms
- ☐ Proof of having passed the CPAT, within one year of academy start date
- ☐ Signature in the designated area on the application verifying your ability to meet the financial responsibilities for required safety equipment, uniforms, textbook, fees and supplies.

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FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATION

NAME:

Last	First	M.I.
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ADDRESS:

Number	Street	City	State	Zip Code
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PHONE: () _____ **ALTERNATE PHONE:** () _____

STATUS ____ **Pre Service** ____ **In Service** (*LACoFD Sponsored Call-Firefighter*)

____ **MALE** ____ **FEMALE** **BIRTHDATE:** ____ / ____ / ____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ - _____ - _____

It is a requirement that you have a medical examination. This medical examination must show that you are capable of participating in arduous physical activity and are capable of performing the duties of a firefighter. You must also have current Candidates Physical Ability Test (CPAT) certification on the first day of the Academy. Please attach your medical forms and a copy of your CPAT certificate to the application.

I attended the Academy Informational Meeting on the following date: _____

My signature verifies that I can meet all of the financial responsibilities, the costs and fees of the Academy. I understand that failure to purchase required gear in a timely manner will result in my being withdrawn from the class.

SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____

PRINT NAME: _____

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**FIRE ACADEMY
IN-SERVICE SPONSORSHIP VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that _____ is a call-when-needed firefighter with the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

I further certify that the skills and knowledge acquired by this member in the Academy will be utilized by this department in the day-to-day emergency operations of the department.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Call-Firefighter Coordinator

Printed
Name: _____
Call-Firefighter Coordinator

Duty Location: _____ Phone Number _____

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FIRE ACADEMY MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Medical examinations are a requirement of the Fire Academy and are due at the application filing. It is important that you start the process of the medical examination as soon as possible so that you will have the results prior to the date indicated above.

Your medical examination can be done through Antelope Valley College or by your personal physician. The examination at the college is free to those students who do not have insurance. There will be a ten dollar* (\$10.00) fee to those who have medical insurance which covers the examination.

To schedule an appointment through the college, email studenthealth@avc.edu or call (661) 722-6683. Provide your student ID, name and phone number. Explain that this is for the Fire Academy.

NOTE: Medical examinations scheduled at the college must be performed prior to the conclusion of the spring semester. (May 5th, 2023)

The necessary medical examination forms (Record of Medical History and Medical Examination) have been provided for your convenience. Only these forms may be used. Complete the portion that is to be filled out by the candidate and take the forms with you for your medical examination. Incomplete medical examination forms can result in your application being denied.

*Medical Examination fees are subject to change.