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Dudley Fire Department

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Citizens Fire Academy: Overview

Introduction

The Dudley Fire Department Citizens Academy (CFA) is open to persons 18 or older who either live or work in the Town of Dudley. This 8 week program includes approximately 20 hours of instruction. Class begins on Thursday, September 15, 2016 and will meet on Thursday nights. Sessions are approximately 3 hours in length and held at the Dudley Fire Department, 128 West Main Street, Dudley, MA. 01571. Class size will be limited to 12 students.

The academy concludes with a graduation celebration. Class members will receive a certificate of completion from the Dudley Fire Department.

Objectives

Designed for adults to learn more about how the fire department is organized and operates. The CFA hopes to better inform the residents of Dudley as to the purpose and inner workings of the Dudley Fire Department. To discover what diverse services the fire department offers our community. The CFA also encourages citizens to return to their neighborhoods and relay to their friends and neighbors the proper procedures to use to become more safety conscious citizens. The CFA will provide an interactive forum for both the fire department and the citizens to share information.

Anticipated Benefits

- The opportunity to receive basic CPR instruction and certification. Receive fundamental knowledge in first aid.
- The opportunity to be able to react in a positive manner should some type of fire or medical emergencies arise.
- An increased awareness and knowledge to keep your home and workplace accident free.
- A better understanding of why and how the fire department conducts itself in an emergency.
- The opportunity to interact and address community concerns relative to the fire department.

Academy Outline

- Welcome and Introduction of CFA Participants
- CFA General Information
- Overview of the Dudley Fire Department
- Department Hiring, Training and Continued Education
- Demonstration of Physical Ability Test

- Bunker Gear Demonstration
- Apparatus and Equipment Demonstration
- Explanation of Emergency Medical Services
- CPR and First Aid Instruction
- Ambulance Demonstration
- Motor Vehicle Extrication Demonstration
- Public Fire and Life Safety Education
- Fire Chemistry
- Special Rescue – Technical Rescue and Dive Team Demonstration
- Fire Scene Operations
- Home Fire Safety / Fire Extinguisher Training
- Role of the Fire Chaplin
- Concluding Overview
- Graduation Celebration

Instructors

All class instructors are members of the Dudley Fire Department and are committed to providing appropriate information to all participants in the CFA. All instructors are State of Massachusetts Certified Firefighter or Certified in their field of expertise. Members of the department will assist in many of the hands-on drills.

Class Size / Selection of Participants

Each session will average 12 participants. A larger group inhibits frequent interaction between participants and instructors. **SAFETY** is of the utmost concern and limiting participants allows for a safer learning environment.

Citizens are selected based on demographics and citizens ability to reach other members in their community. In preparing for the CFA, efforts will be made to include members of the educational, religious, and business community, as well as media representatives. Final selection of participants rest with the Fire Department Administration.

General background checks of potential participants including CORI will be conducted. Participants will be contacted to ensure they are familiar with the program and time commitment involved.

It is imperative for the participants to realize the Citizens Fire Academy is a learning experience to help them better handle themselves in emergency situations. It is not intended to train them as firefighters or assist at a fire.

Measuring the Academy's Success

In order to keep the CFA informative and interesting: participants are encouraged to critique the program throughout its entirety. Enhancements to the program will be implemented as a result of the feedback received from the participants.

Students are encouraged to participate in all practical demonstrations and to interact with the instructors and one another.

Citizens Fire Academy Application Form

Applications for the CFA can be picked up at Fire Headquarters, 128 West Main Street. Dudley, MA. 01571.
Or printed online from www.dudleyfire.com and go to the Citizens Fire Academy link. Applications should be mailed to;

**Dudley Fire Department
Citizens Fire Academy
128 West Main Street.
Dudley, MA. 01570.
Attn: Chief Dean Kochanowski**

For any questions related to the Citizens Fire Academy, call or e-mail:
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