



CITIZEN FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Urbandale Fire Department (UFD) Citizen Fire Academy will take place in Spring 2018 (Late March through mid-May). The goal of this program is to enhance relationships between Urbandale residents and the men and women of the Urbandale Fire Department. This program, although not new to Fire & EMS agencies, is designed to give a clearer understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the fire department in the community. Participants of the program will have the unique opportunity to learn how the Urbandale Fire Department provides quality community services to its customers.

Applications to participate in the Citizen Fire Academy can be downloaded off of the City of Urbandale's website at www.urbandale.org after January 10, 2018 or written requests for information concerning the Citizen Fire Academy may be directed to the following address:

Must be 18 Years
of Age to Apply

Urbandale Fire Department
Citizen Fire Academy Coordinator
3927 121st Street
Urbandale, IA 50323

Questions about the Citizen Fire Academy and application requests and submissions can also be directed to Fire Marshal Jon Rech at jrech@urbandale.org or by calling 515-331-6733.

The Citizen Fire Academy will meet once a week for eight (8) weeks. The program will be on Thursday nights between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. It will consist of a combination of classroom instruction and practical exercises at UFD Station #42 at 3927 121st St. This program will be physically demanding on most skills nights and a majority of the Academy nights will last the full four hours. The following is the course outline (subject to change):

- 3/22/18 Academy Orientation – Gear fitting, Overview of Academy, Introductions**
- 3/29/18 Week 1 – Welcome to UFD and FD Operations**
- 4/5/18 Week 2 – Home Fire Safety and Hazards**
- 4/12/18 Week 3 – Intro to Firefighting**
- 4/19/18 Week 4 – Fire Department Staffing & Fire Apparatus Operations**
- 4/26/18 Week 5 – Intro to Emergency Medical Services (EMS)**
- 5/3/18 Week 6 – Intro to Technical Rescue**
- 5/10/18 Week 7 – Fire Prevention Initiatives**
- 5/17/18 Week 8 – Live Fire Training**
- **Graduation & Family Picnic – 5/19/18**
- Optional Week – WestCom & Emergency Room Tour**
- Optional Week– CPR & First Aid Training**

Upon graduating from the program, participants will have the opportunity to participate in a ride-a-long program with the fire department. Graduates will also be charged to serve as fire and life safety advocates in the community by applying the safety knowledge learned during the Academy to friends, neighbors, and family.



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Citizen Fire Academy Application

**** Applications must be received by Monday 1/29/18****

Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

Home Address: _____ **SS#:** _____

Home Phone #: _____ **Cell Phone #:** _____

Email: _____

How long have you lived in Urbandale? _____

Have you ever been arrested for any offense other than a simple misdemeanor?
Yes ___ No ___

Will you be able to commit to six of the eight academy sessions? Yes ___ No ___

Shirt size: Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___

Emergency Contact: _____
Name Primary Phone

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This information is necessary to complete backgrounds on potential academy participants and will be kept by the Fire Chief or a designee for emergency contact purposes.

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. You are hereby authorized to verify the provided information deemed necessary for consideration to attend the Citizen Fire Academy.

Signature

Date

Citizen Fire Academy
Participant Personal Bio

Thank you for your interest in our Citizen Fire Academy. We would like to know a little more about you. Please complete this form and submit it with your Citizen Fire Academy Application. If you are accepted into the program your answers will be included in everyone's Academy notebook to help get to know each other better.

Tell us a little about yourself:

Why do you want to join the Citizen Fire Academy?

What do you hope to gain from participating in the Citizen Fire Academy?

What community groups and/or activities are you currently active with?

What roles/services do you feel the fire department should be involved with in the City of Urbandale?