



## FIRST COAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE FIREFIGHTER COURSE

Dear Prospective Student:

We are now accepting applications for the next Firefighter course. The course will be scheduled according to need and will be held at the North Campus. We offer both full-time day and part-time evening classes for your convenience.

### INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

In order to be eligible for this class you will need to meet the following prerequisites and complete the steps listed in the Enrollment Process:

#### PREREQUISITES:

- Attain a Grade level equivalency score of 10 or above on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). The required TABE Test is: FORM 9-10 – Level A  
If you have an AS degree, or above, you are exempt from the basic skills testing, however, you are still required to pay the registration fee, and attend the school's orientation.  
(Please provide an official sealed transcript, or a copy of your degree, at your appointed orientation time.)
- High school diploma or equivalent - provide proof
- Pay Application Fee of \$10.00
- \*Pass a physical examination
- Successfully pass a Physical Ability Assessment Evaluation. (Effective 7/1/09 students must pre-register and pay a fee of \$50.00 prior to participating in this evaluation)
- Attend the scheduled Firefighter Orientation.
- Must have completed a First Responder Course or are currently enrolled or have completed EMT-B or Paramedic training.
- Documentation of certification or proof of training must be submitted along with this application.
- \*NOTE: The medical examination must be completed no more than 6 months from the start date of the Firefighter I class. The exam form must be returned prior to participation in the Physical Ability Assessment Evaluation.

#### ENROLLMENT PROCESS

1. Register for the FCTC Orientation and the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). Fee is \$20.00. You may visit Registration in Building 1 on the Main Campus (2980 Collins Ave.) to speak to a Counselor and register for Orientation/TABE test, or you may call 904-547-3381 or 3382.  
  
(Note: TABE test results are acceptable for two years from the date of testing. If you have passed the FORM 10, Level A, within the past two years, please provide that documentation to the Testing Center in Building A, on the Main Campus prior to your Orientation/TABE test date. You are still required to attend the School Orientation.)
2. Complete the enclosed student application form. Attach a copy of each document requested (refer to the Applicant Checklist).
3. Return your completed application to The North Campus immediately after the school Orientation/TABE test. You will be required to pay the \$10.00 Application Fee at that time.
4. All remaining fees must be paid following the Ability Test and Orientation.

Please call 904-824-4401 for Registration hours.

## LOCATION OF THE FIREFIGHTER COURSE

The Firefighter course is taught at the FCTC North Campus located at 3640 Gaines Road, St. Augustine, FL.

## ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM

Once you have completed the application process and provided all valid/current documentation, you will be placed in the next available position for the next course. A letter will be sent to applicants in the order that the completed applications were received. Once accepted into the program, should you decide to drop out for any reason; a written request must be submitted to the instructor if you wish to attend a later course. Upon approval, the date the request was submitted will be stamped on your file and you will be placed back on the waiting list for the next course.

## AUXILIARY AID

This school provides auxiliary aids and services for persons with disabilities. If you need assistance during the course of your study, please contact your counselor in Building 1.

## FINANCIAL AID

The Firefighting Course is less than 600 hours in length and, therefore, does not qualify for the Pell Grant Program. FCTC is VA approved and financial aid is available to qualified veterans. Please contact our main number: (904) 824-4401, for further information. More information about initial expenses will be shared in the Firefighting Course Orientation.

## FIREFIGHTER ORIENTATION

Attendance at the Firefighter Orientation is mandatory in order for you to be considered for the program and will be held approximately two to three weeks before classes begin. You will be contacted about Orientation and detailed program information. Orientation will be held at First Coast Technical College North Campus, Building 7, Room 315, 3640 Gaines Road. State paperwork must be completed and submitted **no later than the end of the first week of class.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## REGISTRATION

You must receive an acceptance letter, and attend Firefighter Orientation before you will be allowed to register for the course. If you do not attend the orientation, an alternate will automatically be chosen in your place.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Firefighter Training and Certification Program meets all state requirements to become a State Certified Firefighter. Upon successful completion of the training program, and passing the State written and practical exams, you will be eligible for a Certificate of Compliance provided you meet all legal requirements as outlined in Florida Statute 633.34. A Certificate of Compliance is the required Certification to work in Florida as a full time paid Firefighter.

This course requires a **dedicated effort** from the student in classroom studies, practical activities, and physical agility to reach the high standards that are required to pass the State exams. Written exams and practical evaluations follow each unit of study. Additionally, there is a physical conditioning program that is designed to improve your overall performance in the practical evolution exercises. Physical conditioning for the day class will commence at **0800** on the days specified during orientation, and hours of physical conditioning for the night class will be specified during the night class orientation.

## COURSE SYLLABUS

A course syllabus, which includes units of study, will be assigned to you on the first class meeting. Students are expected to keep up assignments, read assigned materials prior to each class, and be prepared for quizzes at all times.

## ATTENDANCE

Strict attendance records are maintained, as set forth by the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training. Full participation in all activities is vital to the learning process. Missing more than 15 hours in Firefighter I, or 15 hours in Firefighter II, will result in an automatic withdrawal from the class. All State attendance requirements must be met in order to be eligible for State certification.

## GRADES

A minimum score of 70% is required to pass all tests. An overall average of 75% is required at the end of the course for you to be eligible to take the State examination. Specific details for retaking exams will be given to you in the student handbook that is distributed in class.

## DRESS CODE

Classroom: FCTC golf shirt; uniform type navy blue or dark blue (no shorts), "Dickies" work pants; or BDU's. Black **polishable** boots or plain toed low quarter shoes. **No sneakers**. Black or dark blue socks. Plain black belt with standard silver/chrome buckle.

Outside Drills: Full protective clothing including a FCTC tee shirt or as otherwise specified.

Physical Training: FCTC tee shirt, shorts, soft running type tennis shoes, and socks.

Field Trips & Special Events: Dress Uniform

## PHYSICAL AGILITY ASSESSMENT EVALUATION

Each applicant must successfully pass a two part Physical Agility Assessment Evaluation prior to admittance into the program. This evaluation will be administered prior to Orientation. Applicants will be notified of date(s) and time of evaluation by mail. The following items list the requirements for this evaluation. Failure of any evolution will result in denial of admission into the program. **No second attempts** will be allowed on any of the events listed below. The candidate should dress in athletic clothing (long pants; T-shirt, and tennis shoes). **No shorts allowed!!**

**PART A: Aerobic Capacity Test: Walk 2 miles while wearing a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus within 30 minutes or less.**

**PART B: On-Target Combat Task Test: Must be completed within 7 minutes or less while wearing a SCBA.**

- 1. High-Rise Stair Climb-Ascend the exterior stairwell to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor while carrying a section of 2 ½" hose**
- 2. Hose Hoist- Hoist a roll of 2 ½" hose to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor window and pull the hose into the window.**
- 3. Forcible Entry Evolution- Drive a slide 5' utilizing a 12 pound sledge hammer.**
- 4. Hose Advance Evolution- Drag a charged 1 ¾" hose a total of 75'.**
- 5. Victim Rescue Evolution- Drag a 165 pound victim a total of 100' while walking backwards.**

## **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

**Prior to submitting your application, make one copy of each item below and attach them to your application.**

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| ( ) Tab Scores of 10.0 in Reading, Math, and Language                             | ( ) Driver's License                              |
| ( ) High School Diploma or Equivalent   | ( ) Birth Certificate                             |
| ( ) \$10.00 Application Fee (payable to FCTC)                                     | ( ) Recent Photograph                             |
| ( ) Copy of Firefighter One State Certification (If applicable)                   | ( ) EMT/ Paramedic or First Responder Certificate |
| ( ) Confirmation of payment of (\$50.00) for Physical Ability Entrance Evaluation |   |

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FIREFIGHTER COURSE**

*Note: All fees and prices (including applicable taxes) are subject to change without notice.*

**FIREFIGHTER I**

<b>Tuition</b>	<b>(Includes Registration, I.D. Card, Parking Fee Health /Liability Insurance, Lab Fee and Facility Use)</b>	<b>\$1,040.00</b>
<b>Books</b>	<b>FF I &amp; II books included (Books must be unused)</b>	<b>\$156.00</b>
<b>Uniforms</b>	<b>Estimate based on three t-shirts, three polo shirts, and three pairs of shorts</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>
<b>Bunker Gear Rental (If needed)</b>	<b>Approximately</b>	<b>\$510.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR FIREFIGHTER I (Approximately)</b>		<b><u>\$1,800.00</u></b>

**FIREFIGHTER II**

<b>Tuition:</b>		<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL FF I, AND FF II</b>	<b>(Approximately)</b>	<b><u>\$2,800.00</u></b>



**MEDICAL EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE FITNESS FOR FIREFIGHTER TRAINING  
BUREAU OF FIRE STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

Please print legibly.

NAME: LAST \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT ID \_\_\_\_\_

FCTC \_\_\_\_\_

TRAINING CENTER \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

***For the medical professional conducting the examination:*** The purpose of this examination is to ensure that the physical, physiological, intellectual, and psychological health of the applicant is suitable for the environment and functions of a firefighter as described on page 2. Authority for this examination is FS 633.34 and is required before an individual starts firefighter training.

This medical examination must be completed by a physician, surgeon, or physician's assistant per ch. 458; or an osteopathic physician, surgeon, or physician's assistant per ch.459; or an advanced registered nurse practitioner per ch. 464.

**Examination should include but is not limited to:**

Dermatological system, Cardiovascular system	Ears, eyes, nose, mouth, throat
Clinical evaluation of 12 lead EKG	Auditory hearing in the pure tone
Systolic and Diastolic Blood pressure	Far visual acuity corrected or uncorrected
Respiratory system	Peripheral vision
Gastrointestinal system	Genitourinary system
Endocrine and metabolic systems	Musculoskeletal system
Neurological system	

***For the medical professional conducting the examination to complete:*** (Sign the appropriate box)

Based on the results of this medical evaluation, the applicant:

**Has no pre-existing or current condition, illness, injury or deficiencies. The applicant is medically fit to engage in firefighter training.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Has a pre-existing or current condition, illness, injury or deficiency that presents a safety or health risk in the environment or job functions of a firefighter. The applicant is not medically fit for firefigther training.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Completion Required (please print)**

Name of signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Office address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Essential Job Tasks and Descriptions from NFPA 1582, 2007 edition**

1. Performing firefighting tasks (e.g., hose line operations, extensive crawling, lifting, carrying heavy objects, ventilating roofs or walls using power or hand tools, and forcible entry), rescue operations and other emergency response actions under stressful conditions while wearing personal protective ensembles and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), including working in extremely hot or cold environments for prolonged time periods.
2. Wearing an SCBA, which includes a demand valve–type positive-pressure face piece or HEPA filter masks, which requires the ability to tolerate increased respiratory workloads.
3. Exposure to toxic fumes, irritants, particulates, biological (infectious) and nonbiological hazards, and/or heated gases, despite the use of personal protective ensembles and SCBA.
4. Climbing six or more flights of stairs while wearing fire protective ensemble weighing at least 50 lbs. or more and carrying equipment/tools weighing an additional 20 to 40 lbs.
5. Wearing fire protective ensemble that is encapsulating and insulated, which will result in significant fluid loss that frequently progresses to clinical dehydration and can elevate core temperature to levels exceeding 102.2°F (39°C).
6. Searching, finding, and rescue-dragging or carrying victims ranging from newborns up to adults weighing over 200 lbs. to safety despite hazardous conditions and low visibility.
7. Advancing water-filled 2 ½ diameter hose lines from fire apparatus to occupancy [approximately 150 ft. ], which can involve negotiating multiple flights of stairs, ladders, and other obstacles.
8. Climbing ladders, operating from heights, walking or crawling in the dark along narrow and uneven surfaces, and operating in proximity to electrical power lines and/or other hazards.
9. Unpredictable emergency requirements for prolonged periods of extreme physical exertion without benefit of warm-up, scheduled rest periods, meals, access to medication(s), or hydration.
10. Operating fire apparatus or other vehicles in an emergency mode with emergency lights and sirens.
11. Critical, time-sensitive, complex problem solving during physical exertion in stressful, hazardous environments, including hot, dark, tightly enclosed spaces, that is further aggravated by fatigue, flashing lights, sirens, and other distractions.
12. Ability to give and comprehend verbal orders while wearing personal protective ensembles and SCBA under conditions of high background noise, poor visibility, and drenching from hose lines and/or fixed protection systems (sprinklers), hear alarm signals, hear and locate the source of calls for assistance from victims or other firefighters.
13. Functioning as an integral component of a team, where sudden incapacitation of a member can result in mission failure or in risk of injury or death to civilians or other team members.