

Taking part in the Crystal Coast Fire Academy will provide each cadet with the discipline, knowledge and tools needed to compete in an ever changing and demanding fire service career. Cadets can learn the solid building blocks that form the foundation of a long-term fire career, all the while, enjoying the beach atmosphere that the Crystal Coast provides.

Chief Wes Lail
Morehead City Fire & EMS

As a business, we take great pride in supporting those who have chosen to pursue a career in firefighting. There is no more noble an effort than helping to ensure the safety of our community and its citizens. We are honored to support the Crystal Coast Fire Academy and the education it will provide.

Chris Brock
Coastal Press & Graphics

As an educational institution dedicated to excellence, Carteret Community College is excited about our partnership with the Crystal Coast Fire Academy. The Crystal Coast Fire Academy will provide an environment in which a student can bring a positive attitude and a commitment to succeed and can exit 20 weeks later as an excellent addition to the Fire Service.

Robert Espenship
Public Services Training Coordinator CCC

The Crystal Coast Fire Academy wishes to extend its gratitude to the following business partners, without whom the academy could not be possible.

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It is often said that the journey of a thousand miles begins with just one step. Let the Crystal Coast Fire Academy start you off on the right foot by providing the essential tools needed for a rewarding career in the fire service.

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for more information

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CRYSTAL COAST FIRE ACADEMY

The Crystal Coast Fire Academy is more than just a State Firefighter 1 and 2 series of classes—this academy is an intensive training program that goes beyond a standard certification program and is designed to better prepare men and women for careers (both paid and volunteer) in the fire service. The Crystal Coast Fire Academy (CCFA) applies real-world knowledge to its education principles and allows cadets the opportunity for expanded skill acquisition through a mentoring process incorporated into the academy as an internship.

The rigors of today's fire service are tremendous. To meet the challenges of a modern fire service, our firefighters must obtain a strong base at the beginning of their careers that instills motivation, discipline, and integrity as its founding principles. The CCFA provides a highly-structured program that utilizes a military-like format to build both mental and physical preparedness and toughness in the cadets. Upon graduation from the academy, cadets will have developed a new approach to both the profession and the idea of public service. Respect for those serving and for those being served will be epitomized through the CCFA graduates.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Crystal Coast Fire Academy (CCFA) is a twenty-week evening program that involves some daytime internship hours. Academy cadets receive North Carolina Fire/Rescue certification courses in the areas of *Firefighter 1 and 2, and Hazardous Materials Operations*. Additionally, cadets will receive NIMS 100 and 200 certification. Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) concepts will be taught as part of the curriculum along with other expanded firefighter topics including LP Gas firefighting. At the end of the academy, cadets will be taught job preparatory skills and will be exposed to a job placement process.

In addition to the fire academy, cadets will have the opportunity to attend an EMT-Basic class on

Saturdays during the same twenty weeks. The EMT class is optional to the academy and will be open to students outside of the academy.

The CCFA will be offered two times a year, spring and fall. Please see the contact information to obtain exact academy dates.

Attendance in the academy requires a complete start to finish commitment.

TYPICAL CCFA SCHEDULE:

Monday through Thursday evenings—physical training and classroom

Physical training begins 5:15pm ends at 6:00pm

Shower/change 6:00-6:20pm

Formation and dress inspection 6:20-6:30pm

Class begins at 6:30pm ends at 10:30pm

INTERNSHIP ROTATION

Academy will be divided into (2) ten-week semesters. Intern shifts will occur Monday-Friday 7am-5pm and will rotate periodically. During the first semester, each cadet will intern (1) five-hour shift per week either 7am-12pm or 12-5pm.

During second semester, each cadet will intern (1) ten-hour shift per week 7am-5pm. There will be a total of 150 hours internship per cadet for the academy. Cadets have permission to trade intern shifts with approval of academy coordinator.

ADMISSION PROCESS

Applicants must request an application packet from the Academy Coordinator and complete all of the required forms and return to the coordinator at least two weeks prior to the start date of the academy. Included in the packet are drug screening and criminal history background check requirements.

All applicants must be at least 18 years of age; possess a high school diploma or equivalent; and present medical examination clearances from their physicians that have been performed no later than (6) months prior

to the start date of the academy.

Applicants must be *sponsored* by fire departments to be eligible for the academy. Sponsorship means that a sponsor department endorses the applicant to attend the academy and provides NFPA-approved structural firefighting gear and workers compensation insurance. A sponsorship form is included in each packet. Prior to full acceptance into the academy and internship program, all applicants must complete a physical agility entrance test. The requirements for this test are included in the applicant packet.

COSTS

\$65 college tuition (if applicant is **not** a member of a fire department located in North Carolina)

Textbook: *Essentials of Firefighting* 4th ed.

IFSTA \$50

Uniforms—approximately \$250

Misc. class supplies \$25

LODGING

Free, but limited lodging is available for applicants unable to commute. Lodging is provided on a first-come-first-serve basis, but priority is given to those attending from outside of Carteret County. A lodging request form is included in the application packet.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Information concerning the Crystal Coast Fire Academy can be obtained by calling

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(252) 726-5040

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