



**San Diego Miramar College
Fire Academy Information Page
Fall 2020 - Spring 2021**



*Fire Academy Application Period July 1 – August 1, 2020
Applications must be received by 5pm Saturday, August 1, 2020*

*****Pending Return to Campus by
San Diego Community College District*****

FYI - For Spring 2021 Full-time Academy Application Period will be in December

*For Fall Full-time or Fall/Spring Part-time
Email Notification August 3, 2020*

*August 4, 2020 5pm Zoom Meeting
Orientation Dates – Required to Attend One – August 11 or 12
Full-Time Fire Academy Start Date – August 17, 2020
Part-Time Fire Academy Start Date – August 18, 2020*

**COVID-19 Spring 2020 Students Priority Statement: Students who have completed at least one of the courses in the cohort list below from a previous semester will be given priority enrollment to complete the Fire Academy courses due to Cancellation of Spring 2020.*

The Miramar College Fire Academy consists of eleven courses taken together in a cohort model. Below is a list of courses covered in the academy. Students MUST take all classes in the same cohort (Full-time or Part-time) option.

FIPT #	Course Description	Units
150A	Introduction to Fire Suppression Manipulative Tasks (Beginning)	1.5
150B	Introduction to Fire Suppression Manipulative Tasks (Intermediate)	1.5
150C	Introduction to Fire Suppression Manipulative Tasks (Advanced)	1.5
150T	Truck Company Operations (old 150D)	1.5
324A	ICS 200 Basic Incident Command System	0.5
150W	Wildland Fire Control (old 110A)	1.5
322B	Confined Space Awareness	0.2
322C	Firefighter Survival	0.5
323B	Hazardous Materials/WMD Operations	0.5
392S	Frontline Responder - 1A Behavior Heath & Cancer (NEW)	0.2
381G	Certification Exam	1.5
	Total Units	10.9



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Full-Time Schedule

These courses are delivered in a full-time, one semester format or a part-time, two semesters format. The full-time schedule meets Monday through Thursday from 0800 to 1700 hours. This cohort meets 32 hours per week.

Part-Time Schedule

The part-time schedule meets over two semesters on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 1700 to 2200 hours AND on Saturdays from 0700 to 1800 hours for two semesters including an hour lunch break. The Part-Time cohort meets 20 hours per week.

The Miramar College Fire Academy is an accredited California State Fire Marshal (CSFM) Basic Firefighter I Academy designed to provide students with a basic knowledge of fire service operations and the entry level skills required by the vast majority of fire departments. Successful completion of all courses is required to be eligible to apply for the State Firefighter I Certificate. The Academy meets the State Fire Training (SFT) 2019 Certified Firefighter I requirements. This certificate is nationally recognized by the IFSAC / Pro Board standard of certification for the Fire Fighter I (*Additional Fees Apply at time of Certification*) The State Fire Training Firefighter I Exam is provided in the last course of the cohort. (FIPT 381G)

CAL FIRE BASIC ACADEMY ONLY Option:

Some students may ONLY have interest in completing the CAL FIRE BASIC ACADEMY Certification. CAL FIRE BASIC ACADEMY Students still complete the Fire Academy Application Process but need to select the CAL FIRE BASIC ACADEMY Option ONLY in the Google Form Application. See website for specific CAL FIRE BASIC ACADEMY Certification information. [Miramar Fire Technology Website](#). All students who complete the entire eleven classes will receive both CAL FIRE BASIC Academy Certification and SFT Firefighter I Certification. [CAL FIRE BASIC Academy Information](#)

Fire Academy Prerequisites

Applicants with questions concerning eligibility, including the completion of prerequisites are encouraged to contact Laz Lahera, Fire Academy Coordinator via email at llahera@sdccd.edu.

1. **Prerequisites for the Fire Academy**
 - A. Possess a valid National Registry or County EMT card prior to the start of the fire academy.
 - B. Possess a valid driver's license.



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- C. FIPT 101 – Fire Protection Organization or equivalent
- D. Be 18 years old prior to the start of the fire academy.
- E. Medically cleared by your personal physician to participate in a dynamic conditioning program.(Once selected for the fire academy)
- F. Never convicted of a felony in any State.

2. **Application Process**

Students must submit the following items through the “Fire Academy Google Form Application” from the Fire Technology Website. All items will be “Uploaded” as .pdf attachments.

1. **Fire Academy Demographics Sheet** - (Download from Fire Academy Website)
2. **Valid driver’s license**
3. **Valid National Registry or County EMT card** - Time of the application (or start of the Fire Academy if applicable)
4. **Cover Letter:** stating why YOU are the best candidate to attend the academy and describe any specific special circumstances (i.e. completed some of the FIPT Academy courses already or enrolled in courses cancelled due to COVID)
5. **Current Resume** - Your resume needs to be tailored for applying to the fire academy. Make certain to INCLUDE all requirements listed on the fire academy information page for the scoring rubric. Your resume will be used as a summary of your qualifications for priority registration for the fire academy. All items listed on your resume will be verified through the Google Fire Academy Application Form.

3. **Selection Process - Scoring Rubric**

**Students who have completed at least one of the cohort courses in a previous semester will be given priority enrollment to either the Fall 2020 Full-Time Academy, Fall/Spring 2020/21 Part-Time Academy or 2021 Spring Full-Time Academy.*



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The Fire Academy is open to all students who meet the prerequisites listed above (#1). The selection process for enrollment will be based on the scoring rubric listed below. Each Academy Cohort is limited to 40 candidates.

Students must submit the following items through the “[Fire Academy Google Form Application](#)” from the Fire Technology Website. All verification items will be “Uploaded” as .pdf attachments. *Please note: You will need a copy of your “Unofficial Transcripts” to use for verification.*

Extra points are awarded to applicants for the following:

1. Military Experience (5 pt.)
2. Paramedic License (5 pts.)
3. Master’s Degree (4 pts.)
4. Bachelor’s Degree (Any Discipline) (3 pt.)
5. Associate’s Degree (Any Discipline) (2 pt.)
6. Public Safety Paid Work Experience (2 points per 6 months experience. ie. EMT, Paramedic, Lifeguard, Seasonal Firefighter)
7. Public Safety Volunteer Experience (1 point per 6 months experience. ie. Fire Explorer, Fire Cadet, Reserve Firefighter, Auxiliary Firefighter.)
8. Fire Technology courses completed (1 pt. per class completed prior to the beginning of the academy)

If additional spots are available, applicants who are currently taking the prerequisites may be invited to the Academy provided all required documentation is submitted prior to the beginning of the Fire Academy class. Once candidates are selected to the Academy, an alternate list will be developed. If a spot in the Academy becomes available, applicants will be chosen from the alternate list.

4. **Financial Aid**

Fire Academy students can fully access financial aid options, veteran and active duty military students can utilize their Post 9/11 & Forever GI Bill and all students can apply for a variety of scholarships.

5. **Physical/Medical Exams**

Once selected into one of the academy cohorts, all students must complete a physical/medical respiratory exam. Once accepted into the Academy, candidates will be scheduled to participate in a medical screening and will be fitted for a breathing mask which will be issued by the Fire Academy. ***Note** – all medical exam paperwork must be received prior to the beginning of the Fire Academy.



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6. Academy Schedule - Tentative

The tentative full-time and part-time schedules for the academic year 2020-2021 are planned but may change depending on the outcome of Covid-19 restrictions.

Full Time Academy Fall 2020				
FIPT	Class Description	Hours	Start	End
150A	Intro to Fire Suppression (Beg)	80	8/17/2020	9/1/2020
324A	ICS 200	16	9/2/2020	9/3/2020
150B	Introduction of Fire Suppression (INT)	80	9/8/2020	9/23/2020
110A	Wildland Firefighting	48	9/24/2020	10/5/2020
392L	Special Topics (Wildland Bridge)	24	10/6/2020	10/8/2020
323B	FRO Hazardous Materials	24	10/12/2020	10/14/2020
322B	Confined Space Awareness (Old fees)	8	10/15/2020	10/15/2020
322C	Firefighter Survival (Old Fees)	24	10/19/2020	10/21/2020
150D	Truck Operations	80	10/22/2020	11/9/2020
150C	Introduction of Fire Suppression (ADV)	80	11/10/2020	12/3/2020
392S	1A Behavior Heath & Cancer	8	Jan-TBD	Jan-TBD
381G	Fire Control 3 & FF1 Skills Exam	96	Jan - TBD	Jan - TBD

Part Time Academy Fall 2020/Spring 2021				
Part Time				
FIPT	Class Description	Hours	Start	End
150A	Intro to Fire Suppression (Beg)	80	8/18/2020	9/12/2020
324A	ICS 200	16	9/19/2020	9/26/2020
150B	Introduction of Fire Suppression (INT)	80	9/29/2020	10/24/2020
110A	Wildland Firefighting	48	10/27/2020	11/12/2020
392L	Special Topics (Wildland Bridge)	24	11/14/2020	11/21/2020
323B	FRO Hazardous Materials	24	12/5/2020	12/19/2020
322B	Confined Space Awareness (Old fees)	8	2/6/2021	2/6/2021
322C	Firefighter Survival (Old Fees)	24	2/13/2021	2/27/2021
150D	Truck Operations	80	3/2/2021	3/27/2021
150C	Introduction of Fire Suppression (ADV)	80	4/6/2021	5/1/2021
392S	1A Behavior Heath & Cancer	8	Jan-TBD	Jan-TBD
381G	Fire Control 3 & FF1 Skills Exam	96	May - TBA	May- TBA



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(See Website for Spring 2021 Full-time option) - Application for Spring 2021 available in December of 2020

7. ***How to apply***

- a. Review the Application steps, prerequisites and selection process listed above.
- b. Secure your .pdf / scanned copies for verification including EMT Certificate, Resume, Cover Letter, Driver License, Military Experience, Educational Degrees earned, Paramedic Certification, Public Safety Work Experience, Public Safety Volunteer Work Experience, Transcripts for Fire Technology Courses. (as applicable)
Be prepared to upload each document to the [Fire Academy Application Google Form](#) from the website as .pdf files.

Estimated Fire Academy Costs* and Fees**

Cost	Description
\$598.00	Units at \$ 46.00 per unit (estimated 13 units for all classes)
\$25.000	Student Transportation Fee
\$19.00	Mandatory: Health Fee – \$20 per semester (\$17 in summer)
\$5.00	Student Activities Fee
\$40.00	Optional: Student Parking Fee – Auto \$40 per semester / \$25 if financial aid eligible / Motorcycle \$17.50 Fees Source: https://www.sdccd.edu/students/fees.aspx
\$116.00	IFSTA Essentials of FireFighting 7 th Edition
\$44.00	IFSTA ResourceOne online access (One time cost)
\$81.60	Wildland Text
\$3.50	Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG)
\$12.29	Hazardous Materials Operations Packet



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\$13.50	SFT Firefighter I Skills Book
\$86.85	Total for Physical Fitness Uniforms & Equipment. Includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · \$47.85 - 3 T-shirts (\$15.95 each) · \$39.00 - 2 pairs of gym shorts (\$19.50 each) · HAT · Water bottle
\$289.98	Total for Uniforms Includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · \$82.50 – 3 Uniform Shirt (\$27.50 each) · \$55.98 – 2 Uniform Pants (\$27.99 each) · \$22.50 – 1 Uniform belt · \$129.00 (Australia) or \$93.50 (China) – Station Boot with Steel Toe
0	Additional - Running Shoes: \$ 50.00 - \$ 150.00
\$110.00	FIT Test
\$1,444.72	<i>Estimated Tuition and Supplies</i>
State Firefighter Certification Fees	
\$150.00	Firefighter 1 (2019) (Includes Certification Exam Registration Fee & IFSAC/Pro Board seals)
\$75.00	Confined Space Awareness
\$75.00	ICS 200
\$75.00	Frontline Responder - 1A Behavior Heath & Cancer
\$75.00	SFT - Fire Control 3B
\$75.00	Firefighter Survival
\$10.00	CSTI - Hazmat Certificate
\$0.00	S-130, S-190, L-180 Wildland Certificates
\$535.00	<i>Estimated State Fire Training (SFT) and CSFM Certificates Costs</i>
\$133.75	ETI (Admin Fee) Cert Processing Fee (25%)
\$668.75	Estimated Total Certification Fees (tax not included)



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