

H.C.E.S.D. #13/CCFD FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Volunteer firefighting has changed drastically in our area over the past 10 years. The amount of training, skills, and time invested have increased for the safety of the community, the department, and more importantly, the volunteer. Essentially, a volunteer firefighter will end up completing the same amount of training as a fully commissioned paid firefighter before they ever respond to a real-life incident.

Cypress Creek Fire Department values its volunteers and provides them with the training they need to be successful in multiple emergency situations. Prior fire or EMS training is not required to begin the volunteer process. To attend our cadet academy, CCFD requires the following:

- 18+ years old
- High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- No major criminal offenses or felonies
- Driver's license in good standing (not suspended)
- Required station staffing of three 12 hour shifts per month or more (after class graduation)
- Must pass a physical ability test prior to being accepted into the academy***
- Must pass a full medical physical and criminal background check

*** Due to the physical fitness demand of the class, we require anyone who wants to apply to complete and pass our P.A.T. (Physical Ability Test) **prior** to being admitted into the class. The link below is a video of a candidate completing the course. Volunteers will have 12 min, 20 sec to complete the course, but by the end of the academy, it must be completed in under 10 min, 20 seconds.

TRAINING VIDEO LINK (open in Google Chrome):

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NCX5zi_kayGbelvRc-XuiSP3CfeorXGU?usp=sharing

CCFD Cadet Academy

Our cadet classes are held on an annual basis. They begin the first Thursday evening in January and continue through the end of June.

Class times are every **Thursday 7pm-10pm** and every **Saturday 7am-8am** (mandatory physical conditioning) and class from **8am-5pm**.

To be successful, attendance is *EXTREMELY* important. Any absence must be approved by your lead instructor. You will receive one week off for spring break and another off during the Good Friday/Easter Sunday holiday. Volunteers will receive a book and an online login to complete classwork/quizzes during your own time, and Thursdays/Saturdays will be for hands on training and skills testing.