



# Lake Tahoe Basin Fire Academy

## Program Announcement for 2014-2015

The Lake Tahoe Basin Fire Academy at the Lake Tahoe Community College is a three quarter long program which culminates in the instructional requirement for Firefighter I certification through the California State Fire Marshal's office. The LTCC Fire Academy curriculum is designed to prepare students for initial employment in the field of Fire Technology. This program is **physically demanding** and the curriculum conforms to standards for certification by the California State Fire Marshal's Office. **LTCC is a California State Fire Marshal Regionally Accredited Training Program.**

Firefighter Academy classroom and "in the field" instruction includes ice rescue, swift water rescue, interview techniques, nutrition, forcible entry, confined spaces, extrication, communications, fire protection systems, incident command systems, hazardous materials, fire protection water systems, fire control, salvage, firefighter survival, ventilation, truck company operations, public utilities, and wildland fire and a live fire drill.

Applicants planning to enter the Fire Academy in the fall quarter 2014 are **REQUIRED** to attend a mandatory **SUMMER** orientation meeting: Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board/Aspen Room: L103/L104, reservations not required. Based on student demand, there may be a random lottery for available seats in the Fire Academy. Students will not be eligible for the lottery unless they attend the mandatory orientation meeting.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Does the Academy have any prerequisites?** None

During orientation, you'll be required to prepay for equipment in the amount of \$500.

**How long does the Academy last?**

It starts in September and ends in the latter part of June (three academic quarters: fall, winter, spring). Classes are on **Saturdays** and **Mondays**, 8:00 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. with occasional changes. There is a "no-fault" attendance policy that requires students to miss no more than eight hours of instruction (none of which may be training ground hours) during any given academic quarter.

**Would it be in my best interest to be in good physical shape before starting the Academy?**

Yes! The Fire Academy is **EXTREMELY** demanding in terms of physical exertion requirements. Students are advised that rigorous physical conditioning is included in the program and an additional independent fitness program is strongly advised while enrolled in the academy. Students will be introduced to the physical agility course that will be required for ultimate certification as a Firefighter I in California. The responsibility for preparing for the physical demands of firefighting lies completely with the student.

**How much studying outside the classroom does an average Cadet take part in?**

Most Cadets join study groups which meet several times a week. You can expect to spend 1-2 hours studying for each hour that the Academy meets. This can easily amount to 20+ hours of studying per week. Potential students are advised that the Academy is academically rigorous and demands serious commitment. **The passing grade for all tests is 80%.**

**What does the Lake Tahoe Basin Fire Academy offer that other programs don't?**

We have extra training hours built into our program that go above and beyond the minimum hours set by the State Fire Marshal for Firefighter I certification. We include classes in nutrition, ice rescue, swift water rescue, high angle rescue, airport rescue, sexual harassment prevention, and job interview skills.

**What do I get when I complete the Academy?**

You will receive a certificate of completion for the training hours required by the State Fire Marshal's Office for Firefighter I, along with Fire Service Training & Education Program (FSTEP) certificates in several areas. After completing our program, you must continue on as a regular firefighter for six months or a volunteer for a year. At that time, you'll be eligible to apply for the actual Firefighter I certificate through the Fire Marshal's Office.

**How much does the Academy cost?**

Registration fees for California residents and out-of-state students are listed at [www.ltcc.edu/fees](http://www.ltcc.edu/fees). There are a total of 35 units in the Academy (10.75 units in the fall; 12.75 units in the winter; 11.5 units in the spring). **In addition to registration fees**, students are required to pay a **\$70** materials fee in the winter quarter, **\$15** materials fee in spring quarter and purchase a wide variety of uniform items and supplies that amount to approximately **\$600 - \$1,000**. A number of stand-alone FSTEP certificates are issued throughout the Academy and amount to approximately **\$120**. In general, students can expect to pay approximately **\$2,200 - \$2,400** for participating in the Academy. **Subject to change.**

**Where do I sign up?**

**A mandatory orientation meeting is held during the summer quarter each year.**

Students must attend the mandatory **SUMMER** orientation in order to be eligible for registration. Based on student demand for the program, a lottery system for available seats will be conducted. For information contact **Leona Allen** at [allen@mail.ltcc.edu](mailto:allen@mail.ltcc.edu) or **(530) 541-4660 x 554**.



Like us on Facebook!