

## **Fire Fighter Minimum Standards (Fire Academy) Program Applying & Getting Selected:**

➤ **What is the selection process?**

Fire Academy app → MDC admission → TABE → Info Session → Medical exam → PAT → Random selection

➤ **How many applicants are selected for the Fire Academy class?**

Up to 40 students are selected.

➤ **Is EMT required to get into the Fire Academy?**

No, applicants who have taken EMT will probably be exempt from needing the First Responder course.

➤ **How often do you offer the Fire Academy classes?**

The Fire Academy classes are offered several times a year; including a Firefighter/EMT-Combined.

➤ **Do I need to submit a MDC Admission Application, even if I was a previous MDC student?**

Yes, applicants should complete the MDC admission process as a new vocational credit student. College credit admission is separate from vocational credit admission in the MDC system.

➤ **Is the Fire Fighter Minimum Standards Program application the same as the MDC Admission application?**

No. Applicants should first submit the one-page Fire Academy application to the Fire Science office ([FireScience@mdc.edu](mailto:FireScience@mdc.edu)), then complete MDC admission online at: [www.mdc.edu](http://www.mdc.edu).

➤ **What is the mandatory Informational Session?**

The mandatory Informational Session is an informative session that gives a general overview of the Fire Academy and its selection process. In order to attend the Info Session, all applicants must complete a one-page Fire Academy application.

➤ **Is Financial Aid available for the Fire Academy?**

The Fire Academy does not qualify for federal financial aid. However, the Firefighter/EMT-Combined does qualify for financial aid.

➤ **How much does a firefighter get paid?**

Salary is based on the hiring fire department. For more information you can visit [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com) or [www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com).

➤ **What happens if an applicant does not get selected for a Fire Academy class?**

Applicants who are not selected for a Fire Academy class will have to re-apply and re-submit all paperwork.

➤ **What is First Responder?**

First Responder is CPR and first aid. It is a requirement to take the state exam at the end of the Fire Academy class.

➤ **How long is the Fire Academy Program?**

The full-time program takes three months to complete and the part-time program takes five and half months to complete.

*For more information, contact the Fire Science Office, 305-237-3473 or [FireScience@mdc.edu](mailto:FireScience@mdc.edu).*