

***CHIEF SHABBONA FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
FIRE FIGHTER III ACADEMY***

March 1, 2010	Applications are due back to <u>Coal City FPD</u>
March 23, 2010	FIREFIGHTER III FIRST DAY OF CLASS
June 2, 2010	Firefighter III OSFM State test At Coal City High School
June 4, 2010	ACADEMY GRADUATION – FF III 6:30 PM at Reed Custer (Braidwood) High School Auditorium

HazMat Operations may be offered at a later date but not included in this program.

Attachment #1 is a list of reference material for the class. It's not necessary to purchase this material but this is the reference.

Chief Shabbona Fire Training Academy

Introduction

The Fire Training Academy is a combined effort of several members of the Chief Shabbona Firefighter's Association. The Academy was established in 1999 with a vision of better-trained firefighters for our communities. As our world changes around us, we find that this vision is a very real situation.

The days of firefighters sitting in the firehouse playing checkers and watching the grass grow are over. Today's firefighters are better educated and trained than their predecessors could have imagined. On a frequently recurring basis, the demands on the fire service are changing. Firefighters today are required to stay educated with all of the current changes in technologies, and must know how to deal with these new arising problems.

Upon successful completion of the Firefighter III Training Academy, you will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to become an integral part of the team known as your local fire department. The education you will receive will be a foundation for you to build your fire service career. After graduation, you are encouraged to continue your education by not only attending your department training, but also attend trainings outside your department that can keep you up to date with new ideas, procedures and technical advancements that affect fire service.

Evaluation

The Academy evaluation system has been designed to ensure that each candidate meets the standards promulgated by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Throughout the multi-week program, examinations, along with nightly quizzes will be given to cover the presented class materials. These quizzes could be given before the material is covered in the classroom, which encourages before class preparation. **Only candidates that maintain a 75% (seventy-five percent) average will be able to challenge the State Firefighter III exam.**

All candidates will be required to pass all practical examinations that are held during the Academy classes.

All candidates will be expected to maintain a permanent notebook. The notebook will contain classroom and practical notes, and all handout materials issues. This notebook is subject to periodic examination, neatness, maintenance and content.

Chief Shabbona Firefighters' Application
2010 Fire Fighter III Training Academy Application

Name (Last, First, MI) _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Social Security # _____ Home Phone # _____

Work Phone # _____ Pager or Cell # _____

Fire Department District _____ Fire Chief _____

Fire Department Address _____ Zip Code _____

Fire Department Phone # _____ Training Officer _____

Department Chief's Signature _____

Please give a brief explanation of why you want to attend the Academy (75 words or less)

Candidate's Signature _____

Course Tuition is due on or before the first day of class: \$450 for Association member departments and \$550 for non-member departments.

Make checks payable to: Chief Shabbona Firefighters' Association

IMPORTANT !!!! You must include the signed Liability Release and a Certificate of Insurance provided by YOUR Department with this completed application.

Completed Applications can be sent to: Coal City Fire Protection District
Attn: Chief Holsinger
P.O. Box 219
Coal City, IL 60419-0219

Chief Shabbona Fire Training Academy

Release from Liability

This is to certify that I have made application and am an acceptable candidate to take the physical ability assessment for the position of Academy Candidate. The test I will take is designed to demonstrate my physical ability and fitness to carry out the duties of this position. I have fully read and understand the description of the assessment. I also understand the tasks I will be performing during the assessment. I believe I am physically capable of performing each task as outlined.

I can certify that I do not suffer from any medical or physical problems that could threaten my health if I perform these tests. I feel that I am in good medical and physical health and as such can complete a series of strenuous physical tasks.

Therefore, I hereby ask permission to participate in this assessment and further practical exams. I understand that I can refuse at any time, before or during the assessment, to participate in the tasks as assigned, either in part or in the whole process. I understand that fire fighting is an inherently dangerous activity, and as such I am at risk of serious injury or death. I understand that the Physical Ability Assessment, and any practical evaluations involve these risks, and I may be physically injured while performing these tasks.

In the event I am injured during the Physical Ability Assessment and/or any practical evaluations, I shall indemnify and hold harmless: all members of the Chief Shabbona Fire Academy Staff, Chief Shabbona Firefighters' Association, participating departments/districts and their trustees, from any liability for my injuries or any personal expenses/medical costs incurred as a direct result from such injuries. At no time did anyone from the Chief Shabbona Firefighters' Association or Chief Shabbona Academy Staff, or local government suggest to me that such liabilities would be the responsibility of anyone other than myself.

Whereas, I agree that I have made application to the Chief Shabbona Fire Training Academy and in consideration of such, I have read and understand the terms herein. Thus, I do hereby release the Chief Shabbona Firefighters' Association, the Chief Shabbona Fire Training Academy, all participating departments and/or districts and their employees/designates, participating private facilities and their employees/ designates, from all claims for loss or damages for personal injuries of any kind or description and personal or issued property or equipment damage of any kind or description during my participation in the Physical Ability Assessment or any practical evaluation.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the terms contained in this release and fully agree to the terms set forth above.

Signature

Date

Print name

Social Security Number

Witness (print name)

Witness (signature)

FFIII Academy Rules & Regulations

For the purpose of conformity and to avoid confusion, the Academy has devised a set of rules and regulations governing the conduct of *candidates*. Discipline and order are a must in the Fire Service. To establish and ensure candidates are capable of working in a systematic and orderly way, it is imperative that these rules and regulations are to be adhered to.

During your tenure in the Academy, an instructor or member of the Academy staff may note certain infractions. Certain infractions may require automatic dismissal from the Academy and are noted where applicable in the rules and regulations. Furthermore, you are bound by all rules and regulations governing your respective department. Issues may be reviewed & resolved by an Academy Board of Review that consists of Officers from Departments who have candidates attending the academy.

Class Hours

Week day classes will begin at 1800 hours. Saturdays will be scheduled for approximately eight hours, starting promptly at 0800 hours until released by lead instructor. Dates of classes are listed on the calendar which will be available later.

Absences

Because firefighters rely on one another so extensively, it is vital to make class. If you miss class, members or your assigned crew will be forced to carry your load. Therefore, other than emergency situations 100% class attendance is required. ***Violation of this policy is cause for automatic dismissal from the Academy.***

A student may be allowed time off for a good cause; i.e.: death in the family, etc. Decisions on granting more time will be made by the candidate's Chief and the Academy class coordinator. If unable to report to class or other activities, notify the Coal City Fire Protection District @ 634-4700 before 1700 hours on the day of the absence.

Classroom Conduct

Candidates will respect and pay close attention to the Instructor. Candidates will respect each other and avoid all private conversation while class is in session. No student will leave the classroom without the Instructor's permission.

Courtesy

On occasion, the Academy may be visited by a fire department officer. If this happens, candidates should greet them accordingly and give them the respect their title demands.

Cheating

Candidates are advised; ***ANY METHODS OF CHEATING WILL BE CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL FROM THE ACADEMY.***

Parking

Candidates will park their vehicles in a designated location at the request of the host fire department. Candidates must understand that they can not interfere with responses to department emergencies.

Telephone Use

Candidates must ask and be granted permission to use a host department telephone. This includes incoming calls, with the exception of emergencies.

Cell Phone Use

Turn off, set on vibrate and no texting during class. Unauthorized cameras will not be allowed.

Tobacco

Tobacco will not be allowed in any form inside the fire station. Smoking and chewing will only be permitted outside.

Substance Abuse

Any evidence of intoxication, substance abuse or possession will result in immediate dismissal from the Academy and possible filing of criminal charges.

Uniform

Candidates will be required to report to all class sessions wearing a Class B uniform. Candidates are also to report to class with OSHA approved bunker gear, helmet and gloves every day of class. The student is also required to bring a SCBA, in good working order with updated hydrostatic test and pass device, to every class. The only exception to this rule is when the Lead Instructor informs the students not to bring a SCBA.

Grooming

Candidates will report to all class sessions clean-shaven. No beards or excessive facial hair will be allowed. If make-up is worn, it must not interfere with the candidate's ability to wear a SCBA mask.

Jewelry

The wearing of jewelry, including necklaces, pins, earrings or rings will be prohibited. Due to rigorous training demands, jewelry becomes a hazard. Medical jewelry is acceptable and Instructors should be notified of this situation.

Candidate Equipment

Candidates are responsible for the equipment they are required to bring to class. This includes all bunker gear, books, notes, pens and any other miscellaneous equipment. The Academy is not responsible for any damaged or lost equipment. ***Reference books needed to complete assignments are the student responsibility and will not be provided by the academy. Refer to Attachment I for necessary reference books.***

Fire Department Equipment

All equipment used by the Academy will be placed in service upon completion of all practical exercises. This includes washing and replacing any used equipment. All candidates will be held accountable for any equipment not returned in ready condition.

Any and all damage that may occur to any equipment shall be reported immediately to the Instructor. ***Violation of this may result in the dismissal from the Academy. Intentionally caused damage to any equipment is cause for dismissal from the Academy.***

Academy Equipment

All of the above rules are to be followed as well as any rules the Lead Instructors may have. Firefighters need to understand how to take orders and work within a team. Firefighting is a paramilitary organization and needs to have this type of structure to provide a safe orderly way of doing the tasks required of the job. During this Academy, any violations of these rules will be punished by physical training (push-ups, running, etc.) up to dismissal from the Academy.

Attachment #1

MODULE A

FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

Orientation and Terminology, 3rd Ed., Chapters 4 and 5

Fire Command, Chapter 3, (Section 7)

FIRE BEHAVIOR

Orientation and Terminology, 3rd Ed., Glossary, Chapter 6

Essentials, 3rd Ed., Chapters 1, 2 and 12

SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

SCBA, 2nd Ed., Chapters 1, 4, 7, 8 and 9

LADDERS

Essentials, 3rd Ed., Chapter 8

FIRE HOSE AND APPLIANCES

Essentials, 3rd Ed., Chapter 11

PERSONAL SAFETY

Personal Safety, 2nd Ed., Chapters 1, 8, 9 and 10

MODULE B

WATER SUPPLY

Essentials, 3rd Ed., Chapters 9 and 10

Water Supply, 4th Ed., Chapter 2 and Glossary

NOZZLES AND FIRE STREAMS

Fire Stream, 7th Ed., Chapters 2, 3, 4 and 5

VENTILATION

Ventilation, 7th Ed., Chapters 4, 5 and 6

Essentials, 3rd Ed., Chapter 7

RESCUE

Rescue, 6th Ed., Chapter 8

Essentials, 3rd Ed., Chapter 5

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Building Construction, 1st Ed., Chapters 2, 3, 5 and 6

OVERHAUL

Salvage and Overhaul, 7th Ed., Chapters 6 and 8

Essentials, 3rd Ed., Chapter 14

MODULE C

COMMUNICATIONS

Essentials, 3rd Ed., Chapter 17

Private Fire Protection, Chapter 6

SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Essentials, 3rd Ed., Chapter 13

Private Fire Protection and Detection, 2nd Ed., Chapter 1

ROPES

Essentials, 3rd Ed., Chapter 4

FIRE PREVENTION, PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INSPECTION

Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement, 5th Ed., Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10

Essentials, 3rd Ed., Chapter 18