



Columbia Gorge Training Association



Fire Training Academy 2019-2020 Course Syllabus

COURSE DATES: September 9th, 2019 – March 23rd, 2020

COURSE FEE: \$350.00 per student

(Fee includes textbook, workbook, t-shirt, and cost of training materials)

COORDINATOR INFORMATION:

Coordinator: Josh Beckner 541.490.3815

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Coordinator: Patrick Foss 509.281.0150

TEXTBOOKS:

- Textbook: Jones and Bartlett – Fundamentals of Firefighter Skills – Enhanced Third Edition
- Workbook: Jones and Bartlett – Fundamentals of Firefighter Skills – Enhanced Third Edition

COURSE LOCATIONS: (See schedule for location for each class)

West Side Fire Station #1 4250 Barrett Rd. Hood River, OR 97031	Hood River Fire Station 1785 Meyer Pkwy. Hood River, OR 97031	Cascade Locks Fire Station 25 Wa Na Pa St. Cascade Locks, OR 97014
Parkdale Fire Station 4895 Baseline Dr. Parkdale, OR 97041	Odell Fire Station 3431 Odell Hwy. Hood River, OR 97031	Mid-Columbia Fire Station 1400 W 8 th St. The Dalles, OR 97058

PREREQUISITES:

- Completion of OSHA Respiratory Evaluation
- Completion of SCBA Fit Test
- Authorization from agency Training Officer/Fire Chief

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This seven-month course consists of a combination of classroom study, drill field practice, and training evolutions that will prepare the recruits to perform most fire ground functions under the supervision of an officer or experienced firefighter. Successful completion of all written exams, practical exercises, and a passing score on the final exam is required for successful completion of the Academy. This course is approximately 180 hours and is very physically demanding on recruits.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:

Instructional methods will consist of classroom lectures, hands-on practical evolutions, and self-study.

COURSE TIMES:

- Monday classes will start promptly at 1830 hours. and end no later than 2130 hours.
- Saturday classes will start promptly at 0800 hours. and end no later than 1600 hours.
 - Recruits need to plan on bringing their own lunch for Saturday classes as a 30-minute lunch break will be given. On live fire days, lunch will be provided.

ATTENDANCE:

Recruits are expected to attend all classes. Failure to appear in class for scheduled activities will be considered an absence, unless prior permission is received from the instructor or coordinators. For any absence to be excused, it must be arranged prior to start of scheduled class. A recruit that has three (3) unexcused absences will be dropped from the academy. The recruits Training Officer will be contacted if a recruit misses more than ¼ the total classes; recruits will be asked to leave academy or arrangements will be made to make up classes at a future time. The Academy staff understands that emergencies and personal issues do come up, please communicate with us and we will work with you.

UNIFORM:

Recruit uniform shall consist of issued t-shirt, black long pants, black belt, black footwear (e.g. duty boots, wildland boots, all black athletic shoes, etc.) and agency sweatshirt. Uniforms shall be worn to every academy class.

COURSE GOAL:

The purpose of this Academy is to specify, in terms of performance objectives, the minimum requirements for professional service as a firefighter. This course shall cover the requirements for the NFPA Firefighter 1 & 2, Haz-Mat First Responder Operations level of progression and Apparatus Driver/Operator. This course will give you the tools to complete your field training and certification at your home agency. All recruits will leave the Academy with BLS for Healthcare Provider CPR/AED card (if needed).

RULES & GUIDELINES:

- Recruits will be in their seat no later than 1830 hours on Monday's and 0800 hours on weekend classes. Excused absences must be cleared through the instructor or coordinator prior to the absence. Unexcused absences will not be tolerated, after three (3) unexcused absences you will be dismissed from the academy.
- Academy will start promptly at the time shown. The Pledge of Allegiance will begin each session.
- The Academy is an institution for learning. Loud or inappropriate language and/or roughhousing will not be tolerated. Instructors may take disciplinary actions against recruits or class as a whole if rules are not followed. See Disciplinary Actions for more information.
- Recruits will maintain a professional appearance at all times. Uniforms will be kept clean and neat in appearance. Personal grooming shall be in accordance with individual agency grooming policy. Jewelry is not allowed except as permitted by individual agency grooming policy.
- If a recruit needs advice or assistance from an Academy staff member, please talk with them at an appropriate time or at a break.
- Recruits will sit upright in the classroom with both feet on the floor; chairs will not be rocked back and forth.
- Breaks will be given at the discretion of the instructor.
- Smoking is NOT permitted in any training Academy building. If recruit needs to smoke, please do so away from building and dispose of cigarette butts properly.
- No chewing tobacco is allowed in any place active drills are being conducted.
- Pagers and cell phones shall be turned to silent or vibrate during training sessions, as to not interrupt training sessions. Those found using social media, etc. will be subject to disciplinary actions and/or having points deducted from testing scores. Any photos taken during Academy need to be cleared by an instructor before being released.
- Eating will not be allowed in the classroom during lecture, unless approved by academy training staff. Water bottles with water are permitted at all times.
- Whenever you leave the classroom, your chair will be pushed up to the table and classroom left in better condition than when class started.
- All Academy instructors will receive your undivided attention at all times. Instructors will be addressed by their rank or title (e.g. Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, etc.). If you are unsure of their rank it will be Sir or Ma'am.

- Sleeping in class will NOT be tolerated. Anyone found sleeping in class will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Hats will not be worn while in Academy training buildings. Hats can be worn outside training buildings.
- Recruits will arrive at the training Academy each day with all PPE and personal items necessary to complete the activities of the day.
- In the event of a large incident within the county, class may be released for response.
- Some additional Saturday classes may be added at the discretion of the coordinators but there will be sufficient notice given when this occurs. Additionally, if there is weather that requires class to be cancelled, we will schedule a make-up day.

HOMEWORK:

- Workbook chapters will be due on the day as the scheduled lecture.
- All homework will be typed or clearly written and turned in for review at the beginning of every class. Failure to have homework or assignments ready at the beginning of class will count as an unexcused absence. It is highly important to show up ready with homework in hand.
- Homework assignments are expected when due without exception. There will be no excuses for late homework unless cleared through an academy training staff member prior to the time it is due.

PHYSICAL AGILITY:

During the course of the Academy recruits will be asked to push themselves physically during hands-on training. A modified CPAT assessment will be done at the beginning of the Academy to ensure recruits are physical able to participate in arduous hands-on training. In the event a recruit does not pass the modified CPAT a retest will be done.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

All recruits and Academy staff are held to high standards. In the event disciplinary action is needed, it will be at the discretion of the Academy Coordinators. Training Officers and/or Fire Chiefs may be contacted for further action if needed.