

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA FIRE ACADEMY
AT
PENSACOLA JUNIOR COLLEGE**



**Minimum Standards Course Class 927
March 2, 2009 – August 13, 2009**

**ORIENTATION: October 2, 2008
WARRINGTON CAMPUS
BLDG. 3700**

**Pensacola Junior College
Department of Dental & Emergency Services
Fire Science Technology Program
5555 W. Highway 98
Pensacola, FL 32507-1097**

HOW TO APPLY

_____ For first time PJC students, complete application to Pensacola Junior College, Application form included in this packet. Mail PJC application to address on the form. **Include a check for \$30.00 made out to PJC.**

_____ Complete NFFA interest form.

Mail or Return to:

Department of Dental and Emergency Services
Pensacola Junior College – Warrington Campus
Room 3219
5555 West Highway 98
Pensacola, FL 32507

_____ **Complete** a “Request for Transcripts” form for high school and college you attended and mail to each school.

_____ **Attend Fire Academy Orientation**, October 2, 2008, 6:30 pm in Bldg. 3700-Auditorium, Warrington Campus.

_____ **Complete the Physical Ability Test**, October 4, 2008, 0700 am City Fire Station # 4. (See page 3.)

----- **Must have completed and show proof or documentation of First Responder, EMT and Paramedic Certification, and CPR.**

Approximate Cost:

Tuition	\$864.30*
Lab Fees	\$250.00*
State Application Fee	\$ 94.00*
Textbooks	\$150.00*
Uniforms	\$200.00*
Firefighting	<u>\$375.00*</u>
TOTAL COSTS	\$1893.30*

*The total cost may vary depending on cost of textbooks, number of uniforms purchased, and firefighting gear purchased.

Overview:

The Firefighter I & II minimum standards training includes 450 hours. Class meetings times will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 5:30 to 9:30 PM and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The course will begin March 2, 2009 and conclude August 13, 2009.

The minimum standards fire academy is mentally and emotionally challenging training that will prepare graduates for entry level positions with volunteer and paid fire departments. The training covers all subjects and material that is specified by the State of Florida’s State Fire Marshal’s Office, Bureau of Fire Standards and Training. The training consists of a combination of lecture and drills with regular evaluation of students through out the training. There are no excused absences as per the requirements of the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training and there is not any make up time schedule. **Students are required to maintain a class average of 70% in all subjects including written and practical tests. Students are limited to three (3) test failures and two (2) retests. The retest score and the failed test scores will be added together and must average 70%.**

Physical Agility Test

1.	Charged Hose Pull Forcible Entry Sled Dry Hose Drag Four story Climb/Descent Hose Hoist Victim Rescue	7 Minutes 30 seconds
2.	2.0 mile Endurance Walk w/SCBA	30 minutes

In addition to the Physical Agility Test, students are required to take the Table of Adult Basic Education (T.A.B.E.) Test Level A with a passing score of 10.0. It is recommended that the TABE be taken before the beginning of the Fire Academy. Although required for graduation, **this test is not used to restrict entry into the academy.** The exception to this requirement is if a student has graduated with either an Associate's of Arts Degree (not an Associate's of Science) or a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university. T.A.B.E Testing Centers are Milton Campus, 850-484-4410, Pensacola Campus, 850-484-1656, Warrington Campus 850-484-2343.

Minimum Qualifications:

All students requesting certification as a **firefighter for employment** must meet the following criteria as specified in the Florida Statutes 633.34 – 633.35.

- Be a high school graduate or equivalent, of good moral character as determined by the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, and at least 18 years of age.
- Neither have been convicted of a felony nor a misdemeanor directly related to the position of employment sought, nor have pled nolo contendere to any charge of a felony. If an applicant has been convicted of a felony, such applicant must be in compliance with S. 112.011(2)(b). If an applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor directly related to the position of employment sought, such applicant shall be excluded from employment for a period of 4 years after expiration of sentence. If the sentence is suspended or adjudication is withheld in a felony change to misdemeanor directly related to the position or employment sought and a period of probation is imposed, the applicant must have been released from probation.
- Submit a fingerprint card to the division with a current processing fee. This will be handled through the Fire College.
- Have a good moral character as determined by investigation under procedure established the division.
- Be in good physical condition as determined by a medical examination given by a physician or surgeon licensed to practice in the state pursuant to chapter 458, or an osteopathic physician or surgeon licensed to practice in state pursuant to chapter 459. Such examination may include, but need not be limited to, provisions of the National Fire Protection Associations Standard 1582. A medical examination evidencing good physical condition shall be submitted to the division on a form as provide by rule, before an individual is eligible for admission into a firefighter training program as defined in S. 633.35.
- Successfully complete the Minimum Standards Training Course and the State Firefighter Certification Examination.
- Must have completed and show proof of documentation the following: 1st Responder, EMT or Paramedic
- Be a nonuser of tobacco or tobacco products for at least 1 year immediately preceding application, as evidence by the sworn affidavit of the applicant.
- **Students will be required to complete the application package for the State of Florida prior to the first day of class**

Student Furnished Equipment:

Please see Textbooks List on our website at <http://itech.pjc.edu/fire>. Complete set of bunker gear ie., Bunker Coat, Bunker Trousers, helmets, suspenders, Nomex or PBI Protective Hood, NFPA approved Gloves, and NFPA approved firefighting boots, all of which may be rented. Combat Load will need to be purchased by the first week of Fire Academy classes. Fire Academy will furnish Scott Air Packs if needed. Only NFPA equipment approved by the Program Coordinator will be used.

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PENSACOLA JUNIOR COLLEGE

Return Before: DEC1ER 1, 2005

Date: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address: _____
Street

City State Zip code

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Pager/Cell: _____

Email address: _____

Are you at least 18 years of age? YES NO

Are you a legal citizen of the United States? YES NO

Do you have a high school diploma or G.E.D.? YES NO

Do you feel that you are capable of participating in strenuous physical activity? YES NO

Have you ever been convicted or pleaded *Nolo Contendere* to a felony or misdemeanor? YES NO

Are you a nonuser of tobacco or tobacco products for at least 1 year immediately proceeding Application, as evidenced by the sworn affidavit of the applicant? YES NO

Are you currently employed as a career fire fighter? YES NO How Long? _____
Where? _____

Are you currently active as a volunteer fire fighter? YES NO How Long? _____
Where? _____

Do you have a current Fire Fight I certificate? YES NO Cert. # _____

Are you currently certified as a Florida EMT/Paramedic? YES NO Cert. # _____

Are you currently certified as a 1st Responder.? YES NO Date _____

Are you currently a Fire Science student at PJC? YES NO How Long? _____

Signature _____