

FIRE ACADEMY SPONSORSHIP

Rio Hondo Fire Academy accepts sponsored candidates into their part-time and full-time structural fire Academies. Up to 80% of applicants can be sponsored into the Academy.

Seeking sponsorship from a fire agency is optional. The agency makes the decision, not Rio Hondo Fire Academy. To apply for these positions, the candidate must use the Rio Hondo Fire Academy sponsorship form. Candidates that submit **a signed sponsorship form along with a completed Academy application** are securing their candidacy into the academy.

Only the Fire Chief of the specific agency, can sign the sponsorship form. Other fire department personnel are not allowed to sign in lieu of the Fire Chief.

Many fire agencies provide sponsorship into fire academies. Sponsorship is achieved by enquiring with local organizations if they would sponsor the candidate during the academy session. It is recommended that candidates requesting sponsorship to have the process completed no later than one month prior to the Rio Hondo Fire Academy application deadline.

Depending on the sponsoring agency, a fire academy sponsorship could include:

- 1st choice for many, applying for a position in the academy
- Agency uniform patch (s) or patch & Class B uniform, firefighter boots (agency decision)
- Structural gear (turnout jacket/pants, boots, helmet, gloves, goggles) loaned to candidate
- Offer of a "Reserve FF position" with the agency upon graduation of fire academy (optional)

Note:

Offer of clothing/equipment, and Reserve Firefighter(FF) position varies from agency to agency. Not all administrations offer the use of their uniform or clothing, or equipment for sponsorship.

Sponsoring fire agencies may require an oral interview prior to selecting candidate(s) for sponsorship. If this is conducted, be prepared to discuss fire agency information that may be found on their website, or by personal enquiry by visiting fire station(s). Treat the interview as you would with any job interview; be prepared. Take along a personal resume to present your background, skills, and accomplishments.

This is not a formal job interview (tie not required) but make sure you look and dress appropriately for the occasion (*i.e. clean shaven, hair is cut and groomed to an acceptable standard, slacks and shirt/skirt and blouse, etc.*).

Some agencies within the Los Angeles region that have previously sponsored candidates into Rio Hondo Fire Academy are:

Alhambra FD, Arcadia FD, Downey FD, La Habra Heights FD, Long Beach Search & Rescue, Monrovia FD, Montebello FD, Monterey Park FD, Orange Co. Fire Authority, Pasadena FD, Pinkerton Govt. Services, San Gabriel FD, San Marino FD, Santa Fe Springs F & R, South Pasadena FD, West Covina FD, and the U.S. Forest Service.

There are numerous other agencies within the region, and neighboring States that have provided sponsorship into Rio Hondo Fire Academy. It is up to the individual to ask for sponsorship from the fire agency and the agency's choice to grant this benefit.



BASIC FIRE ACADEMY
IN-SERVICE AND SPONSORSHIP
VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that _____ is a bonafide:

IN-SERVICE CADET

- Fully paid member of a governmental or industrial fire protection or fire prevention agency. I also certify that this individual will be provided with worker’s compensation insurance by my agency for any injury suffered during the course of the academy.
- Current EMT Certification or Completed a Certified EMT-1 course with at least a “B”

SPONSORED CADET

- Auxiliary member of a department which:

Has completed:

- Current EMT Certification or Certified EMT-1 course with at least a “B”
- Rio Hondo College Fire Technology Core Courses with a grade “C” or better
 - FTEC101 FTEC102 FTEC103 FTEC104 FTEC105 FTEC106
 - FTEC044

Signature: _____
Fire Chief

Date: _____

Chief’s Printed Name: _____

Department: _____

Phone Number () _____