



SOUTH FORT MYERS HIGH SCHOOL FIRE ACADEMY



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Course Description:

- **Fire 1 (Sophomore year) Course # 89182100**

This course is designed to introduce students to a career of Firefighting. The content in this course includes, orientation to the Firefighter safety and health, fire alarms and communication, apparatus and equipment, fire hose, Ropes & Knots, Fire service history, and portable extinguishers.

- **Fire 2 (Junior year) Course # 89182200**

This course is designed to expand the knowledge and skills of what was learned in firefighter 1 with course content to include, personal protective equipment, Forcible Entry, Ropes & Knots, tools and equipment, safety procedures, the use of ladders, fire hose, nozzles, and appliances, fire streams, water supply, salvage and overhaul operations, building construction, as well as rescue procedures.

- **Fire 3 (Senior year) Course # 89182300**

This course is designed to prepare the recruit in preparation to complete their State of Florida Firefighter 1 certification. This course is intense, and high pace. Requiring physical and mental strength. It covers all the chapters both lecture and practical.

Guidelines for Success:

Firefighter recruits are expected to follow all district, school and classroom rules and procedures, as well as the Firefighter Code of Conduct. Recruits should come to class each day on time, prepared to perform their best, with the required supplies. Recruits are expected to respect each other, their instructors, the classroom, the school, and other South Fort Myers High School staff. In addition, it is expected that students will display respect, develop self-discipline, set high expectations, plan for success, and improve critical thinking skills.

Classroom Rules:

- Respect yourself, your peer, the instructor and classroom furniture and supplies.
- Computers are for school use only. Personal use of the computers is **prohibited**. Disciplinary action will be taken for misuse or abuse of computer supplies or other technology equipment.
- The instructors desk and everything on it or in it, is off limits to recruits. At no time should any recruit be behind or in the instructor's desk.
- Recruits will be on time for class with required materials.
- Recruits shall not have any electronic devices in class, Recruits using a electronic device will loss the device for the rest of the class period. The electronic device may only be used after receiving permission from the instructor.
- Recruits will participate in drills and physical activities as required by the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training.



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- Recruits are required to complete their own assignments. Cheating, copying and borrowing other students work is not allowed. Recruits caught giving work to other recruits to copy or use will be given a zero.

Physical Training:

An exciting part of the firefighting academy is the chance to participate in physical training. Physical training is required in an effort to encourage team work, increase physical fitness, and to help students maintain good habits in order to excel in the fire service. Physical training will be every Thursday and Friday we are in class. All recruits are required to bring a change of clothes "shorts, t-shirt, and Sneakers, pants may be worn in the winter months" to be prepared for physical training. If the recruit does participate a grade of 0 will be entered and will not be able to make up.

Class Materials and Supply List:

Preparation is the key to success. Recruits are expected to come to class prepared with the necessary supplies throughout the school year. Required supplies are as follow:

- 2" three ring binder
- Dividers (21)
- Loose leaf paper
- Composition Notebook
- Pencils, Pens, and Highlighters

Officer of the day:

Every recruit will have the chance to be the officer of the day (OD). The OD will call the class to attention at the beginning of class, and will assist in taking attendance, uniform inspections, classroom procedures and other duties. He/She will be a peer that other recruits can go to for assistance or support for the day. The OD does not take the place of an instructor, but should be treated with respect. If there is an issue with the OD, recruits should immediately bring those issues to the attention of an instructor and allow the instructor sufficient time to address those issues.

Communication:

Communication is critical. If a parent/guardian has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the email listed on page 1 of this syllabus. Recruits are also encouraged and welcome to speak with me about any concerns at any time. We are a team and if one person has a problem, we will work together to solve it in the best manner possible.

Uniform day:

Recruits are required to have the appropriate firefighting uniform every Tuesday we have class, which is the responsibility of the recruit to purchase. Additionally, recruits are expected to wear the uniform properly and with pride on the designated day. Recruits receive a grade for wearing their uniform and are expected to be in full uniform throughout the day. Proper wear of uniform is as followed:

- Uniform should be neat clean and free of holes or damage.
- Shirts should be tucked in to uniform pants and remain tucked in throughout the day.



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- A uniform black belt must be worn at all times.
- Black boots should be clean, shined and tied at all times.

A South Fort Myers Fire Academy shirt will be provided as part of the academy fee

Any violations of these conditions may result in points being taken off from a recruit's uniform grade.

If a recruit is absent on the designated uniform day, they need to be in full uniform on the day they return in order to receive full credit. No exceptions will be made.

Grading:

Recruits work will be graded according to the School District of Lee County's grading scale which is as follows:

A – 90-100

B – 80-89

C – 70-79

D – 60-69

F – 59 and below

Recruits achievement will be documented in their notebooks, data folders, quizzes, tests, homework, classwork, research papers, projects, presentations, and portfolios.

Percentage breakdown

Test and Quizzes	30%
Uniforms	25%
Classwork/Homework	20%
Hands-on Participation	10%
P/T Participation	10%
Classroom Participation	5%

Course fee / Recruit responsibility:

There will be a class fee of \$50.00 for Fire 1/Fire 2, the student will receive an academy uniform shirt, PT shorts, and class items. The BDU pants, black belt and boots are the recruit's responsibility.

(Fire 1) the recruit is required to purchase a pair of structural firefighting gloves of their choice.

(Fire 2) the recruit is required to purchase a structural nomex fire hood of their choice.

(Fire 3) the recruit is required to purchase structural fire boots, and full fire academy uniform.

The academy uniform from the Fort Myers Fire Academy.



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Syllabus / code of conduct / parent consent

Dear Recruits and Parent/Guardian,

We would like to welcome you to the South Fort Myers Fire Academy program a high school program ran by the Southwest Florida Public Service Academy "Fort Myers Fire Academy". Every year this program has grown and become better. Each recruit will be involved in a multitude of fire evaluations. We want you to understand that firefighting is both physical and mentally challenging, and takes a great deal of training, and commitment from each recruit. All recruits will be expected to respect themselves, the instructors, other teachers, staff members, and classmates.

This course will be structured as a paramilitary program that instills Integrity, Respect, Discipline, and Pride. The recruit will be expected to follow commands or requests of the instructor at all times. Understand that firefighting is a dangerous profession and while the instructors will never purposely put the recruits in harm's way there is always a chance of injury during firefighting operations, training drills and physical training (PT). In closing, if at any time there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at any of the contact information listed on page 1. Again, we are excited to be starting another great year, and we look forward to working with both parents/guardians and recruits throughout the year.

Students and parents are required to sign stating they have read and understand the syllabus, code of conduct, the guidelines, and agree as a parent and recruit to participate in all activities and expectations of this program. As well acknowledge that any violations of these guidelines can result in the recruit being permanently removed from the firefighting academy. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the instructor.

Recruit's Name (print): _____

Recruit's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact Information:

Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Recruits Phone: _____