

# DAY

## BASIC FIREFIGHTER TRAINING (MINIMUM STANDARDS) APPLICATION

*FALL TERM DAY PROGRAM*

**DEADLINE: August 1, 2009**

*An Equal Opportunity Institution*



**PBCC at LAKE WORTH**  
4200 Congress Avenue  
Lake Worth, FL 33461-4796

Fire Academy Office (561) 868-3900  
Limited Access Program Office (561) 868-3045

**Fire Web Site:** <http://www.pbcc.edu/x1256.xml>

### Program Information

**PROGRAM BEGINS:** August 31, 2009

**COURSE NUMBER:** FFP0021

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Basic Firefighter Program prepares students for the safe, dependable and prompt performance of duties in the fire station as well as in the community. It includes orientation to the fire service, instruction in fire alarms, vehicles, apparatus and equipment, and first responder emergency medical techniques. Those students who successfully complete the course may participate in the State of Florida certification examination. Certification is required in the State of Florida for employment as a firefighter.

Special admission requirements are associated with this program.

**PROGRAM LENGTH:**

450 clock hours, approximately 3 months for the DAY course and 30 additional hours for testing.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE:**

DAY Hours: 8:30 AM to 5:30 Monday through Friday. The schedule will be explained at the orientation session

**PROGRAM LOCATION:**

PBCC Fire Academy  
PBCC Lake Worth Campus  
East side of the campus in room SCA 135 [Directions](#)

**PROGRAM COSTS:** These costs are approximate and subject to change.

	<u>Instate</u>	<u>Out-of-State</u>
Tuition	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 4,254.50
Books	\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 685.55	\$ 685.55
Fees	\$ 370.70	\$ 370.70
Medical Ins.	\$ 7.80	\$ 7.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,329.05</b>	<b>\$ 5,503.55</b>

# DAY PROGRAM APPLICATION PACKET

## Requirements for Consideration for Selection

### **ALL DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ON FILE AT THE PBCC ADMISSIONS OFFICE, LAKE WORTH, BY THE DEADLINE DATE.**

The following criteria determine eligibility for placement in the selection pool. Meeting the criteria for selection does not guarantee admission to the Basic Firefighter Training Program. Final selection will be based on the applicant pool. If a student is selected and does not enter the program or is not selected, he/she must reapply and is not guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent selection process. **Your criteria for selection can be viewed at [www.pbcc.edu/pantherweb.xml](http://www.pbcc.edu/pantherweb.xml) under Limited Access Application Status and all communication will be sent to your my.pbcc.edu e-mail account including all acceptance documentation.**

These criteria supersede any other information.

#### 1. **APPLICATION**

**First-time PBCC Students:** Submit a completed PBCC general credit application at [www.FACTS.org](http://www.FACTS.org) (choose Admissions) and pay the appropriate fee by the deadline date. This one-time fee is \$20 for U.S. citizens, \$30 (U.S. currency) for international students and is non-refundable. Be sure to insert your current and active e-mail address where requested; be specific regarding your program of study. Once submitted, a confirmation page with conditions of admission will be sent to the e-mail address provided in the college application. Print the confirmation page and follow the instructions within. Applicants must also submit the program application contained in this packet and submit to the Admissions office.

**Non first-time PBCC Students:** Must complete the program application in this packet and submit to the Admissions office.

#### 2. **EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER VERIFICATION FORM**

The applicant must complete and submit the Employment/Volunteer Verification Form with Application regardless of employment status (form attached).

#### 3. **PROOF OF AGE**

All students must be at least 18 years of age on or before the start of the program.

#### 4. **ACADEMIC RECORDS**

##### **HIGH SCHOOL**

Transcripts must be official transcripts sent (transcripts are considered official if sent directly by mail or hand delivered in a sealed envelope directly from the issuing institution) to the **PBCC Admissions Office** showing proof of a standard high school diploma, GED, or validated foreign equivalent. All applicants – new, current, and college transfer students - must have their official high school or GED transcript on file at PBCC. You may download the transcript request form from our website at <http://www.pbcc.edu/x3997.xml>. Students who received a Florida GED can request their scores using the downloaded form at <http://www.pbcc.edu/x3997.xml>.

##### **COLLEGE**

Official college transcripts (transcripts are considered official if sent directly to PBCC from previous institution or hand delivered in a sealed envelope that is sealed by the issuing institution) from **ALL** post-secondary institutions attended must be submitted. You may download the transcript request form from our website at <http://www.pbcc.edu/x3997.xml>. All post-secondary records from out of country must be submitted with a commercial evaluation. If you have attended college, we still require proof of a standard high school diploma, GED or validated foreign equivalent. Go to: <http://www.pbcc.edu/x6341.xml>.

#### 5. **NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER SELECTION INVENTORY - TEST**

All applicants must take the National Firefighter Selection Inventory – Test. You must score 70% or higher in order to be eligible to enter the program. Your scores are valid for two years. Additional Information about this test and study guides can be found at [www.publicsafetyrecruitment.com](http://www.publicsafetyrecruitment.com). The PBCC Lake Worth book store will have the study guide in stock. The Student Learning Center (SLC) at the PBCC Lake Worth location provides Vocational Preparatory Instruction (VPI) for students who need additional skills to pass the NFSI test. For more information, please call 561/868-3795.

Students with an Associate in Applied Science or higher; students who have taken and successfully completed the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST); or students who have already met the minimum cut scores for placing in college level work, within the past two years, on the FCELPT, SAT1 or ACT-E, are exempt from the exam. Documentation required.

The NFSI - Test is offered at the Lake Worth PBCC Testing Center only. There is a \$25.00 fee for this exam. Please pay the cashier and report to the Testing Center (with photo ID) to arrange to take the exam.

#### 6. **CANDIDATE PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST (CPAT)**

Applicants must register for the CPAT on line at [www.pbcc.edu](http://www.pbcc.edu) or at any PBCC location and successfully complete it prior to consideration for placement into the selection pool. CPAT scores are valid for one year prior to the application deadline. There is a \$75.00 fee for this test. CPAT information can be found at <http://www.pbcc.edu/x1256.xml>. A valid CPAT Certificate will be acceptable from other providers and must be submitted prior to program deadline.

#### 7. **T.A.B.E. (TEST OF ADULT BASIC EDUCATION)\***

All enrolled students that need to take the NFSI - Test must take and pass the TABE Full Battery Level (A) with a score of 10<sup>th</sup> grade level or higher in reading, language and math to be eligible to graduate. There is a \$15 fee for this exam. Please pay the cashier and report to the Testing Center (with photo ID) to arrange to take the exam. **\* All applicants who have successfully completed the TABE after August 31, 2007 are exempt from taking the TABE for graduation.**

#### 8. **PREREQUISITES:** Must be certified as a “First Responder,” “EMT,” or “Paramedic.”

## Applicant Point System for Selection

Only one point value from each of the 4 categories will be awarded with the exception of category 3. Documentation must be provided. After all eligibility requirements for placement into the selection pool have been satisfied, the following point system will be utilized for selection into the program. All documentation must be on file at the PBCC Admissions Office, Lake Worth, by the deadline date.

- I. **RESIDENCY STATUS (Maximum Points-2)**
  - Palm Beach County Resident..... 2
  - Florida Resident ..... 1
  
- II. **VERIFIED EMERGENCY SERVICES WORK (Maximum Points-2)**

Must submit a completed (signed by employer) Employment/Volunteer Verification Form to receive points.

  - Full-time Emergency Services Current Work Experience ..... 2
  - Part-time Emergency Services Current Work Experience ..... 1
  - Volunteer Emergency Services Current Work Experience or “Fire Explorer” ..... 1
  - “Firestorm” Graduate.....<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>
  
- III. **PBCC EDUCATIONAL POINTS (Maximum Points-2)**
  - State Certification and Certificate of Completion from PBCC’s EMT Program ..... 1
  - State Certification and Certificate of Completion from PBCC’s Paramedic Program..... 1
  
- IV. **NEED TO MEET REQUIREMENT OF FLORIDA STATUTE #633.35**    Automatic Entry

Any individual who is employed by a private or public agency as a Firefighter II must obtain a certificate of compliance as a Firefighter II within one year of initial employment.  
All applicants must meet the “Requirements for consideration for Selection” on page 2.

**MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE .....6**

**ACCEPTANCE:** Applicants who are selected will be notified approximately two weeks after the application deadline date. The acceptance notice will include registration information. If a student is selected and does not enter the program or is not selected, he/she must reapply and is not guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent selection process.

**FINANCIAL AID:**

At this point the program is *not* eligible for federal aid programs; however, there are scholarships available through the PBCC Foundation. Currently, all Foundation Scholarships for firefighters require the FAFSA, which may be filed on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Toll-free “help line” 8:00-midnight 1-800-433-3243. To apply for a PBCC Foundation scholarship go online to: <http://www.pbcc.edu/x11986.xml> . If you have any scholarship questions, please call 561-868-3573.

See page 4 for MVR and criminal background check requirement.

See page 6 for the Employment/Volunteer Verification Form

## Curriculum Outline

ITEM	SUBJECT	LECTURE HOURS	DRILL HOURS
I	Orientation Apparatus & Equipment	6	4
II	Pre Hospital Care	24	
III	Fire Behavior	8	
IV	Portable Fire Extinguishers	3	10
V	Personal Protective Equipment	6	8
VI	Ropes & Knots	2	8
VII	Rescue & Extrication	8	20
VIII	Forcible Entry	4	6
IX	Ventilation	4	6
X	Ladders	4	16
XI	Water Supply	2	
XII	Fire Streams	10	8
XIII	Hose	6	36
XIV	Fire Control	10	24
XV	Automatic Sprinkler Systems	4	
XVI	Salvage & Overhaul	4	6
XVII	Building Construction	4	
XVIII	Fire Cause Determination	2	
XIX	Fire Alarm & Communications	4	
XX	Fire Prevention & Public Education	8	
XXI	Firefighter Safety	4	
XXII	Hazardous Material	24	
XXIII	Live Burn		24
XXIV	Review	4	8
XXV	Testing	13 hours	
XXVI	Physical Education	8 hours	
XXVII	Local Training Needs	90 hours	

***Total Hours in Program: 450***

**A background and MVR (driving record) check is required for those individuals selected to attend the Fire Academy.**

The Background and MVR Check applications, and an Affirmation document will be sent along with letters of acceptance to the program. The \$30 fee will be borne by the applicant, and the results must be delivered to the Fire Academy Bureau Chief on or before the date of the Orientation session. If it is determined by the Bureau Chief that the applicant has not met the criteria set forth in the Affirmation document signed by the applicant and notarized, he/she will be found ineligible to partake in firefighter training.

**Basic Firefighter Training Checklist  To Complete Eligibility For Placement In The Selection Pool**

You DO NOT have to wait until all requirements are met to submit your application, but remember that everything MUST be complete and submitted to the PBCC Admissions office by the deadline date.

	<b>DAY PROGRAM</b>
	<b>FIRE FIGHTER APPLICATION SUBMITTED</b>
	<b>EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION FORM SUBMITTED</b>
	<b>AGE REQUIREMENT MET (At least 18 years of age)</b>
	<b><u>OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED SENT TO PBCC. (Official transcripts are to be mailed from your High School to the PBCC Admissions Office.)</u></b>
	<b><u>OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS</u> <i>Official transcripts are to be mailed from ALL prior colleges.</i></b>
	<b><u>TAKE THE NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER SELECTION INVENTORY – TEST</u></b>
	<b><u>CPAT TEST COMPLETED, (Not older than 1 year)</u></b>
	<b><u>FIRST RESPONDER, EMT, or PARAMEDIC CERTIFICATE SUBMITTED</u></b>

## Employment/Volunteer Verification Form

**Must be completed and submitted with Application regardless of employment status.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PBCC Student ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

1. Are you currently employed full-time by an Emergency Services Agency, Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement, for whom you are taking this training?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, complete the following) NO \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Head Name & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you currently employed part-time for an Emergency Services Agency, Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement, for whom you are taking this training?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, complete the following) NO \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Head Name & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you currently a volunteer with an Emergency Services Agency, Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, complete the following) NO \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you a volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Head Name & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

4. Are you a graduate of "Firestorm" or a "Fire Explorer" member? If so, you must provide documentation.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you an individual who is employed by a private or public agency as a Firefighter II, and must obtain a certificate of compliance as a Firefighter II within one year of initial employment? If so, this needs to meet the requirements of FL. Statute 633.35.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that falsification or omission of any information may result in my rejection or dismissal by the College.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Department Head or designee & position

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**BASIC FIREFIGHTER TRAINING DAY APPLICATION**

*Please Type or Print Clearly*

PROGRAM CODE 5043

1. **PBCC STUDENT ID** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last First Middle Suffix  
 Please list all previous names under which documents may be sent \_\_\_\_\_
3. **LOCAL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER AND STREET ADDRESS CITY  
 COUNTY (or PROVINCE) STATE ZIP CODE
4. **HOME TELEPHONE** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
5. **WORK TELEPHONE** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
**CELL TELEPHONE** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
6. **DATE OF BIRTH** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Month Day Year
7. **EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSCRIPTS**—Official transcripts must be sent directly to PBCC from issuing school/agency. All applicants, including college transfers, must submit high school or GED transcripts directly to PBCC. College transfer students must submit official transcripts from all colleges in which applicant has enrolled.

8. **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE?**  Yes  No **OR** **GED?**  Yes  No

9. **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY**

List all postsecondary colleges or universities you have enrolled. Omission of any constitutes falsification of records and voids application.

NAME OF INSTITUTION	CITY/STATE	DATES	DEGREE	CREDIT

*To list more colleges/universities, attach a separate page.*

*August, 2009 DAY*

10. Have you taken the **National Firefighter Selection Inventory – Test. With a score of 70% or higher**  Yes  No  Exempt
11. Have you completed and passed the **Candidate Physical Ability Test** within the past year?  Yes  No  
 If yes, you will have to provide documentation of successful completion.
12. Have you graduated from the **PBCC EMT Program** and are currently certified as a Florida EMT?  Yes  No  
 Have you graduated from the **PBCC Paramedic Program** and are currently certified as a Florida Paramedic?  Yes  No  
 If yes, you will need to attach a copy of your current Florida Paramedic and/or EMT license in order to receive points.

I understand that falsification or omission of any information may result in my dismissal or rejection from the College.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_