

Fire Academy FAQ for website

1. What certification will I have when I'm done?
 - a. Students completing all of the class requirements and passing the State of Ohio Firefighter 1 and 2 exam will be certified at the highest level the state offers.
2. Will I need to provide my own firefighter protective gear?
 - a. Students sponsored by area departments may be given their own gear to wear. Students not affiliated with a department will be able to rent all of the protective gear from our 3rd party supplier.
3. What are the physical requirements?
 - a. Firefighting is a physically demanding occupation. We require a physical screening from the students doctor prior to class. It is also recommended that the student engage in cardiovascular and strength training before, during and after their academy. Our academies have group PT. (COVID-19 Update: Due to local and state requirements group PT may be suspended or conducted in a manner compliant with those requirements)
4. Where is the class held?
 - a. We offer the unique experience of holding class at actual fire departments throughout the area. The lead instructor will put out a schedule detailing the location of every class. (COVID-19 Update: Due to recommended best practices class will be held virtually when applicable.)
5. Can I turn this into a degree?
 - a. Yes. The University of Akron offers an Associate of Applied Science in Fire Protection Technology and the only Emergency Management Bachelor of Science in the state and is the only IFSAC accredited program in the country.
6. What is the cost of the training?
 - a. Current tuition rates are \$3900 for the academy, plus a \$600 gear rental fee if needed. We offer a payment plan for those that need it. Please email Matt Claflin at mtc6@uakron.edu for more details.