

**ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE**



**PUBLIC SAFETY INSTITUTE**

**FIREFIGHTER TRAINING/EMT  
ACADEMY**

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT INFORMATION ENCLOSED \*\*\***  
**PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY**  
**FIRE ACADEMY**

## WELCOME TO AWC

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to increase your knowledge and expand your horizons. AWC is fully accredited and has been providing educational programs and services to Yuma and La Paz counties since 1963. The Fire Academy is a certified training institution by the state of Arizona has been serving both counties since 1998.

## ACADEMY INSTRUCTORS

Yuma and La Paz county fire agencies employ the instructors for the Academy. Instructors are active firefighters as well as command level personnel.

## SELECTION PROCESS

There are two methods in which a prospective cadet may enroll in the Fire Academy. They include **open enrollment** and **agency appointed**.

**Open enrollment** is the most widely used method as anyone that wishes to be a firefighter can apply to the academy. The prospective cadet must pick up an application packet from the Public Safety Institute office, fill it out completely, and return it to the office. If the prospective cadet meets the minimum requirements set forth by the Department, the cadet will be accepted into the academy. The cadet will be responsible for all tuition costs, lab fees, drug screening costs, the medical examination, and any other costs associated with this program.

**Agency appointed** enrollment is the second method available. This involves the applicant applying to an agency, and the agency appointing the applicant to the Academy. For more information on this method, please contact the agency you wish to apply to.

## CERTIFICATIONS

Upon completion of the Academy, graduates will be eligible for firefighting jobs in the state of Arizona. Firefighter I and II (IFSAC), Hazard Materials First Responder Awareness/Operations and Basic Wildland Firefighter.

## **CREDIT HOURS AND COST**

The program consists of about 30 college credit hours (15 per semester) Books and uniforms will be an additional expense. Students will also be responsible for paying the cost of the medical examination and drug screening. *All* costs are the responsibility of the applicant or the appointing agency. Since the applicant is receiving college credit, he/she may be eligible for financial aid. For specifics, contact the Financial Aid Office of Arizona Western College.

## **AWC PLACEMENT TESTING**

Call the AWC Testing Center at 928-344-7641 for information on days and times placement testing is available. Please allow 2 hours for this test. Your reading placement must be 250 or higher or be eligible for ENG 101

## **LOCATION/TIME**

Please refer to the class schedule for this information.

## **UNIFORMS**

Cadets are responsible for purchasing their own uniforms. Uniforms are as follows:

- Red Fire Academy T-shirt (minimum 6). Contact the Director of the Academy for information on ordering.
- Navy blue work pants (suggest Dickies).
- Black belt.
- Black steel-toe work boots.
- PT Uniform

## **STANDARDS OF ENROLLMENT**

Please read last page carefully for additional information for enrollment.

### **Equal Opportunity Policy and Students with Disabilities**

Arizona Western College does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs, or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age (40+) or disability, in compliance with the laws of the United States and the state of Arizona. The College seeks to provide disabled or handicapped students with any reasonable accommodation in order to facilitate access to College classes and activities. Students seeking such an accommodation should make an official request at Counseling/Advising Services or Disability Services located in the Student Services Building on campus. Any questions regarding the applicability of state and federal anti-discrimination laws to Arizona Western College and its services, programs or activities, and any grievances or claims of violation of such laws, should be directed to its compliance officer:

The Vice President for Business and Administrative Services  
3C Building  
P.O. Box 929  
Yuma, AZ 85366-0929  
(928) 344-7515

**If you have questions or need more information, please contact the  
Public Safety Institute at (928) 317-6452.**

## **STANDARDS FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT**

The following are the minimum standards required for persons appointed as open enrollment students:

1. The person shall be a United States citizen or authorized to work in the United States.
2. The person shall be at least eighteen years of age by appointment to the academy.
3. The person shall be a high school graduate or have successfully completed a General Education Development (G.E.D.) examination.
4. The person shall have undergone a complete background investigation which meets the standards of N.F.P.A. 1001 except that an applicant may begin an academy without a Federal level fingerprint check. However, the applicant may not enroll in the academy without qualifying return from the Department of Public Safety for a state level fingerprint check. The background shall attest to the fact that the person meets minimum qualifications, has not engaged in conduct or a pattern of conduct that would jeopardize public trust in the public safety profession and is of good moral character.
5. The person shall have undergone a medical examination which meets the standards of N.F.P.A. 1500 within one year prior to appointment. An examination preceding an appointment by more than one hundred and eighty days shall require submission of a written statement from the applicant that his condition has not changed since the examination.
6. The person shall not have been convicted of a felony or any offense that would be a felony if committed in Arizona.
7. The person shall not have been dishonorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.
8. The person shall not have been previously denied certified status, revoked or have his/her current certified status under suspension pursuant to ADHS/BEMS R9-25-402.
9. The person shall not have illegally sold, produced, cultivated, or transported marijuana for sale.
10. The person shall not have illegally used marijuana for any purpose within the past three years.
11. The person shall never have illegally used marijuana for any purpose other than for experimentation.
12. The person shall never have illegally used marijuana while employed as a peace officer.
13. The person shall not have illegally sold, produced, cultivated, or transported for sale any dangerous drugs or narcotics.
14. The person shall not have illegally used dangerous drugs or narcotics, other than marijuana, for any purpose within the past seven years.
15. The person shall never have illegally used dangerous drugs or narcotics other than for experimentation.
16. The person shall never have illegally used dangerous drugs or narcotics while employed or appointed as a firefighter.
17. The person shall not have a pattern of abuse of prescription medication.
18. The person shall have undergone and passed a Board approved drug screening.

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