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JUNIOR COLLEGE

# Regional Fire Training Center

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Thank you for your interest in the Modesto Junior College, School of Public Safety Fire Academy training program.

Please read the following pages carefully, as they will provide you with the necessary information about the program and to apply for the Basic Fire Academy, Fall 2024 semester.

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## **Minimum Requirements to Apply**

- **\*Completion of FTECH 301: Principles of Emergency Services (previously listed as FSCI 301)**
- **\*Completion of EMS 350: Emergency Medical Responder with Healthcare Provider CPR**
- **CPR Healthcare Provider Card (must be current)**
- **CPAT Card (current and valid throughout the Academy)**

\*Completion of courses is required with a grade of C or better. In-progress courses are not accepted for application.

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If you meet all of the requirements above, you may submit an application to be considered for the Fall 2024 Fire Academy. **The application deadline is July 1, 2024 by 5pm.**

## **Application Instructions**

1. Download and fill out the Application for Basic Fire Academy by TYPING in your information. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. Please review your application and ensure it is filled out completely, that it is legible, error free and that it includes all of the required documents listed in the ***Application Check-Off List***, prior to submission.
2. Print and submit your completed application, in person, via appointment, to:  
MJC Regional Fire Training Center  
1220 Fire Science Lane  
Modesto, CA 95351

Please call (209) 548-5706 between the hours of 7:30am to 5:30pm, Monday through Thursday to make an appointment. Appointments are on a first come, first served basis, so please don't delay.

**Notifications of acceptance will go out via email to those that are accepted, on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Acceptance packet forms will be due on July 10, 2024 by 5:00pm.**



## **FIRE ACADEMY PROGRAM 2024-2025**

Basic - MFTECH 318

Advanced - MTECH 319

Physical Training – MFTECH 317

### **Academy Dates**

Fall 2024: August 10, 2024 – December 13, 2024 (Subject to Change)

Monday – Friday, 6:00 am – 5:00 pm (may vary depending on subject & training for that day), & some Saturday's

### **Course Description**

The Basic Fire Academy (MFTECH 318) consists of the first of two classes that provide basic firefighter knowledge and skills, with an emphasis on the “hands on” approach to skills development. This is an 8-unit course applicable towards a certificate and/or an Associate of Science degree in Fire Science. Successful completion of the Basic Fire Academy fulfills the educational requirements for entrance into the Advanced Fire Academy (MFTECH 319) for an additional 9 units making the program a total of 17 units. The Basic and Advanced Fire Academy must be taken sequentially. The two courses (MFTECH 318 & 319) are applicable towards a certificate and/or an Associate of Science degree in Fire Technology. Successful completion of the Fire Academy Program and prerequisites fulfills the educational requirements for Firefighter I certification. You will receive the following FSTEP-certifications: ICS 200, Confined Space Awareness, Low-Angle Rope Rescue Operations, Hazmat Operations/Decon, Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue Technician, RIC Operations and Firefighter Survival.

The Basic and Advanced Fire Academy have strict grooming standards. The candidate should possess a high degree of self-discipline, maintain a healthy mental attitude to handle stress and be able to adjust easily to a structured organization. Fire Technology 318 and 319 emphasize attitude, teamwork, self-confidence, self-discipline, quick thinking and the ability to follow exact instructions and orders.

In addition to the Basic and Advance Academy courses, Fire Academy Physical Training (MFTECH 317) must be taken concurrently throughout the entire semester. This course fulfills 1 unit towards GE activity requirements for an AS degree.

### **Pre-requisites**

Students must submit the following: a) Application for MJC Fire Academy, b) copy of their current CPR Healthcare Provider card c) copy of their current valid CPAT Card. CPAT cards are valid for 15 months from issue date, d) copy of their unofficial transcript showing satisfactory completion of FTECH 301 (previously listed as FSCI 301) and EMS 350 (or pre-approved similar course, documentation is required). For more information on CPAT testing please visit [www.fctconline.org/cpat/](http://www.fctconline.org/cpat/). Pre-requisites must be completed and all documentation submitted with your application. We will not accept late documentation. Be prepared!

### **Medical Evaluation**

A physician's statement of student health is required to proceed with the Fire Academy. Medical Clearance forms are available through the Regional Fire Training Center, *only for candidates that are accepted*. **Medical Clearance forms will be due by July 31, 2024.**

### **Application Process**

Application process to the Basic Fire Academy is open to any student who has met the mandatory requirements and pre-requisites. Students successfully completing the application process and that are accepted will be enrolled in the Basic Fire Academy. Enrollment is limited to 30. Students not selected to participate in the available Academy will have to complete the process each semester until selected. There is no wait list.



# Fire Academy Cost Breakdown

**Total Estimated Cost of the RFTC Fire Academy: \$4,292**

*This is an estimate, prices are subject to change*

**Due by the Start of the Semester**

<b>Tuition</b>	<b>*\$959.00</b>
<b>Student Fees</b>	<b>*\$48.00</b>
<b>Equipment/ Uniforms</b>	<b>\$2,056.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,063.00</b>

*\*Payment is due upon registration at Orientation  
Students are expected to have a plan to  
cover all educational expenses and fees.  
Please review MJC's [Registration Hold webpage](#)*

**Due Halfway through the Semester**

<b>Tuition</b>	<b>\$1,229.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>*\$1,229.00</b>

*\*Payment is due upon registration halfway through semester.  
Students are expected to have a plan to  
cover all educational expenses and fees.  
Please review MJC's [Registration Hold webpage](#)*

## RFTC Fire Academy Cost Breakdown

**Classes**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>**Unit Cost</b>	<b>Material Fee</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
FTECH 317	1	\$46.00	\$0.00	\$46.00
FTECH 318	8	\$368.00	\$545.00	\$913.00
FTECH 319	9	\$414.00	\$815.00	\$1,229.00

**Student Fees**

Health Fee	\$26.00
Student Center Fee	\$10.00
Student Benefit Fee	\$10.00
Student Representative Fee	\$2.00

**Equipment / Uniforms**

SCBA/ Turnouts	*1,183.00
Uniforms	*\$873.00
<b>Estimated Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$4,292.00</b>

***\*Some prices are from third party vendors and are subject to change***

*\*\*California Non-Resident Fee: add \$292 per Unit, plus enrollment fee (Enrollment Fee: \$46 per Unit)*

Equipment & uniforms must be acquired before the start of the Academy. If accepted into the Fire Academy, vendor information will be provided at Orientation.

**Contact the Regional Fire Training Center at (209) 548-5706 for additional information.**



## **Application Check-Off List**

The following minimum required documentation must be included with your application:

- Proof of satisfactory completion of FTECH 301 previously listed as FSCI 301 (Fire Protection Organization).
- Proof of satisfactory completion of EMS 350 (EMR) or pre-approved similar course completion.
- A photocopy of applicant CPAT Card (current and valid through-out the Academy).
- A photocopy of applicant CPR Healthcare Provider Card (must be current).
- A photocopy of applicant valid CA Driver's License or CA Identification Card.
- Unofficial copy of College Transcripts
- Letter from a Department Fire Chief verifying current and/or past Firefighting experience (if applicable).
- Any additional documents supporting information contained in application

**Application deadline is July 1, 2024 by 5 pm**

(Fully completed application & documentation must be submitted by this date & time)

**Application Submission is by appointment only- Contact RFTC office for appointment**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

- (1)** Applications that are not filled out completely and/or fail to include all required documentation will not be considered.
- (2)** Current and/or past Firefighting experience requires verification letter from a Department Fire Chief.
- (3)** All documentation provided is subject to verification and approval.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **ACCEPTANCE PACKET FORMS DUE (IF ACCEPTED):**  
**July 10, 2024 BY 5:00 PM**
- **MANDATORY ORIENTATION FOR ACCEPTED CANDIDATES:**  
**Thursday, July 11, 2024, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**
- **FIRST DAY OF FIRE ACADEMY:**  
**Saturday, August 10, 2024, 8:00AM (Required half day orientation)**  
**Monday, August 12, 2024, 6:00AM (Official first day of Academy)**
- **COMPLETION CEREMONY:**  
**TBD**



## Application for Basic Fire Academy

**PLEASE TYPE ONLY**

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Date:	MJC Student ID #: <b>W</b>		
Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:	
Street Address:			Apartment/Unit #:
City:		State:	ZIP:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Driver's License #/Type:	
Personal E-mail Address (Required):			
Student E-mail Address (Required):			

COLLEGE HISTORY	
Enrollment Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Current MJC Student <input type="checkbox"/> Returning MJC Student <input type="checkbox"/> New MJC Student <input type="checkbox"/> Other College
Number of fire science units <u>completed</u> :	Total number of college units <u>completed</u> :

PREREQUISITES - Please mark all courses and/or certificates you have completed/earned			
<input type="checkbox"/> FSCI 301 or FTECH 301 (Principles of Emergency Services)	<input type="checkbox"/> EMS 350 (EMR) or <u>pre-approved</u> similar course		
<input type="checkbox"/> College Transcripts	<input type="checkbox"/> CPR Healthcare Provider Card	<input type="checkbox"/> CPAT Card	Date CPAT Taken:

FIRE SERVICE INFORMATION			
Are you a <b>current</b> paid or volunteer firefighter?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Paid	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency Name:	Years of Experience:		
Position:	Have you completed your department's probationary period? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Have you had any <b>past</b> experience as a paid or volunteer firefighter?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Paid	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Agency Name:	Years of Experience:		
Position:	<input type="checkbox"/> Endorsement Letter from Department Fire Chief		

OTHER FIRE/EMS COURSES and EXPERIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Completed</u> FTECH or FSCI Courses (Please List):	
<input type="checkbox"/> EMS 389-390 (EMT)    NR #:	<input type="checkbox"/> Paramedic    Lic. #:
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Certifications/Experience (please specify):	