

COPPERAS COVE



CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY

APPLICATION PACKET

FIRE DEPARTMENT

OVERVIEW

Through classroom presentation and hands-on exercises, citizens will achieve an enhanced awareness of the department's capabilities and limitations as well as a better understanding of why we do the things we do. The members of the Copperas Cove Fire Department intend to encourage its citizens to become more aware of the dangers of fire and benefits of fire prevention and Emergency Management through a continued cooperative relationship.

REQUIREMENTS

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and live or work within the response district of the Copperas Cove Fire Department. All applicants must complete an application, that is subject to a background investigation, and sign a waiver releasing the City of Copperas Cove of all liabilities while participating in the Academy. If accepted into the Academy all participants are highly encouraged to participate in all practical demonstrations. However, because of the voluntary nature of the program, physical limitations of applicants will not be considered a reason for exclusion from the Academy. There is no charge for the Academy. Class size will be limited to 12 participants

The Application Deadline is June 7, 2018 at 5pm.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- To provide a basic understanding of the services the Copperas Cove Fire Department provides.
- To provide knowledge to the participants so that they may share their experiences with family and friends resulting in more informed citizens.
- To provide the forum for an enjoyable exchange of information between the Fire Department and citizens.

CLASS DATES, TIMES AND LOCATION

- The 2018 Academy is set to begin June 14th, 2018 (7 weeks).
- Classes will be held Thursday nights from 6:00pm and ending at 9:00pm (3 hours),
- Classroom location is at Copperas Cove Fire Department, Station 1 Training Room, 415 South Main Street.

TOPICS AND ACTIVITIES

- Copperas Cove Fire Department Organization – Class Room
- Emergency Management Operation – Class Room
- Apparatus and Equipment Operations – Class Room and Demonstration
- Incident Responses Procedures/Tactics – Class Room
- Station and Communication Center Tours – Field Trip
- Public Safety and Education Programs – Class Room
- Fire Science/Fire Behavior – Class Room and Demonstration
- Fire Extinguisher Classification and Training – Hands on Exercise
- Pump Operation/Hose Handling – Class Room and Demonstration
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – Class Room and Demonstration
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (PPE) and Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS)
- Emergency Medical Services
- CPR Class/Certification

SPECIAL NOTE

It is imperative that all participants understand that the Citizens Fire Academy is intended to be an informative experience, to provide insight how the fire department functions, and the services provided. It is NOT intended to train participants as firefighters or assist at an emergency incident. This Academy is NOT intended to train participants to the months/hours of training that meets the level needed to safely involve himself/herself in any firefighting activity.



City of Copperas Cove Volunteer Application

The following information is required to assist the City of Copperas Cove in making the best possible decision regarding the selection of volunteers to serve the community. The City appreciates your interest and time spent completing this form. Selection of volunteers is based on several factors and no guarantee is given an applicant will be selected.

Full Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Driver's License State/Number: _____ Personal Email: _____

Are you currently, or have you ever been employed by the City of Copperas Cove? No: _____ Yes: _____

If yes, Department: _____ Dates of Employment: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

List names of any family members, friends, or acquaintances employed by the City of Copperas Cove:

Education Background:

Previous volunteer experience/was this for the City of Copperas Cove:

Particular interest in a type of volunteer work:

Preferred days and/or times:

Available start date: _____ Maximum hours per week: _____

Are you able to operate the following: Computer: _____ Copy Machine: _____ Other: _____

Other than English, list any languages you speak, understand, read, etc.: _____

List any additional information which may be helpful for proper assignment:

REFERENCES: Please provide reference information for three individuals, excluding relatives or past employers.

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Residential Address: _____ Primary Phone: _____

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Residential Address: _____ Primary Phone: _____

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Residential Address: _____ Primary Phone: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Residential Address: _____ Primary Phone: _____

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Residential Address: _____ Primary Phone: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONSENT: Please complete only if 17 years of age or younger.

_____ has my permission to volunteer for the City of Copperas Cove. I understand that as a volunteer _____ will not receive a financial reimbursement, however his/her services will be considered as regular work experience and that he/she will be expected to dress and conduct himself/herself professionally.

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Residential Address: _____ Primary Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

BACKGROUND HISTORY STATEMENT:

Are you currently or have you *ever* been party to any misdemeanor or felony criminal matter (other than minor traffic violations for which no arrest was made), in which you were charged, convicted, fined, served probation, participated in deferred adjudication or other program to avoid conviction, or made restitution or participated in pre-trial diversion or other program to avoid prosecution? (*Conviction will not automatically disqualify applicant*) No: _____ Yes: _____ If yes, please explain:

NOTE: Please carefully read the following statements. After you have read the statements, please sign and date in the space provided below.

I understand that in the course of my work experience I may come into contact with confidential records and information. I agree to maintain the confidentiality of those materials and guard the private nature of that information, and to disclose such information only on a need to know basis.

As a volunteer, I agree to complete assignments to the best of my ability, observe all staff rules and policies, and maintain information confidentiality.

The City of Copperas Cove agrees to provide me with adequate work space and supplies, evaluate my performance on a regular basis, try to provide new assignments and challenges for me, and suggest an alternative placement or terminate my volunteer assignment if determined to be in the City's best interest.

I understand and certify the information contained in this application or other material provided to the City of Copperas Cove, and in any oral statement made by me are true and correct. I have not omitted any information and understand false or misleading information given in my application, resume or interviews will disqualify me from further consideration. I understand information disclosed in this process may be disclosed in public meetings and/or may be made available to the public.

I authorize investigation of all statements contained herein and authorize the references listed above to provide the City of Copperas Cove any and all information concerning information they may have on me, personal or otherwise, and release all parties from all liability for any damage that may result from furnishing the same to the City of Copperas Cove.

I further authorize the City of Copperas Cove to conduct a criminal history background investigation as part of this volunteer application process. I also agree to provide the City of Copperas Cove with any other authorization or release necessary to complete the required criminal history background investigation to determine my suitability as a volunteer.

I understand and agree that if permitted to volunteer my volunteer service is for no definite period and may be terminated by the City of Copperas Cove at any time for any reason and without any prior notice. The City of Copperas Cove prohibits its volunteers from possessing, using, purchasing or selling alcohol or controlled substances on its property, in City-owned or leased vehicles, on work sites, or at any other time while in the course of volunteering for the City of Copperas Cove. No volunteer may be at work while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance. I understand that violation of this policy, or any other policies mentioned above, as well as any specific department policy given to me orally or in writing, will result in the termination of my volunteer assignment.

Signature

Date

Please submit completed application to the Human Resources Department – 914 South Main Street – Copperas Cove, Texas 76522 or email to lhernandez@copperascovetx.gov For further information call (254)547-4221.

DPS Computerized Criminal History (CCH) Verification

(AGENCY COPY)

I, _____, acknowledge that a Computerized Criminal

APPLICANT or EMPLOYEE NAME (Please print)

History (CCH) check will be performed by accessing the Texas Department of Public Safety Secure Website and will be based on name and DOB identifiers I supply. (This is not a consent form.) Authority for this agency to access an individual's criminal history data may be found in Texas Government Code 411; Subchapter F.

Name-based information is not an exact search and only fingerprint record searches represent true identification to criminal history, therefore the organization conducting the criminal history check is not allowed to discuss with me any criminal history record information obtained using this method. The agency **may** request that I have a fingerprint search performed to clear any misidentification based on the result of the name and DOB search. Once this process is completed the information on my fingerprint criminal history record may be discussed with me.

In order to complete the process I must make an appointment with the Fingerprint Applicant Services of Texas (FAST) as instructed online at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/CrimeRecords/Review of Personal Criminal History](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/CrimeRecords/ReviewofPersonalCriminalHistory) or by calling the DPS Program Vendor at 1-888-467-2080, submit a full and complete set of fingerprints, request a copy be sent to the agency listed below, and pay a fee of \$24.95 to the fingerprinting services company.

(This copy must remain on file by your agency. Required for future DPS Audits)

Signature of Applicant or Employee

Date

City Of Copperas Cove

Agency Name (Please print)

Agency Representative Name (Please print)

Signature of Agency Representative

Date

Please:	
Check and Initial each Applicable Space	
CCH Report Printed:	
YES _____ NO _____	_____ initial
Purpose of CCH: _____	
Empl _____ Vol/Contractor _____	_____ initial
Date Printed: _____	_____ initial
Destroyed Date: _____	_____ initial
Retain in your files	