



BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Citizens Fire Academy

When and where is this academy?

Our next academy will be held in **2019** beginning on **Wednesday, April 24**. We will meet every **Wednesday** for six consecutive weeks, with the last class scheduled for **May 29th**. Each class will run from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. This academy is held at the Bainbridge Township Fire Station, 17822 Chillicothe Road., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023. The Phone number is: 440-543-9873. This academy is **FREE** to attend.

What is this academy?

This CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY meets once a week for six weeks. The objective of this program is to give participants insight into the different aspects of what this fire agency does. Participants will gain an increased awareness of the day to day operations and to the different types of fire apparatus that are used in the community. Your participation is encouraged and your questions are welcome.

What are some of the topics that will be discussed in this academy?

A sample of topics to be covered include fire suppression activities, EMS activities, CPR and Stop the Bleed class, Fire Prevention, a detailed overview of the fire apparatus that is used, as well as an overview of the fire administration of the department.

Who “teaches” this academy?

A sample of speakers include: Fire Chief Lou Ann Metz, guest speaker(s), and individual firefighters of the Bainbridge Township Fire Department.

Do we get to ride in fire trucks and ambulances?

Yes. There will be opportunities to ride in fire apparatus however, it will only be in a training environment and will not be in an emergency situation. This is for the safety of our participants and the privacy of our patients.

Can anyone attend this academy?

The preferred participants will be Bainbridge residents and/or Bainbridge business owners. The minimum age requirement is 15 and those between 15-18 years of age must have parental consent.

How do I enroll in this academy?

ALL participants must complete an application, which could include a criminal background check. Bainbridge Township Fire Department reserves the right to deny enrollment to any participants, which would include those that have a felony and/or more severe misdemeanor convictions. Applications are available at this fire station or can be emailed/mailed. Participants will be contacted by this fire department once their application has been received and reviewed to confirm their enrollment.

Does being enrolled in this academy afford the participants any special privileges?

NO. This academy does NOT turn participants into fire or EMS personnel. The purpose of this citizen fire academy is to give participants an overview of the operations and equipment that the fire department utilizes. This does not give special privileges to respond to emergency incidents.

If you have further questions, call (440) 543-9873 and ask for Firefighter James Riley OR Firefighter Todd Kirkpatrick, or send an email to jriley@bainbridgetwp.com. You can also stop at the department and ask for assistance. Hope to see you there!