

# **TDG Fire Academy**

Boot Camp Registration and Information



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**Be sure to read all instructions provided with this packet  
(Following instructions is an essential skill in the Fire Service).  
Doing so will prevent problems with your boot camp registration.  
Forms must be filled out in legible writing in blue or black ink or typed.  
*\*The forms in this packet are due 4 weeks prior to your boot camp arrival.\****

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## Class Preparation Checklist

This checklist is provided for student use to help you insure that you do not skip any required steps in preparing for Boot Camp. It is not necessary to turn this list in.

### Liability Waiver

- ┆ Complete Liability Waiver, have notarized, and email to fire@trainingdevgroup.com

### Medical Requirements

- ┆ Complete the top part of the *Firefighter Medical Examination Certification* form and sign
- ┆ See your personal physician for an examination. Ensure that the physician sees the *Firefighter Essential Job Tasks*
- ┆ Have the physician complete the Medical Certification portion of the form
- ┆ Email completed form to fire@trainingdevgroup.com

### Uniforms

- ┆ Carefully review the uniform instructions and purchase required uniform elements (See included uniform information sheet)
- ┆ Students are responsible for purchasing appropriate **Station boots, uniform pants, and uniform belt** to be worn daily during training. (TDG Fire Academy will provide 2 academy uniform t-shirts)

### Personal Protective Clothing (PPE)

- ┆ Bunker gear rental is included in the cost of tuition and will be issued at the beginning of training. Issued gear will include, PPE/bunker coat and pants, protective hood, helmet, gloves, and ppe/bunker boots (An entire ensemble is provided by TDG).

### Textbook

- ┆ All e-books needed for the curriculum are included in your tuition to TDG Fire Academy. (Students wanting hard copy books may purchase them)

### Airport Transportation

- ┆ Transportation from and to DFW International Airport is included in tuition. If you choose, (mostly US and in-state students) to provide your own transportation to TDG's training facility, you will have to coordinate an arrival time on site (date and time will be given to you via email) and you will be responsible for arriving on time and ready for your assigned class start time. ALL students are welcome to arrive at or near DFW airport on a date of their choice and will be given the date, time, gate number, and specific instructions on the arrival of the TDG Fire Academy transportation.
- ┆ Airline tickets are not included in tuition rates and must be purchased by the student.
- ┆ All students are responsible for scheduling their flights to align with airport pick up and drop off times.

# TDG Fire Academy

## Information and Instructions

### General Information

TDG Fire Academy is an online academy followed by a 14-day onsite boot camp/ skills session designed to prepare trainees for a career as a Basic Structural Firefighter. The academy is an authorized training facility through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) guidelines. Trainees who successfully complete the academy will be eligible for the TCFP certification exam. Per §427.201(d) and §427.305 of the Texas Administrative Code, the skills testing and final exam must be completed on-site and in a proctored setting (which takes place during the 14-day boot camp). In addition to the firefighter training provided in this academy, emergency medical training is also required by the TCFP before a firefighter certification is issued. (See section on Emergency Medical Training below and on application). Upon completion of the academy, successful passing of the state practical and written exam, and completion of emergency medical training, trainees can certify as Basic Structural Firefighters with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. In addition, successful trainees are eligible to receive International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) seals for Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazardous Materials Awareness, and Hazardous Materials Operations. These seals are accepted by many states in the US and provinces in Canada, as well as other countries, as evidence of firefighter training. ***Please note that all TCFP exam scores will expire after one year, therefore certifications and IFSAC Seals must be obtained prior to the exam expiration date.***

TDG Fire Academy holds on-site class room and skills sessions at Joshua Fire Department in Joshua, Texas. Holding the academy at a working municipal fire department gives students the ability to be submerged not only in the academy, but the daily life of working in a fire station. Joshua FD's station is a state of the art facility built and opened in 2013. Utilizing this facility will provide a top-notch experience for every student. The capabilities of this facility will allow for safe operations and for many other options with logistical set up and changes and with completion of the required skills mastery.

### Schedule

TDG will schedule boot camps up to two times per month. During Academy registration students will work with TDG staff in selecting the upcoming boot camp they would like to attend. Specific dates vary each year. If a student requests to change their selected boot camp less than 30 prior to arrival, a \$250 change fee will be assessed. Up to 24 students can be accepted into each boot camp. We will never allow more than 24 students per boot camp to provide each student with the absolute best training and experience possible when working on skills and for a correct instructor to student ratio at all times. This will further allow us to provide an excellent opportunity for each student to master their skills required. It will also provide for an outstanding opportunity for our students to learn above and beyond what is required, and to prepare them to enter the competitive processes for acquiring a position within a Fire Department.

\*Normal class hours during boot camp will vary based on what skills are being taught each day.

### Housing

All students are required to stay in the housing provided by TDG. There will not be exceptions. TDG will provide accommodations with two students per room. Students will be paired up with students of the same gender to the extent possible. Housing rules, curfew, etc will be provided in writing upon arrival at the academy.

Meals

Food will be provided by TDG. Upon arrival at academy the class will be made up of engine companies and these companies will work together to provide a cooking arrangement for breakfast and dinner. Lunch will take place off campus most days, therefore, students will be provided all items needed to pack a healthy lunch each morning. During meal times everyone will sit down and eat together as a crew just as firefighters do everyday in the station. The “table” in the firehouse is a special place. It is a time for camaraderie and spending time together as a team to tell stories and just hang out. We will practice and train just like any other firehouse. IF anyone has a **diagnosed medical issue** that requires a dietary restriction, we and your classmates will work with you to accommodate. You MUST advise us in writing at [fire@trainingdevgroup.com](mailto:fire@trainingdevgroup.com) prior to or when signing up for a boot camp academy. We will provide several store runs for the class. Students can purchase snacks and other stuff for keeping in their room at their own cost.

Facilities

Classroom facilities are provided in Joshua Fire Station as well as various other training facilities with space to perform multiple evolutions. Several training days will be held “offsite” and at other facilities that TDG has an agreement with. These facilities will contribute to a first-class training experience.

Instructors

The instructors for the academy will be selected based on experience and skill set for the area of instruction they are assigned to teach. All instructors will be experienced firefighters with a current Texas Commission on Fire Protection Basic Structural Firefighter certification and Instructor I or above certification.

Textbook

**All textbooks** for this program are provided in electronic format within your online course. If you wish to purchase a hard copy of the textbook for your personal use you are welcome to do so but it is not required.

Jones and Bartlett Publishers,

*Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills and Hazardous Materials Response 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*

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**Waiver of Liability Form**

Complete the form as indicated. This form must be notarized. Do not sign until you are at the Notary Public or Commissioner of Oath. Sign the form before the Notary and they will complete the certification section.

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**Firefighter Trainee Medical Examination Certification**

Complete the top portion of the form. See the physician of your choice and have your physician complete the “Physician Certification” portion of the form. Be sure the “Firefighter Essential Job Tasks” are included with the form when you provide it to the physician.

**TDG Fire Academy**  
(Applicant)

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

1. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in a firefighter certification course, I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE TrianingDevelopmentGroup, LLC, TDGRE, LLC, Joshua Fire Department, Johnson County ESD, the State of Texas their officers, servants, agents, or employees (hereinafter referred to as RELEASEES) from any and all liability, claims, demands, action and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or otherwise, while participating in such activity, or while in, on or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted.

2. I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activity, and to enter the above-named premises and engage in such activity knowing that certain risk of harm are or may be inherent in the various activities contemplated herein and that the activity may be hazardous to me and my property. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of being engaged in such an activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.

3. I further hereby AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the RELEASEES from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court cost and attorney's fees, that they may incur due to my participation in said activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY OR CONTRIBUTED TO IN WHOLE OR PART by any action or failure to act, negligence, breach of contract, or other misconduct on the part of RELEASEES or otherwise.

4. It is my express intent that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above named RELEASEES. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

IN SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute the Release For full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

**Certification:**

Before me, a Notary Public/ Commissioner of Oath in and for the County of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
County/Municipal District

\_\_\_\_\_  
State/Province

On this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ acting in his/her capacity as a Trainee of TDG Fire Academy known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the forgoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he is authorized and does execute for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at \_\_\_\_\_,  
City

\_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_  
County State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public/Commissioner of Oath

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Seal:

# TDG Fire Academy Firefighter Medical Examination Certification

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Students Full Name

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

TCFP PIN #

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Address

City

State

Zip

In consideration of being considered for acceptance into the TDG Fire Academy, I authorize my physician to release this medical evaluation to the TDG Fire Academy. I understand that this certification is not public information and that the academy will protect the privacy of this information as applicable by law.

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Signature

Date

## Physician Certification

I certify that I have examined the fire academy trainee candidate listed above, including medical history, physical examination, and any tests deemed necessary (lab work, x-rays, EKG, etc.). I have also reviewed the list of firefighter essential job tasks included with this form.

It is my medical opinion that, as of the date of the examination, this candidate (mark one box):

can safely perform the job tasks listed.

cannot safely perform the job tasks listed.

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Physician Name (Print)

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Address

City

State

Zip

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Physician Signature

Date

## **Firefighter Essential Job Tasks**

Excerpted from NFPA 1582

*Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments*

A firefighter trainee shall be medically and physically able to:

1. While wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), perform firefighting tasks (operate and pull hose lines, crawl extensively, lift and carry heavy objects, use power and hand tools), perform rescue operations, and other emergency response actions under stressful conditions, including working in extremely hot or cold environments for prolonged time periods.
2. Wear an SCBA, which includes a demand valve type positive pressure face piece, requiring the ability to tolerate increased respiratory workloads.
3. Be exposed to smoke, heated gases, and possibly other contaminants in spite of wearing SCBA.
4. Climb four (4) flights of stairs while wearing PPE and SCBA weighing at least 50 pounds, while also carrying tools or equipment weighing up to 40 pounds additional.
5. Wear a fire protective ensemble, including SCBA, that is encapsulating and insulated, which may result in fluid loss and can elevate core body temperature.
6. While wearing PPE and SCBA, search for, locate, and drag victims of various weights up to 200 pounds or more despite hazardous conditions and low visibility.
7. While wearing PPE and SCBA, advanced water filled hose lines up to 2 ½" in diameter from fire apparatus to building (150 feet or more), which can involve negotiating flights of stairs, ladders, and other obstacles.
8. While wearing PPE and SCBA, climb ladders, operate from heights, walk, or crawl, in the dark along narrow or uneven surfaces.
9. Perform critical, time sensitive complex problem solving during physical exertion in stressful, hazardous environments, including hot, dark, and/or tightly enclosed spaces.
10. Communicate (give and comprehend verbal orders) while wearing PPE and SCBA under conditions of high background noise, poor visibility, and wet conditions.
11. Function as an integral member of a team, where sudden incapacitation of a team member may put other team members at significant risk.



## Uniform Requirements

Each Fire Academy Cadet is required to have uniforms. We would recommend utilizing the many “uniform” web sites and companies to find uniforms. This will by default allow ease of purchase and will save you money and problems with being “uniform” when arriving at boot camp. The uniform consists of the following components:

Shirt Fire Academy t-shirts will be provided by TDG upon arrival at Boot Camp

Pants The following pants are some examples that are recommended for boot camp but not endorsed for wear by TDG Fire Academy. (The examples cover a wide array of prices)  
-Dickies Original 874 Work Pants (Dark Navy) or very similar to this option  
- Workrite Flame Resistant 7.5 oz Nomex Pant (Dark Navy)  
-If trainee is sponsored by a department, their current uniform pant is acceptable (Navy or Dark Navy in color)

Boots Station Boots: **Black in color** with leather toe and polish-able. We will not encourage a brand. We would **highly** recommend a zip up/side zip/easy off or slip on low ankle type of station boot. They are available at a wide price range from around \$40 and below and can go up to around \$300 dollars. We do encourage you to think about what you will be doing. This set of boots will get a workout! Possible brands to look at for your ease of purchase would include: Bates, 5.11, Rocky, Galls, Law Pro, Thorogood (High end), Haix (High end)

PPE/Bunker Boots: TDG provides a full set of PPE including bunker boots for use during the academy. IF you should choose to purchase or use personal bunker boots, be advised you will be crawling and doing many evolutions repetitively during the two-week boot camp. TDG is not responsible for the condition of the bunker boots at the end of boot camp.

Belt Plain black leather uniform belt with plain SILVER buckle. Uniform sites will have a wide array of options. We do not require a specific manufacturer.

Gloves Basic leather “work” gloves. We allow student to use leather work gloves for certain skills. This is an **optional** but recommended uniform item.

Each cadet must provide at least two (2) pants. If you want to buy more, that is up to you. Only one (1) belt, and one (1) pair of station boots is required.

Cadets will have a uniform appearance while in the academy. Therefore, please stick to items very similar to what is provided above. Uniforms items listed above are to be purchased by the cadet and must be worn on the first full day and all subsequent days of boot camp. **Where your personal/civilian clothes during travel please.**

## Personal Protective Equipment

Each cadet is required to have a complete set of personal protective equipment (PPE) meeting the requirements of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) and NFPA Standard 1851, *Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting*. A complete set of PPE includes protective coat with wristlets and collar; protective trousers with suspenders; bunker boots; helmet with face shield, earflaps, and chin strap; protective hood; and gloves.

**To ensure these standards are met**, TDG Fire Academy will rent the appropriate PPE for each student and will issue it at the beginning of on-site training. Cost of gear rental is included in tuition and fees. If you **INSIST** on utilizing your sponsored departments PPE, it will have to pass inspection upon arriving and will be **HEAVILY** utilized during the boot camp evolutions. It is for this reason we recommend **ALL** students utilize the gear we provide.

During the academy, PPE must be maintained in good repair and kept clean. Academy students will inspect their PPE every morning prior to the start of class. Academy staff will inspect PPE at the beginning of the academy, before live burns, and periodically as necessary during the academy to ensure safety and compliance.