

FIRE 102 – Firefighter I & II

Course Information Guide

Course Description

FIRE 102 - Firefighter I & II introduces students to the basics of firefighting through a combination of lecture and hands-on learning, and provides the opportunity to earn state certification.

FIRE 102 is sanctioned by the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council (MFFTC), the firefighter certification agency for the State of Michigan.

Eligibility Process

Students interested in registering for FIRE 102 must first participate in an eligibility process. Class size is limited to 30 students. As part of the eligibility process, applicants consent to provide (at their expense) the following:

- Interview with program manager.
- Review of driving record and criminal history background check.
- Obtain respirator, physical, pulmonary function test, 12-lead EKG, and 10-panel drug screen.
- Provide proof of health insurance or obtain a temporary policy.

Additional Information

FIRE 102 applications come out April 1st. The Fire 102 class meets on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 6pm -10pm. Classes start the 3rd week of August and finish the 3rd week of December. Fire 102 is a 12 credit course.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I become a state certified firefighter?

In order to participate in a state certified training course, you must be an employee of an organized fire department, or participate as a "pre-service" college student through a recognized Regional Training Center (RTC).

Where is the closest Regional Training Center for firefighters located?

Kalamazoo Valley Community College is the RTC for all of southwest Michigan.

How often is the FIRE 102 course offered?

Once a year. (Classes begin the 3rd week of August)

How is the FIRE 102 course scheduled?

The academy meets on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m., and every-other Saturday from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. The course begins in August and ends in December.

How much does it cost?

Total cost for a pre-service student is approximately \$3,000.

How do I become eligible to take FIRE 102?

The program has established a high standard of eligibility requirements. Interested students must contact the Fire Science Program Manager at 269.488.4202.

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for the following courses:

- **Fire 110** - Fire Prevention
- **Fire 111** - Building Construction
- **Fire 112** - Fire Service Tactics
- **Fire 210** - Fire Cause Determination
- **Fire 211** - Instructional Techniques
- **Fire 212** - Incident Management

The program manager must approve all applicants for the following course:

- **Fire 102** - Fire Fighter I and II Fire Academy

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