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News Release

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY

(Greenville SC) The Greenville City Fire Department (GCFD) is now accepting applications for its annual Citizens Fire Academy. This will be the fourth year of GCFD's free seven-week program, which is open to anyone age 18 and older. The Citizens Fire Academy offers a unique opportunity for citizens who live and work in Greenville to learn firsthand what it's like to be a firefighter. In addition to touring the City's fire stations and dispatch center, and meeting firefighters and 911 personnel, participants will also have a variety of hands-on learning opportunities, including wearing personal protective equipment, experiencing a fire simulation, extinguishing a fire and learning CPR and basic first aid.

According to Brian Horton, GCFD's chief of training, GCFD has designed the academy to be an educational and empowering experience for citizens. "Because we're asking people to give up their evenings to spend time with us, we want to make sure they leave the academy with meaningful knowledge, skills and experience," said Horton. "So while we certainly hope that participating in our academy will help them gain an appreciation for what it's like to be a firefighter, one of our main goals is to help them discover what a critical role citizens can play in helping us save lives and prevent fires in the first place."

Classes will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. from October 4 through November 15 at the department's training facility, located at 688 Mauldin Road. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

The class schedule is below and the application is available at

<http://www.greenvillesc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6737>. The deadline to submit an application is Monday, September 26.

Oct. 4 - History/Organizational Structure

Oct. 11 - Dispatch/911 Communications

Oct. 18 - CPR/Basic First Aid

Oct. 25 - Personal Protective Equipment/ Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

Nov. 1 - Vehicle Extraction/Aerial Operations

Nov. 8 - Fire Behavior/Fire Extinguishers

Nov. 15 - Graduation

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