

SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE AUTHORITY



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Dear Neighbors,

Have you ever wondered what firefighters do? Or how firefighters rescue people from an icy pond? Or how to improve your family's safety? Or how to use the Jaws of Life to save someone from a car crash? Or how investigators find the causes of fires? Or how dispatchers direct resources to emergencies?

We at South Metro Fire Rescue invite you to participate in our annual Citizens Academy. This 9-week academy is a rare opportunity to discover the mysteries of modern firefighting and learn priceless life-saving skills. You'll learn about South Metro Fire Rescue from behind-the-scenes, and learn about yourself and your community in the process.

Each of the nine classes is taught or facilitated by SMFR personnel. The schedule of classes is attached, but it is subject to change if restrictions are needed in response to COVID. Each class lasts from 6-10 p.m. Locations vary depending on the topic. Attendance is critical to your success in the program; participants are expected to attend every class. Participants are asked to perform physically-challenging activities such as rappelling, crawling, and performing CPR on mannikins. While we won't exclude candidates based on physical abilities, we want to be transparent about the nature of the activities.

This program is open to adults aged 18 and older who live in or work in our jurisdiction. As pledged, you are receiving this invitation in advance of the general public, but receiving it in advance does not guarantee you a position in this year's academy. It gives you a few more points for enthusiasm in our eyes, but we'll still weigh your application against all the others that are submitted. To apply for this amazing opportunity, submit the attached application by February 15 to enar.jensen@southmetro.org or to my attention at South Metro Fire Rescue, 9195 E. Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO 80112. We appreciate your consideration and hope that you'll join us for the 2021 Citizens Academy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Einar Jensen', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Einar Jensen
Risk Reduction Specialist
Citizens Academy Co-Coordinator



Application Process

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 9-week Citizens Academy with South Metro Fire Rescue. Applications are due at the close of business on February 15, 2021.

Applicant Note:

The following application is intended to get information that will ensure a safe and comfortable academy experience. Throughout the nine weeks of the academy, participants will be engaged from time to time in strenuous activities and interact closely with other participants. There is a \$30 fee for materials, once an application has been accepted.

Application for Citizens Academy

Return to: South Metro Fire Rescue – E Jensen
9195 E. Mineral Ave., Centennial, CO 80112
Telephone: 720-989-2209
FAX: 720-989-2073
Einar.Jensen@southmetro.org

Date Received: _____

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Instructions: Please answer each question completely and accurately, using N/A when appropriate.

Applicant Information:

Full Legal

Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone

Home: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Work/Cell: _____ Email Address: _____

Are you 18 years of age or older? () Yes () No

Date of Birth: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

T-Shirt Size (indicate Men's or Women's): _____ Pant size: _____ Shoe Size: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Address: _____

Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty to a crime, or are there any charges pending against you? () Yes () No

Please indicate: Misdemeanor _____ conviction _____ pending and/or _____ Felony _____ conviction _____ pending

If yes, please describe the offense. Give the date, location and disposition of the charge (include military service but exclude minor traffic violations or offenses adjudicated in juvenile court):

A conviction will not necessarily disqualify you from the academy. Seriousness and date of conviction will be considered.

General Information:

Do you have a valid driver's license? () Yes () No State issued: _____ License #: _____ Expiration date: _____

If no, why? _____

Emergency contact name: _____

Emergency contact phone number: _____

Second number: _____

Any known medical conditions?

Current medications:

Any known allergies?

Community groups with whom you are affiliated: _____

Classes are scheduled to meet each Wednesday from March 31 to May 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for nine weeks. Are you committed to attending every class?

Please circle your answer: Yes Will Try To Most Classes Unknown

Additional Information:

What do you hope to learn or accomplish by completing this academy?

Why should you be selected to attend this academy? *(Please feel free to attach another sheet if more room is needed.)*

How did you hear about the Citizens Academy?

SMFR website _____ Next Door _____ Facebook _____ Other internet source _____ Personal Contact _____

Other: _____

Do you wish to make any other remarks to help us make our decision?

Professional References

Please give names of persons, not related to you, whom you have known for over a year.

Name	Address	Telephone	Occupation	Years Known

Certification & Release (read carefully before signing):

In consideration of my application to attend the Citizens Fire Academy, I give South Metro Fire Rescue permission to check my personal background and references and to conduct other background checks such as arrest records, convictions, and traffic citations as necessary to ensure the integrity of the class. The above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

This application is valid for six months from the date above.

Please send your completed application to the following address **by February 15, 2021**:

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Questions?

Please call Einar Jensen at 720-989-2273 or email: Einar.Jensen@southmetro.org

