

From: Captain Cal Hendrie
County Volunteer Coordinator
Re: Common Questions



Volunteer Firefighter either Community Based or Non-community Based (reserve).

Q. Where do I turn in an application?

A. Mail your completed application packet to my office at Cal Fire/SDCFA Headquarters 2249 Jamacha Road, El Cajon California 92019 attention Volunteer Coordinator.

Q. Can I deliver my application in person?

A. If you would like to hand deliver your application packet you can do so to the for mentioned address Monday – Friday from 8:00 – 5:00, I would call ahead 619-590-3112 if you wish to talk with me to make sure I am in.

Q. After I turn in my application how long does the process take?

A. The background process will take anywhere from a week to 15 days depending on the records search's.

Q. When can I go to the academy?

A. after your application comes back from the background you will be placed on a new recruits list prioritized by operational needs.

Q. How long is the academy?

A. The academy is broken into modules:

- Structural module is 6 weeks or 96 hours classroom and field.
- Wildland module (NWCG S-130/L-180) takes about two weeks at home via web based program with a 10 hour field day for skills testing.
- Hazmat FRO two 10 hour days.
- First Responder Medical for those who don't have an EMT-1 Cert. is 4 weeks or 48 hours consisting of one 4 hour weekday evening and one 9 hour weekend day.
- Pine Valley and Intermountain FD hold a SFM Firefighter 1 Academy (360 Hrs)

Q. When is the next academy and where is it going to be held?

A. CAL FIRE's training division has calendared an academy every 8 weeks with a 4 week First Responder module in between each academy.

The academies are held at CAL FIRE/ SDCFA Headquarters in El Cajon for the south, Campo area for the east and the Valley Center area for the north.

Thank you for your interest and dedication towards protecting the rural communities of San Diego County



Departments served by San Diego County Fire Authority

CALFIRE Zone 7 Branch

- ***Deluz FD***
- ***Palomar Mountain FD***
- ***Warner Springs FD***
- ***Sunshine Summit FD***
- ***Intermountain FD***
- ***San Diego Rural FPD***
- ***Pine Valley FD***
- ***Campo FD***
- ***Boulevard FD***
- ***Valley Center FD***
- ***Ramona FD***
- ***Deer Springs FD***

Zone 8 Branch

- ***Julian/Cuyamaca FPD***
- ***Mt. Laguna FD***
- ***San Pasqual FD***
- ***Shelter Valley FD***
- ***Ocotillo FD***
- ***Ranchita FD***