



## **Firefighter 1 & 2**

**Fall or Spring**  
**Mondays & Wednesdays**  
**(+ some Saturdays)**  
**6:00 – 9:30 pm**  
**16 weeks**

### **Training Cost: \$1050 – Free To Qualified Applicants**

- Course fee covers the cost of books and the required testing

### **Prerequisites:**

- High School Diploma or High School Equivalency Diploma required
- Valid Indiana driver's license
- Students must be at least 18 years old by the state test date

### **Grant Information:**

- **Grants are not competitive, everyone who qualifies gets the grant to cover the cost of the class.**
- **Grants are designed for workforce development, to start or enhance your career path.**
- **Students must complete a TABE assessment and earn qualifying scores.**
- **Attending the class orientation, signing a student contract & attendance agreement and completing an online employability skills program is required.**

## **Firefighter 1 & 2 Course Description**

Training to be a first responder is a great career for those who enjoy helping and providing service to others. In addition to the state required study and skills for the Firefighter 1 & 2 certification, this course includes training and certification in hazardous materials operations, technical rescue awareness, auto extrication techniques and firefighter safety and survival. Gear is provided.

### **Additional Certifications:**

- IDHS Autism Awareness
- IDHS SIDS
- IDHS Tech Rescue Awareness
- IDHS Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations
- FHWA Traffic Incident Management

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**INTERESTED IN THIS CLASS? Go to <https://centralnineadulted.org/careers/> to register.**

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## IMPORTANT TO KNOW

- Perfect attendance is expected. We understand there are emergencies, but class attendance should be taken very seriously. After multiple absences students can be dismissed from class. Students are required to sign an attendance agreement.
- Students should apply for a PSID# at: <https://www.in.gov/dhs/3880.htm>
- Students will be issued a loaner set of fire gear, to be returned at the end of the class.

## More About Firefighters

### **Annual salary range in Indiana is \$37,000 – \$80,000 for a Full-Time Career Firefighter**

Applicants for municipal firefighting jobs usually must pass a written exam; tests of strength, physical stamina, coordination, and agility; and a medical examination that includes a drug screening. Candidates are subject to a background. Almost all departments require firefighters to be certified as emergency medical technicians. Workers may be monitored on a random basis for drug use after accepting employment. Examinations are generally open to people who are at least 18 years of age and have a high school education or its equivalent. Those who receive the highest scores in all phases of testing have the best chances of being hired.

Among the personal qualities firefighters need are mental alertness, self-discipline, courage, mechanical aptitude, endurance, strength, and a sense of public service. Initiative and good judgment also are extremely important, because firefighters make quick decisions in emergencies. Members of a crew live and work closely together under conditions of stress and danger for extended periods, so they must be dependable and able to get along well with others. Leadership qualities are necessary for officers, who must establish and maintain discipline and efficiency, as well as direct the activities of the fire fighters in their companies.

**Tasks:** Control and extinguish fires or respond to emergency situations where life, property, or the environment is at risk. Duties may include fire prevention, emergency medical service, hazardous material response, search and rescue, and disaster assistance.

- Put out or control fires to protect life and property.
- Conduct rescue efforts from burning buildings and accident sites.
- Administer first aid and CPR to injured people.
- Search burning buildings to locate fire victims.
- Drive and operate vehicles and equipment used to fight fires.
- Determine what caused a fire.
- Assess fire, report to supervisor, and follow instructions to put fires out.

## Why Earn a Firefighter 1 & 2 Certification?

Most experienced firefighters continue studying to improve their job performance and prepare for promotion examinations. To progress to higher level positions, they acquire expertise in advanced firefighting equipment and techniques, building construction, emergency medical technology, writing, public speaking, management and budgeting procedures, and public relations.

Opportunities for promotion depend upon the results of written examinations, as well as job performance, interviews, and seniority. Hands-on tests that simulate real-world job situations also are used by some fire departments.