Frequently Asked Questions – Daytona State College Fire Academy

1. What are the basic requirements to get into the Fire Academy?
   - Students must be 18 years old at the time of the State Certification Exam (end of the program)
   - Students must have a standard high school diploma or GED
   - Students cannot have been convicted (a finding of guilt or the acceptance of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere) of a misdemeanor related to the certification, or to perjury or false statement, or a felony or a crime punishable by imprisonment of 1 year or more
   - Students cannot have been dishonorably discharged from any of the US Armed Forces
   - Students must take the TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) test and must receive at least an 8.0 in each of the three sections (Reading/Math/Language) to enter the academy and a 10.0 in each of the three sections to exit the academy
   - Students must complete a state certification packet – these packets are available each June and October – contact Teresa Campbell at (386) 506-4203

2. What is the cost of the Fire Academy?
   - Approximately $3,300.00 – includes tuition, lab fees, state fees, graduation fee (if applicable), physical, bunker gear rental, uniforms, personal protective gear, books, and supplies

3. After I complete the Fire Academy, how do I get a job as a firefighter?
   - Students must successfully complete a Fire Academy and an EMT Academy
   - Students must successfully pass the Florida State Firefighter Certification Exam
   - Students must successfully pass the EMT Certification Exam (State or National Registry)

4. Can I get financial aid for the Fire Academy?
   - Financial Aid (PELL grants/student loans) is not available for this program
   - Students can apply for scholarships at www.daytonastate.edu

5. When are applications available?
   - Applications are sent out in October for the Spring academy and in June for the Fall academy
   - To receive a Fire Academy application, e-mail campbet@daytonastate.edu or call (386) 506-4203 – will need student name, mailing address, and telephone number
   - Additional information is available at www.daytonastate.edu/ses/firescience

To receive information regarding the EMT Academy, call (386) 506-4122.