

39th Heartland Fire Academy

STATE ACCREDITED FF1 ACADEMY

In Partnership with Southwestern Community College

APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

August 25th 2025 – November 1st 2025

Dear Fire Academy Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the 39th Heartland Fire Academy. We hope this academy will help you in preparation for a career in the Fire Service. The Heartland Fire Academy consists of Southwestern Community College courses (FS-281F and FS-281G) and various certification courses that are accredited by the California State Fire Marshal. Upon successful completion of the Heartland Fire Academy and the additional required SFT courses, students will receive a State Fire Training Firefighter 1 Certificate, and earn seventeen (17) Southwestern Community College Fire Technology units. Financial aid and academy scholarships are available, please inquire if interested.

The Heartland Fire Academy includes lecture-based classroom sessions on topics such as *firefighter safety, equipment operation, fire extinguishers, forcible entry tools and techniques, lifting and hoisting equipment, fire hose, hose nozzles and fittings, hose evolutions, ladders, breathing apparatus, fire control, fire prevention, and more*. Manipulative classes give recruits the opportunity to practice skills taught in the classroom.

ACADEMY INFORMATION

- Academy 39 is a 540-hour course; start date will be Monday, August 25, 2025 at 8:00 am
- This course meets Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Class locations will be the Heartland Fire Training Facility and other off-site locations
- Students are expected to be present at each of the required academy training sessions

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- 18 years of age at time of academy start date
- EMT-B or Public Safety-First Aid (*completed by academy start date*)
- High school graduate or equivalent (GED)

PREREQUISITE CERTIFICATIONS

- WMD/Terrorism Awareness for first responders (available online at teex.org)
- ICS IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800
- CPAT completion no older than 12 months at time of acceptance to academy
- Medical Examination
- High school diploma/university transcripts