

SCHILLER PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT CITIZENS' FIRE ACADEMY

INTRODUCTION

Through classroom presentation and hands on exercises, citizens will achieve a greater understanding of the inner workings of the Schiller Park Fire Department. In order to provide a quality program, the academy will consist of no more than twelve students. Applicants must be 18 years of age and currently reside in Schiller Park. Participants are encouraged to participate in all practical demonstrations. However, because of the voluntary nature of the program, physical limitations of applicants will not be considered a reason for exclusion from the academy. The academy will be eight weeks in length, one night per week (Mondays) from 6:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. All classes will be conducted at Fire Station 1 at 9526 Irving Park Road.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- ^ To provide residents a basic understanding of the tactics and strategies of firefighting and rescue operations.
- ^ To provide a greater understanding of the services the Schiller Park Fire Department is able to provide.
- ^ To encourage academy participants to return to their families and neighborhoods and share their experiences. This will provide more safety conscious and informed citizens.
- ^ To provide an enjoyable, interactive atmosphere in which fire department members and citizens can share information and concerns.

SPECIAL NOTE

It is imperative that all participants understand that the Citizen Fire Academy is intended to be an informative experience to provide insight into how the fire department functions and what services they provide. It is not intended to train participants as firefighters or assistants at any fires. It is not the Academy's intent to train participants to a level where it is safe for him/her to involve themselves in any firefighting activity.