On October 22-25, 2012, the Hillsborough Community College Fire Academy will be conducting a 4 day seminar designed to prepare the student to take the Florida Firefighters Certification Retention Test.

The course will cover the practical skills required for the student to successfully complete the test, and will culminate in the student being administered the retention exam by Field Representatives from the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, Florida State Fire College.

Classes will be held at the HCC Fire Training Center, 5610 E. Columbus drive, Tampa, Fl. 33619 from 2:30 pm-11:00 pm daily. Hours for the final day (retention testing) will be 7:30 am – 5:00 pm.

Applicants must attend a mandatory orientation session on Saturday, September 1, 2012 at 9:00 pm at the HCC Fire Training Center in order to register for the program.

Seating is limited to 30 applicants with seating based on a first come, first served basis based upon the date that the students reservation is received.

Subject matter will include:

- Donning and Use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
- Use, Placement, and Climbing of Ground Ladders
- Loading, Deployment and Operation of Hose lines
- Use of Ropes and Knots for Fireground Operations
The cost of the course is $225.00 with payment due at the first class session. Personal check, agency check or credit card (MasterCard or Visa) will be accepted for payment. (This cost does not include the $30.00 fee to be submitted with the students’ state application form or the $50.00 fingerprint/background check fee)

Requirements:

Applicants must provide the following:

- Complete ensemble of NFPA compliant personal protective equipment
- A limited number of MSA self contained breathing apparatus units will be available for use; however, participants are encouraged to provide their own equipment if available.
- Documentation of a physical exam evidencing fitness for testing. (not included in the course fee)

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