Thank you for your interest in attending the Hillsborough Community College Fire Academy. HCC has one of the largest Minimum Standards programs in the state. On average we train about 300 students per year in our 448 hour program.

The fire service is not a career suited for everyone. Not all the students who begin our academies are able to finish. Most students who successfully complete our program go on to have long and rewarding fire service careers. Our program, like the fire service, is Para-military in structure and is very demanding of the individual both physically and intellectually. There are established rules that are followed and disciplines that are taught. When you complete our program you will be eligible to take the state test to become a State Certified Fire Fighter.

This application has recently been revised in an effort to make things easier to understand and more user friendly. We have included a general schedule of classes, an explanation of the how the application and seating processes work and information on the state requirements for firefighters. You will also find both the applications which must be completed to entry into the fire academy.

We are frequently asked if there are any job openings in the fire service today, the answer is yes. While the economic downturn has affected the hiring levels, there is still a need for qualified, enthusiastic, career oriented applicants. A significant factor in getting hired is the effort expended by the individual in applying to numerous agencies.

Thank you for your interest in our program. We look forward to helping you start on your new career path. Please remember that if you still have questions after reading all the information in this packet, you may call us at 813-253-7628, or email jmcalister@hecfl.edu.