

New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy

The New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy (Academy) is located on the west side of the town of Socorro. The Academy was dedicated in 1989 after several years of working with the state Legislature to provide funds for a site and construction. The Academy is considered to be one of the best in the country and all members of the fire service in the state are encouraged to take advantage of the courses offered. Applications and a list of typical course offerings are provided in the Fire Chief's Handbook.

Application and admission

All courses require registration per Academy procedures. Contact the Academy for proper application forms and registration procedures. Courses that do not meet minimum enrollment requirements 30 days prior to the start of the class are subject to cancellation.

A student who is accepted for a course, but is unable to attend, must notify the Academy **NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS** prior to the first day of class. Failure to notify the academy may result in rejection of future applications.

Attendance

Unless indicated otherwise, classes held at the Academy begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Students are expected to be in the classroom and ready for class at the designated time. Tardiness disrupts the instructor and the class and will not be tolerated.

Student Conduct

Students are considered to be professionals and are expected to conduct themselves as such at all times both on and off the Academy grounds. Students should familiarize themselves with the ***Policy Regarding Conduct On and Off Campus***. Unsatisfactory conduct will not be tolerated.

Classroom Attire

Students should dress in attire that reflects their pride and professionalism in the service they represent.

Males: Agency dress or work uniforms, slacks or dress jeans and shirts with collars. Tee shirts will be permitted, but must be work related, with no offensive graphics. Shorts or tank tops are not permitted. Footwear will include shoes or boots, no sandals.

Females: Agency dress or work uniforms, slacks, dress jeans or skirt and blouses or shirts with collars. Tee shirts will be permitted, but must be work related, with no

offensive graphics. Shorts, tank tops or halter-tops are not permitted. Footwear will include shoes or boots; no sandals.

Structural Personal Protective Ensemble (PPE) will not be worn in any classroom or in the administration building.

Personal Protective Clothing – Structural, Flammable Liquids and LPG Training

Full personal protective ensemble (PPE), must be worn by all participants during live fire evolutions. Full personal protective ensemble is defined as helmet with eye protection, hood, gloves, coat, pants and boots bearing an NFPA 1971, *Standard on Protective Ensemble for Structural Fire Fighting* type acceptance label. PPE meeting previous editions of NFPA standards will be accepted. Three-quarter length boots and long coats are not acceptable.

PPE must be in good condition and must meet NFPA and NEMFETA standards . PPE will be inspected prior to the start of training. A completed inspection form for each student and agency instructor's PPE must be submitted to the Academy Instructor in Charge, prior to admittance to the fire ground.

Personnel with PPE which does not meet the NFPA or Academy standards will not be allowed to participate in live fire operations.

Long sleeve shirts and long pants (or one-piece jumpsuits) constructed of flame-retardant material such as 100% cotton, NomexTM, or other material with natural flame resistance must be worn under PPE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Lockers are available at student staging for overnight storage of PPE. Locks are not provided by the Academy, but may be provided by individuals. Long shackle or small shackle locks will not work on the lockers.

All instructors must wear blue helmets for ease of identification. Students will not wear blue helmets. Visiting instructors will be issued a blue helmet for their use during the training class. A limited number of yellow helmets are available for student use. Loaned helmets must be cleaned and returned at the end of the training sessions to the Academy Instructor in Charge.

Personal Protective Clothing – Wildland Training

Full personal protective clothing (PPE) must be worn by all participants during live fire evolutions. Full personal protective ensemble is defined as hard hat or helmet with shroud, goggles, gloves, shirt and pants (or one-piece jumpsuits) and lace-up leather boots which conform to NFPA 1977, *Standard on Protective Clothing and Equipment for Wildland Fire Fighting*. A jacket meeting the above standard may be included as desired.

In the absence of Wildland style protective clothing, structural style protective clothing may be worn at the option of the Academy Instructor in Charge.

PPE will be inspected prior to the start of training and a completed PPE inspection form for each student and visiting agency's instructors must be submitted to the Academy Instructor in Charge, prior to admittance to the fire ground.

Personal Protective Clothing – Other Training

Personal protective clothing and equipment requirements for other training such as vehicle extrication, high angle and below grade rescue, or other specialty courses will be defined with each course. Students will be notified of these requirements during course announcements.

Jewelry

Facial Jewelry of any type will not be allowed during live fire training.

The wearing of necklaces is discouraged, but permitted as long as they concealed within the shirt and do not pose a safety hazard to the student.

The wearing of finger rings is discouraged, but permitted as long as they do not pose a safety hazard to the student.

Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

Personnel with beards, goatees, long mustaches, or other facial hair which will impede the proper operation of the SCBA unit will not be allowed to participate in live fire operations.

The Academy has Scott 2.2, Survivair 2.2, MSA 2.2 MMR SCBA's for use by visiting students. A limited number of MSA 4.5 MMR SCBA's are available for use by visiting instructors. The majority of face pieces are middle sized, with a few larger and smaller sizes available.

Visiting students and instructors are permitted to use their own face pieces and/or SCBA units if so desired.

All SCBA units, whether agency or Academy supplied, will be inspected by the wearer prior to the start of training, and at the end of each day. A completed inspection form for each user's SCBA must be submitted to the Academy Instructor in Charge at the end of the training period.

Prior to returning to the storage area, the SCBA unit will be cleaned, sanitized and placed in the storage case with a full cylinder, face piece, and all straps returned to the extended position.

Any deficiencies in the unit must be reported to the Academy Instructor in Charge.

Other

Shower facilities are available at Student Staging. Soap and towels are not provided. Although the general locker room is co-ed, separate shower facilities are available for men and women.

Refrigerators, coffee pots and microwave ovens are available for visitor use at Student Staging.