



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## FACT SHEET

### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY

The Con Fire Firefighter Academy is a fast-paced, intense, and highly disciplined 16-week program based on Delmar Essentials of Fire Fighting, California State Fire Marshal Firefighter 1 and District-specific training. Training is designed to develop the Recruit's ability to function under stress and perform as a member of a disciplined company.

The Academy exists to prepare recruits to become professional firefighters in service to the people of Contra Costa County

The Academy is typically conducted annually, though it is sometime conducted more frequently based on the operational needs of District

In 2018 the Con Fire Academy achieved State of California accreditation as an Accredited Local Academy by the State Fire Marshal, making it one of only 20-some such accredited academies statewide

Accredited Local Academies (ALA), are single fire agencies, which provide training for in-house personnel only, and which actively provide state, municipal, county, or fire district fire protection services. Accreditation recognizes the agency's commitment and dedication to the highest levels of professional fire service training.

Speaking about the Academy in 2018, Caryn Petty, Deputy California State Fire Marshal said, "The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District has demonstrated a strong devotion to training that is indicative of a progressive organization. The Department's personnel are devoted to fire, emergency medical, wildland, and rescue operations with a thriving training division concentrated on maintaining innovative and relevant training delivery programs at all levels of fire service education."

Con Fire convened its first accredited academy in the history of the District, Academy 52, in October 2018

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As a result of predicted operational need for firefighters, Con Fire plans to convene Academy 53 in Spring 2019

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### **About Contra Costa County Fire Protection District**

*Contra Costa County Fire Protection District is a recognized fire service leader providing fire and emergency medical services to more than a million people across a 304 square-mile area, in and around the 20 cities of Contra Costa County, California. In 2017, the District responded to nearly 74,000 fire and EMS emergencies and provided expert medical care in the conduct of more than 75,000 ambulance transports. The District with 25 fire stations and nearly 400 employees is dedicated to the preservation of life, property and the environment.*

### **About The Office of the State Fire Marshal**

*The Office of the State Fire Marshal supports the mission of CAL FIRE by focusing on fire prevention, providing support through a wide variety of fire safety responsibilities including: regulating buildings in which people live, congregate, or are confined; by controlling substances and products which may, in and of themselves, or by their misuse, cause injuries, death and destruction by fire; by providing statewide direction for fire prevention within wildland areas; by regulation hazardous liquid pipelines; by developing and reviewing regulations and building standards; and by providing training and education in fire protection methods and responsibilities.*

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