2020 CITIZEN FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The goal of this program is to enhance relationships between Urbandale residents and the men and women of the Urbandale Fire Department. This program, although not new to Fire & EMS agencies, is designed to give a clearer understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the fire department in the community. Participants of the program will have the unique opportunity to learn how the Urbandale Fire Department provides quality community services to its customers.

Applications to participate in the Citizen Fire Academy can be downloaded off of the City of Urbandale’s website at www.urbandale.org or written requests for information concerning the Citizen Fire Academy may be directed to the following address:

Must be 18 Years of Age to Apply

Urbandale Fire Department
Citizen Fire Academy Coordinator
3927 121st Street
Urbandale, IA 50323

Questions about the Citizen Fire Academy and application requests and submissions can also be directed to Fire Marshal Jon Rech at jrech@urbandale.org or by calling 515-278-3970.

Application deadline is Friday 2/28/2020

The Citizen Fire Academy will meet once a week for six (6) weeks. The program will be on Thursday nights between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. It will consist of a combination of classroom instruction and practical exercises at UFD Station #42 at 3927 121st St. This program will be physically demanding on most skills nights and a majority of the Academy nights will last the full four hours. The following is the course outline (subject to change):

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Upon graduating from the program, participants will have the opportunity to participate in a ride-a-long program with the fire department. Graduates will also be charged to serve as fire and life safety advocates in the community by applying the safety knowledge learned during the Academy to friends, neighbors, and family.
2020 Citizen Fire Academy Application

**Applications must be received by Friday 2/28/2020**

Name: ___________________________ DOB: _____________

Home Address: ___________________ SS#: ___________________

Home Phone #: ________________ Cell Phone #: __________________

Email: __________________________

How long have you lived in Urbandale? _________________

Have you ever been arrested for any offense other than a simple misdemeanor?  
Yes ___ No ___

Will you be able to commit to four of the six academy nights? Yes ___ No ___

Shirt size: Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___ 2XL ___ 3XL ___

Emergency Contact: ____________________________  Primary Phone

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This information is necessary to complete backgrounds on potential academy participants and will be kept by the Fire Chief or a designee for emergency contact purposes.

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. You are hereby authorized to verify the provided information deemed necessary for consideration to attend the Citizen Fire Academy.

_________________________________  ______________________
Signature  Date
Thank you for your interest in our Citizen Fire Academy. We would like to know a little more about you. Please complete this form and submit it with your Citizen Fire Academy Application.

Tell us a little about yourself:

Why do you want to join the Citizen Fire Academy?

What do you hope to gain from participating in the Citizen Fire Academy?

What community groups and/or activities are you currently active with?

What roles/services do you feel the fire department should be involved with in the City of Urbandale?