

2025 Citizens Fire Academy Class Schedule & Agenda

Session 1: Monday, 08/11/2025 | 6:00–8:00 PM

Location: Station 1 – 1001 S High St.

- Welcome – Chief Chris Cummins
 - Organizational Structure – Deputy Chief Nick Brown
 - History of Firefighting & Columbia Fire & Rescue – Assistant Chief Jeremy Finley
 - Qualifications to Become a Firefighter & Training Division Duties – Battalion Chief of Training Keeton
 - Station 1 Tour – Captain Todd Glenn
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Session 2: Monday, 08/25/2025 | 6:00–8:00 PM

Location: Station 3 – 705 Firefighters Dr.

- Fire Marshal's Office – Fire Marshal Brad Massey
 - Fire Investigation – Assistant Chief Donnie Knoepfel
 - Medical Equipment – Medical Officer Chase Hartung
 - CPR/AED Course – Medical Officer Chase Hartung
 - Station 3 Tour – Captain Todd Wiencek
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Session 3: Monday, 09/08/2025 | 6:00–8:00 PM

Location: Station 1 – 1001 S High St.

- Emergency Management – Captain Joey Norman
 - Aerial Operations – Tony Cormier (Station 2)
 - Station 4 Tour – Captain Eric Hileman (Station 4)
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Session 4: Monday, 09/22/2025 | 6:00–8:00 PM

Location: Station 2 – 711 Lion Pkwy.

- Fire Extinguishers – Battalion Chief Mark Shouse
 - PPE and SCBA – Captain Jon Hardy
 - Hose, Nozzles, and Appliances – Captain Jon Hardy
 - Station 2 Tour – Captain Jon Hardy
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Session 5: Saturday, 10/04/2025 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Location: Station 2 – 711 Lion Pkwy.

- Extrication Tools and Equipment – Battalion Chief Mark Shouse
 - Vehicle Extrication – Battalion Chief Mark Shouse
 - Forcible Door Entry – Battalion Chief Mark Shouse
 - Ladders – Captain Chad Bailey (Station 5)
 - Station 5 Tour – Captain Chad Bailey (Station 5)
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Session 6: Monday, 10/06/2025 | 6:00–8:00 PM

Location: Station 2 – 711 Lion Pkwy.

- Mock Fire Scene Drill – Captain Will Craft
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Session 7: Monday, 10/13/2025 | 6:00–8:00 PM

Location: Station 1 – 1001 S High St.

- Graduation
- Family Station Tour