



Berwyn Fire Department

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Berwyn Fire Department to Conduct Citizens Fire Academy Class

The Berwyn Fire Department will conduct its 3rd Citizen's Fire Academy class this February. The twelve-week Academy meets 6:30pm to 9:30pm Thursday nights from February 7, 2008 through April 30, 2008 including (2) Saturday classes (8am-12pm) and affords participants the opportunity to learn the tactics and strategies involved in firefighting and rescue operations through both classroom and hands-on sessions.

The Academy exists to provide insight into the inner workings of the Berwyn Fire Department and to better inform the community it serves about the multitude of services it provides. Participants will have the opportunity to receive CPR certification and basic First Aid training, as well as the knowledge of how to react positively in the event of a fire or medical emergency and how to select and use the proper fire extinguisher. Highlights of the class include live fire training and the opportunity to "work" a shift and ride-along on emergency calls.

All Academy instructors are members of the Berwyn Fire Department and have attained a minimum certification of State of Illinois Firefighter Level III and, in most cases, much higher levels of certification and instruction have been attained. These highly qualified personnel are committed to providing information to participants in a professional manner, with the intent of providing individualized instruction to every participant. A realistic balance of classroom time and practical exercises makes the course both informative and interesting. To this end, class size is limited, allowing for good interaction between instructors and participants while maintaining a safe learning environment.

Involvement does not end at graduation. A very strong and active Alumni Association allows CFA participants to continue their educational and supportive roles with the Berwyn Fire Department.

Applications may be obtained by contacting Berwyn Fire Department Deputy Chief Denis O'Halloran 708-484-1644. If the current class is filled, applicants will be placed on a waiting list for next year's Academy.