



RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Department of Public Safety - Fire Technology
Wildland Fire Academy

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To: Wildland Fire Academy Applicants
From: Ryan Carey, Wildland Fire Instructor
Date: Fall 2020
Subject: **Class 24 Wildland Fire Academy Application**

Class 24 of the Rio Hondo Wildland Fire Academy is a full-time academy that meets five days a week from 0700 to 1600 hours each day, Monday through Friday. Class 24 Wildland Fire Academy is scheduled to begin on **February 1, 2021 and graduate on April 10, 2021.**

Outlined below is the application process which must be firmly followed and completed. **No Exceptions!** Failure to do so may result in your application being voided and your non-acceptance into the academy.

1) You must complete FTEC 044 and at least ONE Wildland Fire Technology Course (i.e. WFT-101, WFT-102, WFT-103, WFT-104, or WFT-105) by the end of the 2021 Winter Session semester in order to be accepted in the Wildland Fire Academy. Your application must be submitted online between November 9th – November 18th, or in person to Fire Counselor Diana Valladares on **November 20, 2020 from 1000 - 1600.**

2) ALL Wildland Fire Academy candidates are required to take a Pack Test (walk 3 miles with a 45 pound vest around a track in less than 45 minutes). You will be issued a Pack Test appointment when you submit your completed application. All Pack Tests will take place on **December 12, 2020 from 0800-1400.**

3) ALL applications are due by 1600 on **November 20, 2020. If you wish to submit online, that period is between November 9 -18, 2020 (Please follow the guidelines on the following page). If you wish to submit in person, please stop by the Santa Fe Springs Center from 1000-1600 on Friday, November 20, 2020.**

4) There will be a Mandatory WFA Overview meeting for all cadets accepted to WFA Class 24:

Date: **January 2, 2021**
Time: 0900-1600
Location: Rio Hondo College

** Please bring all your uniforms and materials for inspection.

This will also be the day for registration. It is advised and recommended that you register before the meeting.

Good luck to all applicants.

Wildland Application Instructions for Submitting Online

Step #1:

When writing your application email, please send to dvalladares@riohondo.edu and on the subject line write: **Class 24 Application.**

(Your email application will only be accepted during the following dates: **November 9th-18th**).

Step #2:

In the email, write

“Hello, my name is (_____) and my ID# is (please include all 9 digits). Attached please find all my application documents. ”

If you will be taking winter session classes to meet the academy requirements, please let me know in this email.

Step #3:

All documents must be in **PDF format NO EXCEPTIONS.** You can do this for most documents by clicking “Save as” and then choosing “file type” as *.pdf*

Step #4:

Attach ALL the documents to the email.

1. First attachment should be the 8-page medical exam.
(Reminder: You fill out page 2 ONLY and the doctor fills out pages 5, 6, and 7).
2. Second attachment should be the Wildland Academy application of pages!
(The first page is the Checklist and the second page is the medical Insurance Verification form).
3. Third attachment is a copy of your insurance card (ONLY include this if you have insurance).
4. Fourth attachment should be a copy of your Driver’s License.

Step #5:

You will receive an email confirming I received your application within 2 days of when you send the email. ***If your email is incomplete, you will be asked to come in person on Friday, November 20th to drop off the completed application and documents.***



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The Rio Hondo Wildland Fire Academy meets or exceeds the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) standards for Firefighter Type 2. It provides the hands-on training required by Federal Wildland Fire agencies; United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, and for entry level employment as a wildland firefighter.

All coursework as referenced complies with the NWCG Firefighter 2 Curriculum, leading to certification as a Firefighter Type 2. Graduates of the Rio Hondo Wildland Fire Academy are awarded a Rio Hondo College Certificate of Proficiency and receive the following certifications and/or certificates:

Rio Hondo College Certificate of Achievement

NWCG S-110 Basic Wildland Fire Orientation
NWCG S-130 Wildland Firefighter Training
NWCG S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
NWCG L-180 Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service
NWCG S-131 Firefighter Type 1
NWCG S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use
NWCG S-270 Basic Air Operations
FEMA ICS-100 Introduction to ICS
FEMA IS-700 Introduction to NIMS
AHA First Aid CPR/AED Certification
CSFM Confined Space Awareness
CSFM Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational
CSTI Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational

In addition to the certifications listed, a rigorous physical fitness program is included in the academy. Students desiring to enter the academy are required to have a complete physical examination. See attached information pertaining to physicals. You should start a vigorous physical training program before starting the WFA. You can use the Fire Fit program as a guide: www.nifc.gov/FireFit/index.htm

Cost: Students will be required to pay the enrollment fee, purchase PT gear and uniforms, including wildland fire fighter boots. The registration fee for the academy is approximately \$900.00. This covers the following: Enrollment: \$600.00; Materials: \$60.00; CSTI: \$20.00; Parking Permit: \$40.00; Student Health fee: \$19.00; Student Rep fee: \$1.00; GO RIO Program: \$9.00 and College Services fee of \$7.00. All fees are subject to change. Also please note that Non-California residents are subject to higher enrollment fees.

Financial Aid: In order to qualify for the fee waiver (BOGW) and/or a grant, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Dream Act, available at csac.ca.gov (RHC School Code: **001269**)

Medical Physical Exams: Physical examinations are a requirement of the fire academy and must be completed prior to the Wildland Fire Academy application deadline. It is important that you start this process as soon as possible so that you may have the results at the time of the application due date. Download and print the necessary physical examination form here ([OF178-CME](#)) or on the website. Please take this form to your personal doctor or health care provider to complete and submit.



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WILDLAND FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATION & CHECKLIST

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Address: _____
 Number Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____ Email: _____

Male Female RHC ID # _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Items required on separate sheets of paper:

- Physical Examination Form (OF-178) completed by a medical physician
- Medical Insurance Verification Form
- Copy of your Medical Insurance Card (if you have insurance); enlarge to 150% (copy on lower half of page)
- Copy of your Driver's License; enlarge to 150% (copy on lower half of page)
- Course Verification: **Once you have secured ALL the items above**, your academic requirements must be verified by Diana Valladares, Public Safety Counselor, at the Rio Hondo Fire Academy, 11400 Greenstone Avenue, Santa Fe Springs; ONLY on the following day:

Saturday, November 20, 2020 from 1000-1600

OFFICE USE ONLY:

| REQUIREMENTS | Grade | Units | Sem /Yr | College |
|--|-------|-------|---------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FTEC 044 <input type="checkbox"/> Proficiency | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WFT Course <input type="checkbox"/> Proficiency | | | | |

Course and Units Verified By _____

Date of Verification _____

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| Class No. 24 |
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INSURANCE VERIFICATION

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Social Security No.: _____ DOB: _____

Do you have medical insurance? Yes No

Is this insurance the Primary Insurance or Secondary Insurance?

Insurance Co: _____ Individual Group HMO

Policy holders' name: _____ Relationship: _____

Policy No: _____ Group No: _____ Member No: _____

Ins. Co. Address: _____

Does your place of employment provide this insurance? Yes No

If yes, Employer's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Are you covered by any other medical insurance(s)? Yes No

Is this insurance the Primary Insurance or Secondary Insurance?

Insurance Co: _____ Individual Group HMO

Policy holders' name: _____ Relationship: _____

Policy No: _____ Group No: _____ Member No: _____

Ins. Co. Address: _____

Is this insurance the Primary Insurance or Secondary Insurance?

Insurance Co: _____ Individual Group HMO

Policy holders' name: _____ Relationship: _____

Policy No: _____ Group No: _____ Member No: _____

Ins. Co. Address: _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing answers I have designated to the stated questions are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date