

## Firefighter Minimum Standards FAQ

**When does the next Firefighting 1 & 2 program start?** Classes begin in January and August each year. Sign-ups begin approximately 6 months prior to the beginning of class.

**Do I need to take EMR before coming to sign my pre-application for Firefighting 1 & 2 program?** No, you should come in and fill out your pre-application. There will be a mandatory meeting date listed on your pre-application, during this meeting you will have the opportunity to sign-up for the next EMR class.

**How long does the Firefighter 1 & 2 program last?** Approximately 4 months.

**What days and times is class held?** Firefighter 1 & 2 program is Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be an occasional Friday or Saturday.

**When do Sign-Ups begin?** Sign-ups typically start 6 months before class begins. Exact dates will be posted on the home page of [www.RidgeFireAcademy.com](http://www.RidgeFireAcademy.com)

**Do you offer a night/shift/part-time class?** We are currently taking names for a future class. Call or email to put your name on the list.

**What is the cost of the Firefighting 1 & 2 program?** (attach link to cost sheet)

**Do you offer Financial Aid, Pell Grant, or Veterans Assistance?** Please see link <http://www.ridge.edu/financialaid.htm>

**Do I have to pay to sign-up/complete my pre-application?** No, tuition and lab fees will be due AFTER you receive your acceptance letter. The specific deadline will be given during the mandatory meeting.

**When is your next RPAT and how much does it cost?** The RPAT test costs \$50 and you will schedule a test during your mandatory meeting.

**What is the RPAT?** Click on link <http://ridgefireacademy.com/academy%20forms.htm> select RPAT packet.

**Do I need a high school diploma or GED to attend Firefighter 1 & 2 program?** Yes, a high school diploma or GED is required by the first day of class.

**When is the next EMR class offered?** We offer the EMR class in July and December each year prior to Firefighter 1 & 2 class starting.

**Do you offer the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class?** We do not offer EMT class, this can be taken at a college of your choice.

**Where are you located?** We are located at 7700 State Road 544 Winter Haven, FL 33881 Click link for map and directions.

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?address=7700+State+Road+544&city=Winter+Haven&state=FL&zipcode=33881&redirect=true>

**Where do I buy the EMR Text book?** [www.JBLearning.com](http://www.JBLearning.com) You must purchase your book from this specific vendor due to ID # given for classroom work. EMR Advantage Package (textbook, workbook and student navigate course manager access code) ISBN: 9781284050059 Use Promotion Code EMS15 to receive a discount.

**Where do I buy the Firefighter 1 & 2 text book?** You may purchase your book from a vendor of your choice. Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations 6th Edition ISBN: 978-013-314080-4 Author: IFSTA/BRADY Publish date: 1/2013

# MINIMUM STANDARDS 2014 – 2015 PROPOSED STUDENT COSTS

## Ridge Career Center Tuition and Fees:

\*\*\*All prices are subject to change. You will be responsible for the difference upon request\*\*\*

<b>Tuition: (Non-Taxable)</b>		
Tuition Fee: \$2.88x 398 hrs. =	9100001	\$1,146.24
<b>Lab fee:</b>	9102341	\$1,421.61
Ridge Registration Fee	9102341	\$ 30.00
Background Check Fee	9100034	<u>\$ 60.00</u>
<b>Total Amount Paid to Ridge Career Center:</b>		<b>\$2,657.85</b>

## Additional Expenses:

\*\*\*All prices listed below are estimations only, actual costs may vary\*\*\*

### Books:

Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations 6th Edition ISBN: 978-013-314080-4 Author: IFSTA/BRADY Publish date: 1/2013	\$100.00
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### Uniforms:

2 pairs of Blue Dickie pants (Walmart)	\$ 25.00
1 Black belt	\$ 15.00
1 pair of rubber sole high top boots	\$ 45.00

### State Application & Certification:

Fingerprint & Background check Pearson Vue	\$96.00
State Practical Exam Fee	\$30.00
State Written Exam Fee	\$42.00
Medical Examination and Drug Screen	\$145.00

<b>TABE test</b>	\$15.00
<b>Ridge Physical Ability Test (RPAT)</b>	\$50.00

### Bunker Gear:

Rent from Company of your choice	<u>\$500-\$700</u>
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**Additional Expenses Estimated Total:           \$ 1,213.00**

**BUNKERGEAR RENTAL:** You have the choice of renting, borrowing or purchasing. Ask an instructor or see our paperwork for specific companies

**FINGERPRINTING:** (DO NOT PAY UNTIL ACCEPTANCE LETTER IS RECEIVED!)

Finger print fees must be paid online with a credit card at <https://pearson.ibtfingerprint.com>

You must also register with the State Fire College at [www.floridastatefirecollege.org](http://www.floridastatefirecollege.org)

**INSURANCE:**

Ridge Career Center students are automatically covered through the school with standard coverage while on campus. Optional Student Accident Insurance Coverage: \$ 40.00 (**cost to extend to 24 hour coverage**)

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