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Rockdale County Fire-Rescue to Host Inaugural Citizens Fire Academy

ROCKDALE COUNTY, Ga. – Rockdale County Fire-Rescue will host its inaugural Citizens Fire Academy in 2022. The program will meet on Thursdays from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. and run for 10 consecutive weeks beginning January 13, 2022.

The Citizens Fire Academy is a free program that offers participants an inside look at the fire service profession. This program will allow citizens to get a behind-the-scenes view of how the department operates and responds. Classes will include: organization of the department, fire ground operations, extrication, fire inspections and investigations, hiring process, fire safety, hazardous-materials response, firefighter training and special operations.

Participants will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on drills. They will consist of, but are not limited to: wearing firefighter turn out gear with self-contained breathing apparatus, setting up equipment for a hazardous materials decontamination line, using extrication tools and participating in firefighter training scenarios that will require climbing ladders and crawling through mazes. At the end of the 10 weeks, citizens will not only have learned the duties of a firefighter, but also valuable fire and life safety information on what to do in emergency situations.

The program is limited to 20 participants. Participants must be 18 years of age or older, have no prior felony conviction, pass an acceptable background check, sign a liability waiver and be a resident of Rockdale County. Participants must be willing to make a 10-week commitment to the program.

Those interested in applying for the Citizens Fire Academy must submit a completed application that may be found on Rockdale County Government’s website. Use the following links to access the application: County Departments - Fire & Rescue - Fire Safety & Education - Citizens Fire Academy Application or send an email to: sharon.webb@rockalecountyga.gov to request an application. For more information regarding the Citizens Fire Academy, please contact Deputy Chief Sharon Webb at: 770-278-8453.

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