Facts of Volunteer Firefighting

- Volunteers comprise 73% of firefighters in the United States
- The majority of fire departments in the United States are volunteer
- The number of Volunteer Firefighters in the United States has declined more than 10% since 1983
- Small and mid-sized communities rely heavily on volunteer firefighters
- Volunteers invest a large amount of time serving their communities
- Communities served by volunteer firefighters depend on them to be their first line of defense for many types of emergencies
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Hamilton County Volunteer Fire Departments

Chattanooga-Hamilton County Rescue
Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department
Flat Top Volunteer Fire Department
Hamilton County Hazardous Materials Team
Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department
Mowbray Mountain Volunteer Fire Department
Sale Creek Volunteer Fire Department
Sequoyah Volunteer Fire Department
Special Tactics and Rescue Services (S.T.A.R.S.)
Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department
Volunteer State Water Rescue
Walden's Ridge Emergency Services

Municipal Fire Departments within Hamilton County

Chattanooga Fire Department
East Ridge Fire and Rescue
Lookout Mountain Department of Public Safety
Red Bank Fire Department
Signal Mountain Fire Department
Soddy-Daisy Fire Department

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The HCES Fire Training Program meets NFPA 1001 Standard for Firefighter Professional Qualifications 2013 edition. HCES Fire Training Program exceeds the minimum requirements for TCA Title 4 Chapter 24 relative to minimum training requirements for firefighters. And is approved by the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting. Upon completion of this program applicants may take the state practical exam. Upon passing the state practical exam applicants may take the state written exam for Firefighter I & II. Once successfully completing the state
Practical and written exams the applicant is a state certified firefighter I or II by the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting.

Hamilton County, TN Office of Emergency Management FIRE TRAINING

OUR MISSION:

"To educate, protect and serve our community and pave the way for the next generation of volunteers."

Minimum Requirements:

- Must be 18 years of age
- Must have a high school diploma
- Must have the ability to read and comprehend written material at the 12th grade level
- Must possess the mental, physical and medical health to adequately perform the duties of a firefighter
- Must possess a valid driver's license
- Must pass a criminal background check

Other Requirements:

- Must complete the FFI course and pass a state test before they receive their Firefighter certification.
- Must be affiliated with an emergency agency and be a part of a First Responder program.

Firefighter I class consists of:

- Length of Class: August to May
- 360 hours of classroom and practical
- Introduction to Fire, Ventilation
- Building Construction, SCBAs, PPE
- Search and Rescue
- *HazMat Operations
- Ropes, Ladders, Extinguishers
- Fire Hose, Water Supply
- Hose Advancement
- Forcible Entry
- * WMD Awareness
- Loss and Fire Control
- CPR, Shock Management, SIDs

  * Tennessee Emergency Management Agency Classes

Firefighter II class consists of:

- Length of Class: December to May
- 218 hours of classroom and practicals
- Rapid Intervention Team Operations
- Vehicle Extrication
- Class B Fires
- Liquid Petroleum Gas Fires
- Fire cause and investigation
- Leadership
- Building Construction

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