



What is CFA?

- provides an overview of the San Antonio Fire Department and the divisions and functions in different areas of the fire service
- emphasize the role citizens play in fire/accident prevention efforts
- taught by firefighters that work in those areas of the department

Who can attend?

- anyone 19 years old or older that lives in the City of San Antonio or works for the City of San Antonio

Where/when are classes held?

- classes held at least once a year on at the San Antonio Fire Department Fire Training Academy
- classes will normally be Tuesday evenings with the exception of one Saturday during the class

Why should you attend?

- to learn more about what the SAFD does and how it works
- make your family, home, workplace, and community safer

Have you ever wondered....

- how are emergency calls dispatched?
- why do fire trucks show up when someone calls an ambulance?
- Why are multiple fire trucks sent to car accidents or fires?
- How do you make your family, home or business safer?

CFA is fun....

- you will have an opportunity to experience and witness exciting things like...

- extinguishing a fire with a fire extinguisher
- riding out to emergency calls on a fire truck
- spraying water from a fire hose
- wearing fire gear and going into a smoky building
- demonstrations of EMS, fire trucks, rescue team, and hazardous materials team

How do you apply?

- Email SAFDCFA@sanantonio.gov
- Contact FF Bennie Marberry at bennie.marberryjr@sanantonio.gov or Lt. Jennifer Chadwick at Jennifer.chadwick@sanantonio.gov or either of us at 210-207-5970.
- If you are not accepted to the class you apply for, your name will be on a waiting list and contacted for the next class.

Week 1

- Welcome! Introductions and paperwork as well as go over the schedule and rules.
- You will get an opportunity to meet the Chief of the entire Department and the Chief in charge of the Emergency Services Division.
- Learn about the history of the Fire Service and the San Antonio Fire Department

Week 2

- Smile! Class picture will be taken.
- What does it take to become a firefighter in this department? Speak with a representative from the Applicant Processing Division.
- Try on personal protective equipment just like the firefighters wear.
- Tour the San Antonio Fire Department Training Academy.

Week 3

- Learn about firefighting operations from one of the Fire Shift Commanders.
- Firefighters will demonstrate

Week 4

- Learn what the fire cadets go through on their journey to become a firefighter as well as the continued training firefighters receive in the field.

Week 5

- See for yourself up close the different apparatus/equipment firefighters use to do their jobs.

Week 6

- Ever wonder what's inside a fire station. Tour two fire stations to see for yourself.
- You will now able to ride out with fire companies and see what firefighters do everyday. Have fun!

Week 7

- Meet the Accelerant Detection K-9 Kai and see her in action.
- Learn how arson investigators find out what really caused a fire.

Week 8

- Learn how the 9-1-1 system works from one of our Dispatch Officers.
- Find out how San Antonio responds to a large emergency or disaster from a member of the Emergency Operations Center.

Week 9

- Learn about different ways you can prevent fires and how our department is teaching children fire safety.
- Smoke/CO detectors

Week 10 - (Saturday)

- Learn CPR and how to use an AED – you will be certified in in Basic First Aid.
- The Technical Rescue Team will demonstrate vehicle extrication as well as talk to you about the job they do.
- See a demonstration from the Department's HAZMAT team and speak with them about the job they do.

Week 11

- Learn how to and get a chance to use a fire extinguisher.
- Wear firefighting gear and get a chance to feel your way around a room by touch alone.

Week 12

- Graduation nite! Certificates presented by Fire Chief Charles Hood. Reception to follow in dining/kitchen area. Your families are welcome to attend.

**Schedule is subject to change based on availability of speakers, apparatus, etc. We will let you know if something does change.