

CITIZEN FIRE ACADEMY OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

The Beecher Fire Protection District Citizen's Fire Academy includes approximately 36 hours of instruction. Class sessions are approximately 3 hours in length and are held at the Beecher Fire Protection District Fire Station at 711 Penfield Street. Some classes will be held in other locations based on the specific topic.

The Academy will conclude with a graduation ceremony at the Washington Township Community Hall before the Trustees of the Beecher Fire Protection District in the morning on November 8th, 2025. Graduating students will receive a certificate of completion from the Beecher Fire Protection District.

OBJECTIVES

To better inform the residents of Beecher as to the purposes and inner workings of the Beecher Fire Protection District. To discover what diverse services our Fire District offers our community.

To encourage citizens to return to their neighborhoods and relay to their friends and families the proper procedures to use to become more safety-conscious citizens.

To provide an interactive forum for both the Fire District and the citizens and community members who participate in the Citizen's Fire Academy.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

The opportunity to receive basic CPR instruction and fundamental knowledge in first aid procedures, obtaining an American Heart Association First Aid/CPR card.

The opportunity to be able to react in a positive manner should some type of fire or medical emergency arise.

An increased awareness and knowledge to keep your home and workplace accident free.

A better understanding of why and how the Fire District operates in an emergency.

The opportunity to interact and address community concerns relative to the Fire District.

INSTRUCTORS

All class instructors are members of the Beecher Fire Protection District and are committed to providing appropriate information to all participants in the Fire Academy. All instructors are Illinois Certified Firefighters and Instructors. Members of the Fire District will be available to class participants during the Academy to answer questions or demonstrate various techniques.

CLASS SIZE/SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

Each session includes approximately 15 participants. Class sizes are limited to allow for a safer learning environment and to provide more opportunities for interaction between instructors and students along with more time completing hands-on skills. **SAFETY** is **ALWAYS** of the utmost concern.

MEASURING THE ACADEMY'S SUCCESS

To keep the program informative and interesting, participants are encouraged to critique the program throughout its entirety. Enhancements to the program will be implemented because of the feedback received from the participants.

Students are encouraged to participate in all practical demonstrations and to interact with the instructors and one another.

IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS TO REALIZE THAT THE CITIZEN FIRE ACADEMY IS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE TO HELP THEM BETTER HANDLE THEMSELVES IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. IT IS NOT INTENDED TO TRAIN THEM AS FIREFIGHTERS, MEDICAL PROVIDERS, OR ASSISTANTS AT EMERGENCY INCIDENTS.

