



## BURLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Burlington Fire Department Announces Release of Recruitment Video and Upcoming Spring Citizens Academy**

**Burlington, NC** – The Burlington Fire Department is pleased to announce the release a new recruitment video featuring interviews with three of its “junior firefighters”, footage from active training drills, and footage capturing life in the firehouse.

The Burlington Fire Department, while fully staffed and always prepared to meet whatever emergency comes its way, is continually looking to meet with people interested in a career in fire service. Whether you are currently a firefighter looking for a great workplace culture and top-rate training or you are just starting your career, the Burlington Fire Department offers opportunities to grow and learn in a welcoming and supportive environment.

People interested in learning more about fire service, either as a potential career or just for fun and excitement, should register for the BFD Spring Citizens Fire Academy. The Citizens Fire Academy explores many diverse aspect of the fire service. Some topics and activities that participants will experience include: station tours, history of fire service and the life of a firefighter, fire prevention, arson information, driving, vehicle extrication, thermal imaging, fire suppression, training, hose operation, ladder truck riding, smoke shack experience, and more. Check out this [recap video](#) from a recent Citizens Fire Academy session.

“If you have ever wanted to experience the fire service first-hand, this academy is for you,” says Captain David Sharpe, Citizen’s Academy program coordinator. “Burlington firefighters will teach participants everything from how to slide a fire pole, to how to drive a fire truck and everything in between. This is an unforgettable experience for our participants.”

The Academy, offered at no cost to interested individuals, is structured to include seven weeknight courses from 6:00-9:00pm over a two month period. One Saturday class will be conducted at the Police/Fire Training Center in Haw River. A graduation ceremony will be held at the culmination of the Academy.

The next session of the Burlington Citizens Fire Academy will be held from early April to mid-May, with exact dates to be forthcoming. Interested individuals must be over 18 years old, must be willing to attend at least one 3 hour course per week for seven weeks, and have no prior felony convictions or misdemeanors that would question the applicant’s moral character.

Applications will be accepted by email to [dsharpe@BurlingtonNC.gov](mailto:dsharpe@BurlingtonNC.gov), by mail to P.O. Box 1358, Burlington, NC 27216, attention: David Sharpe, Citizens Fire Academy, or in person at the Head Quarters Fire Station at 215 South Church Street in downtown Burlington. More information about the Academy may be obtained by contacting Captain David Sharpe (336) 516-7359 or by visiting [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/BFDCitizensAcademy](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/BFDCitizensAcademy). Follow [this link](#) to fill out an application online.

Our Mission:

“The mission of Burlington Fire Department is to minimize the loss of life and property resulting from fires, medical emergencies and other disasters. Through prevention, education, emergency response, and medical services we will provide a product deemed excellent by our customers - the citizens of Burlington.”

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