Bristol Fire Department Announces Inaugural Citizens Fire Academy

The Bristol Tennessee Fire Department is accepting enrollment applications for its inaugural Citizens Fire Academy which is scheduled to begin on April 21\textsuperscript{st}, 2011. The enrollment period will extend from February 7\textsuperscript{th} through March 28\textsuperscript{th} for interested Bristol, Tennessee residents aged 18 years and older. The maximum number of participants is limited to ten (10).

Students will be exposed to the many facets of being a firefighter and they will participate in a program of instruction that focuses on fire/life safety and fire prevention. The Citizens Academy does not present a curriculum designed to prepare participants for a career as a firefighter, but extends a fire service knowledge base by way of classroom instruction and practical exercises. All instruction is presented by professional Bristol Tennessee firefighters.

The six week program will introduce the participants to the history of the fire service; safety topics; firefighting skills, tactics, and strategy; basic first aid and CPR; and, provide insight to the Bristol Tennessee Fire Department’s all-hazard approach to emergency preparation and mitigation.

The class begins on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and will continue for six consecutive Thursdays. For additional information or to request a copy of the application, please contact the Bristol Fire Department at (423)989-5701. Applications also may be downloaded at www.bristoltn.org.

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