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### Citizens of Bristol TN Citizens' Fire Academy

The Bristol Tennessee Fire Department is accepting enrollment applications for its Citizens' Fire Academy which is scheduled to begin on April 27, 2017. The enrollment period will extend from February 27<sup>th</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup> for interested Bristol, Tennessee residents aged 18 years and older. The maximum number of participants is limited to ten, so interested persons should submit their applications early.

The Citizens' Fire Academy is a public education based program offering attendees the opportunity to learn firefighting skills in a controlled environment. Students will be exposed to the myriad 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 program will enhance a participant's understanding of the department's capabilities and limitations, and foster a meaningful, cooperative relationship between firefighters and the citizens of Bristol. The eight 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 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and will continue for eight successive 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 [bristoltn.org](http://bristoltn.org).