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Little Elm offering next Citizens Fire Academy class

LITTLE ELM (January 13, 2017) Celebrating a dozen years of offering this extraordinary experience to residents, the Little Elm Fire Department has scheduled the 2017 version of the Citizens Fire Academy, slated to run from February to April.

The ten-week class starts on Monday, Feb. 6, and runs until Monday, April 17. There is no charge to participate in the academy, but certain eligibility rules apply.

“One of the benefits of offering the Citizens Fire Academy is that it gives civilians an idea why people are so passionate about this profession,” says Fire Chief Brian Roach. “We are given the opportunity to touch people’s lives in ways that few other professions are able to. Whether it’s fighting a fire to save a home or business, or attempting to save lives of accident victims, we are entrusted with a very important responsibility.”

The Academy is open to eligible citizens who wish to gain a greater understanding of the day-to-day operations of Little Elm Fire Rescue. Applications for admission to the Academy can be obtained online by visiting www.littleelm.org/fire/cfa or by visiting the entry lobbies of the Town’s Fire Stations.

Citizen Fire Academy (CFA) participants learn about virtually every aspect of the Fire Department from the essential administrative duties to actually fighting fires. Participants are also invited and encouraged to participate in "ride-outs" with the fire fighters on real-world calls.

“The CFA has a hands-on approach and includes CPR training and demonstrations of various life-saving implements like the ‘jaws-of-life’ vehicle extrication system,” he said.

Classes are held on 10 successive Monday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending at around 9:30 p.m. with two Saturday morning classes held for field day programs. Seating for the class that begins on Feb. 6 is limited. Interested citizens may obtain more information from Fire Marshal Andy Sissney by e-mail at asissney@littleelm.org or by calling 214-975-0417.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state’s fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm’s population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town’s footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.