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SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE ANNOUNCES THEIR 3RD ANNUAL CITIZENS' FIRE & RESCUE ACADEMY

SUFFOLK, VA (January 29, 2020) Suffolk Fire & Rescue is pleased to announce they are now taking applications for their 3rd Annual Citizens' Fire & Rescue Academy.

The Academy is a wonderful opportunity for citizens to learn firsthand about the inner workings and operations of Suffolk Fire & Rescue, or for those possibly interested in a career in the Fire Service. Sessions will provide an overview of Fire Administration, Support Services Division, Technical Services Division, Operations Division, Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical Services, Technical Rescue, Search and Rescue, Fire Prevention, and Emergency Management. Sessions will involve not only classroom instruction, but also practical, hands-on lessons.

The Academy will be held from May 4, 2020 through June 10, 2020, on Mondays and Wednesdays except on weeks including a holiday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Fire Station #6, located at 300 Kings Fork Road.

An optional Saturday session for Heart Saver CPR Certification will be offered at no cost to the student and individual students may opt out if they wish. This optional class will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Fire Station #6.

The Academy will conclude with a Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, is free to attend, and is open to citizens of Suffolk age 18 or older that have applied and are accepted to attend.

Applications can be downloaded from their website at <http://www.suffolkva.us/citizenfirerescueacademy> or can be obtained at any Suffolk Fire & Rescue location. The application process includes a background check which would be completed on all persons applying to participate.

Applicants can complete their application and signed waiver and submit in person or mail to: Suffolk Fire & Rescue, Attn: Captain L. A. Ratliff, 300 Kings Fork Road, Suffolk, VA 23434. Applications may also be submitted via email to Captain L. A. Ratliff, lratliff@suffolkva.us, or EMS Training Officer Kim Barrett, kbarrett@suffolkva.us. All applications and signed waivers are due no later than March 13, 2020. The class size is limited, so register early. Applicants selected to attend the Academy will be notified of their acceptance no later than April 17, 2020.

Questions can be directed to Captain Ratliff or EMS Training Officer Barrett at the Fire Training Bureau at 757.514.4546.

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