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Dear Prospective 2023 Student,

Thank you for expressing interest in the Firefighter I training program at Vantage Career Center. This program will provide you with the training required to be a Firefighter I in the State of Ohio. Those who successfully complete the program will be eligible to sit for the certification exam for Ohio.

The Firefighter I program consists of at least 184 hours of training with classes held at Vantage Career Center and other locations as needed. Classes are held two evenings per week from 6:00pm-10:00pm and most Saturdays as scheduled. The class will begin in January, 2023 and will be completed by June, 2023 with Orientation being held one week prior at 6pm.

Tuition-\$1,360, Books-\$250, additional fees include: Application fee \$30, Pre-admission test WorkKeys \$75, FBI/BCI Background check \$70, EVOC-\$160, First-Aid/CPR-\$80.

To apply for the training you must complete an application, be at least 18 years of age or in your final year of school, have a high school diploma from an accredited high school or GED and have a valid state operator's license from Ohio or any other state. You must also submit the following:

- A Physical Examination Form is provided which must be signed by a physician (Chiropractors are not acceptable). The physical must meet NFPA 1582 guidelines. Lima Memorial Occupational Health 1220 E. Elm Street, Suite 106 Lima, Ohio 45804. Please call the office at 419-226-5180 between 7:30am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday to schedule your appointment.
- A Background Check (BCI/FBI) – You can have completed at the Van Wert County Sheriff's Office for \$70. Office is opened Monday – Friday 8a – 4p closed for lunch 12p – 1p
- Certificates of completion for ICS 100 and NIMS 700. Free training at <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>
- A copy of a current EMT certification and/or EVOC certification within 1 year of the start of the class if applicable.
- Signed third party financial responsibility form.

After submitting your application, you can schedule your WorkKeys test.

Students who are not affiliated with a department must obtain compliant Personal Protective Equipment along with compliant Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus by the start of class.

The Firefighter I class is limited to 15 students and placement is based on a first come, first served basis. I strongly encourage anyone who is interested in enrolling in the Firefighter I program to begin the process of enrollment and completing the necessary requirements as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Brian Ankney

Fire Training Coordinator