



## Garner Fire-Rescue Citizens Fire Academy

The purpose of the Garner Fire-Rescue Citizens Fire Academy is not to train an individual to be a firefighter, but to inform our citizens, foster long-lasting relationships with our community residents and create partnerships that are mutually beneficial.

### Primary goals of the Citizens Fire Academy:

- Educate our local citizens through a series of classroom and hands-on exercises utilizing the resources and manpower of Garner Fire-Rescue, Wake EMS and various other organizations.
- To explain the tactics and strategies of firefighting and rescue, along with the dangers and benefits inherent to this type of service.
- To provide insight into the inner workings and administration of the Fire Department and to better inform the residents of Garner about the variety of services provided to our community.
- To offer insight as to the knowledge, training, and skills necessary to serve our public as Firefighters.
- To better prepare our citizens of the Garner community to react properly in the event of a fire or medical emergency.
- To encourage our Academy participants to return to their organizations, neighborhoods, and families to share information that will develop more safety-conscious citizens.
- To provide an interactive forum where Garner Fire and our citizens can share information and concerns.

The 2022 Citizens Fire Academy will run from September 6 through October 22, 2022, with eight classroom/hands-on sessions including a ride along and culminating with a live burn scenario and graduation on the last day.

The academy is free of charge, however space is limited, so apply early.

All applicants must sign waivers and are subject to criminal background screening prior to being accepted into the Academy.