Thank you for your interest in the Hutchinson Community College Driver/Operator Academy.

The academy has been designed to address three facts pertinent to the fire service of Kansas. The first, *firefighters need training*, goes without need of explanation. The second, *training costs are going up*, is seen everyday in the brochures from other training agencies that you receive. HCC FIRE is able to keep the cost down through the use of credit hour instruction and the reimbursements this entails. Thirdly, *most departments have training divisions that could utilize their time more efficiently at a higher level than essentials*.

Let HCC FIRE train your Apparatus Driver/Operators and bring your experienced firefighters to a level of certification that will bring them back to your department with a sense of accomplishment and pride.

The student will receive hands-on experience from HCC’s engines, ladder trucks, ambulance, and wildfire trucks. The student will be exposed to everything from emergency vehicle operations, fire hydraulics, water supplies, fire streams, and actual fire scene pumping evolutions. The firefighter will spend 8-9 days on the HCC FIRE Driver/Operator courses and have hours in front of fire pumps, allowing them to gain confidence in fire apparatus & fire-hydraulics. Safety and accountability will be stressed throughout this academy.

IFSAC certification testing will be offered at the conclusion of the course. The costs for this certification for members of Kansas Fire Departments is $85.00. Non-firefighters are $170.00. This fee is paid to the Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute.

**LODGING**
Lodging may be available at the Irish Creek Lodge or area motels in Hutchinson. The student will be responsible for making reservations and payment. The student must advise HCC FIRE of their lodging intentions at the time of enrollment. For specifics, please contact Margy at HCC Fire: 620-728-4460.

**MEALS**
All meals are the responsibility of the student. Time will be allowed for the student to eat at one of the area eating venues or a lunch can be brought to the academy.

**SCHEDULE FOR ACADEMY**
First day class will start promptly at 8:00 am. Students will need to arrive by 7:30 a.m. each day after the first day in order to get equipment set-up, etc.
PREREQUISITE & DRIVING REQUIREMENTS

The student must have completed and passed a Firefighter I course and possess a **VALID Class B drivers permit or license**, a copy will be requested at the time of application.

TEXTBOOKS

The textbooks for this course will be the IFSTA Pumping Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook 2nd Edition, and The Study Guide for the Pumping Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook. The student is allowed to provide their own textbooks or they can purchase them at the HCC Book Store.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment will start immediately and will close 30 days prior to the start date of the academy. Due to the pre-reading requirements there will be no late enrollments accepted. The student will be required to fill out an HCC application in its entirety and submit it back to HCC FIRE prior to the student being enrolled, however a fire department may reserve enrollment spots to ensure student placement. Due to student/instructor ratio requirements of HCC FIRE there will be a minimum number of 9 students and a maximum number of 16 students. No student substitutions will be allowed 30 days prior to start date.

COSTS:

**TRADITIONAL STUDENT OR INDUSTRIAL FIREFIGHTER**

REGISTRATION COSTS:
- $530 (In-State)
- $654 (Out-of-State)
Includes 4 credit hours of tuition. Does not include cost of books.

**ADDITIONAL COSTS:**

STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CERTIFICATION TESTING FEES OF $170.00

**MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTER (CAREER, OR VOLUNTEER)**

REGISTRATION COSTS
- $454.00
Includes 4 credit hours of tuition. Does not include cost of books.

THIS REGISTRATION PRICE IS GOOD ONLY TO FIREFIGHTERS WHEN THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE BILLED THROUGH A THIRD PARTY BILLING FORM WHICH IS AVAILABLE THROUGH HCC FIRE.

**ADDITIONAL COSTS:**

CERTIFICATION FEE: $85.00.

Contact HCC Fire to enroll or for more information:
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- Whiteb@hutchcc.edu