



Collin College Fire Science Department Public Safety Training Center

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The Fire Science Program at Collin College in McKinney, Texas began in 1986 and features both Certificate and AAS degree awards in Basic Firefighter and Fire Officer. Additionally, the program offers approved training for a variety of state certifications including: Driver/Operator, Fire Inspector, Plan Examiner, Fire Investigator, Fire Officer, Fire Instructor, Haz-Mat Technician, and Incident Safety Officer. Continuing education courses for firefighters, both paid and volunteer, are offered to enhance the skills of fire service personnel.

Basic Certification (Fire Academy) students experience the fire service first hand with features designed into the training facility similar to those found at fire stations. The new Public Safety Training Center features 110,128sq.ft. of space dedicated to training first responders. Live fire training is conducted in multiple areas including a Commercial Fire Building, Residential Fire Building, LP-Gas Props, Civil Aircraft, and Flashover Container. Specialized rescue training is conducted on a six-story high rise building, vehicle extrication pad, and a unique building designed for Trench Rescue and Confined Space Rescue.

The firefighter with a well-balanced educational background will be better prepared to serve and protect the community. Collin's Associate of Applied Science degrees and Certificate Awards in Fire Science are designed to give a broad perspective on various facets of providing fire protection. The programs are applicable for students wishing to enter the fire service or for persons already employed as firefighters. Students acquire the technical knowledge and skills needed to combat the fire and rescue problems created by modern living.

Students interested in enrolling in any of Collin's Fire Science courses should contact the Fire Science Office at 972-548-6836.