To: Wildland Fire Academy Applicants  
From: Ryan Carey, Wildland Fire Instructor  
Date: Fall 2021  
Subject: Class 25 Wildland Fire Academy Application

Class 25 of the Rio Hondo Wildland Fire Academy is a full-time academy that meets five days a week from 0700 to 1630 hours each day, Monday through Friday. Class 25 Wildland Fire Academy is scheduled to begin on January 31st and graduate on April 16th 2022.

Outlined below is the application process which must be firmly followed and completed. No Exceptions! Failure to do so may result in your application being voided and your non-acceptance into the academy.

1) You must complete FTEC 044 and at least ONE Wildland Fire Technology Course (i.e. WFT-101, WFT-102, WFT-103, WFT-104, or WFT-105) by the end of the 2022 Winter Session semester in order to be accepted in the Wildland Fire Academy. Your application must be submitted online between November 8th – November 17th, or in person to Fire Counselor Diana Valladares on November 19th, 2021 from 1000H -1600H.

2) All Wildland Fire Academy candidates are required to take a Pack Test (walk 3 miles with a 45 pound vest around a track in less than 45 minutes). You will be issued a Pack Test appointment when you submit your completed application. All Pack Tests will take place on Saturday, December 11th, 2021 from 0800-1200.

3) ALL applications are due by 1600 on November 19th, 2021. If you wish to submit online, that period is between November 8th-17th (Please follow the guidelines on the following page). If you wish to submit in person, please stop by the Santa Fe Springs Center from 1000-1600 on Friday, November 19th. (Applicants will line up on Greenstone Ave. in front of the 9/11 Memorial bell). Signs will be posted.

4) There will be a Mandatory WFA Overview meeting for all cadets accepted to WFA Class 25:

- Date: January 3rd 2022
- Time: 0900-1600
- Location: Rio Hondo College

** Please Note: Rio Hondo College has mandated that ALL STUDENTS are to have the Covid-19 Vaccine.**

** Please bring all your uniforms and materials for inspection. Do NOT purchase anything until you have been accepted. **

January 3rd will also be the day for registration. It is advised and recommended that you register before the meeting.

Good luck to all applicants.
Wildland Application Instructions for Submitting Online

**Step #1** - When writing your application email, please send to dvalladares@riohondo.edu and on the subject line write: Class 25 Application.

(Your email application will only be accepted during the following dates: November 8th-17th).

**Step #2** - In the email, write

“Hello, my name is (__________) and my ID# is (please include all 9 digits). Attached please find all my application documents.”

*If you will be taking winter session classes to meet the academy requirements, please let me know in this email.*

**Step #3** - All documents must be in PDF format NO EXCEPTIONS. You can do this for most documents by clicking “Save as” and then choosing “file type” as .pdf.

**Step #4** - Attach all the documents to the email.

1. First attachment should be the 8 page medical exam. (Reminder: You fill out page 2 ONLY and the doctor fills out pages 5, 6, and 7 ONLY).
2. Second attachment should be the wildland application which is ONLY 2 pages! (The first page is the checklist and the second page is the medical insurance verification form).
3. Third attachment is a copy of your insurance card (ONLY include this if you have insurance).
4. Fourth attachment should be a copy of your driver’s license.

**Step #5** - You will receive an email confirming I received your application within 2 days of when you send the email. *If your email is incomplete, you will be asked to come in person on Friday, November 19th to drop off the completed application and documents.*
Rio Hondo College Wildland Fire Academy

The Rio Hondo Wildland Fire Academy meets or exceeds the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) standards for Firefighter Type 2. It provides the hands-on training required by Federal Wildland Fire agencies; United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, and for entry level employment as a wildland firefighter.

All coursework as referenced complies with the NWCG Firefighter 2 Curriculum, leading to certification as a Firefighter Type 2. Graduates of the Rio Hondo Wildland Fire Academy are awarded a Rio Hondo College Certificate of Proficiency and receive the following certifications and/or certificates:

**Rio Hondo College Certificate of Achievement**
- NWCG S-110 Basic Wildland Fire Orientation
- NWCG S-130 Wildland Firefighter Training
- NWCG S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
- NWCG L-180 Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service
- NWCG S-131 Firefighter Type 1
- NWCG S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use
- NWCG S-270 Basic Air Operations
- FEMA ICS-100 Introduction to ICS
- FEMA IS-700 Introduction to NIMS
- AHA First Aid CPR/AED Certification
- CSFM Confined Space Awareness
- CSFM Low Angle Rope Rescue Operational
- CSTI Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational

In addition to the certifications listed, a rigorous physical fitness program is included in the academy. Students desiring to enter the academy are required to have a complete physical examination. See attached information pertaining to physicals. You should start a vigorous physical training program before starting the WFA. You can use the Fire Fit program as a guide: www.nifc.gov/FireFit/index.htm

**Cost:** Students will be required to pay the enrollment fee, purchase PT gear and uniforms, including wildland fire fighter boots. The registration fee for the academy is approximately $900.00. This covers the following: Enrollment: $600.00; Materials: $60.00; CSTI: $20.00; Parking Permit: $40.00; Student Health fee: $19.00; Student Rep fee: $1.00; GO RIO Program: $9.00 and College Services fee of $7.00. All fees are subject to change. Also please note that Non-California residents are subject to higher enrollment fees.

**Financial Aid:** In order to qualify for the fee waiver (BOGW) and/or a grant, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available at www.fafsa.edu.gov Rio Hondo College’s school code is 001269. To apply for the Dream Act go to www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.Financial Aid.

**Medical Physical Exams:** Physical examinations are a requirement of the fire academy and must be completed prior to the Wildland Fire Academy application deadline. It is important that you start the process of the physical as soon as possible so that you may have the results at the time of the application due date. The necessary physical examination form (Record of Medical History and Physical Examination) has been provided for your convenience. Please take this form to your personal doctor or health care provider.
WILDLAND FIRE ACADEMY APPLICATION & CHECKLIST

Last Name __________________________ First Name ______________________ M.I. _____

Address:

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Home Phone: ( ) ______________________ Cell Phone: ( ) ______________________

Birthdate: _____/_____/______

Email: ________________________________

☐ Male ☐ Female

RHC ID # ________________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Items required on separate sheets of paper:

☐ Physical Examination Form (OF-178) completed by a medical physician

☐ Medical Insurance Verification Form

☐ Copy of your Medical Insurance Card (if you have insurance)

☐ Copy of your Covid-19 Vaccination Record Card (Vaccine required) - Phone images Accepted ONLY IF you print the image on paper.

☐ Copy of your Driver’s License

☐ Course Verification: Once you have secured ALL the items above, your academic requirements must be verified by Diana Valladares, Public Safety Counselor, at the Rio Hondo Fire Academy, 11400 Greenstone Avenue, Santa Fe Springs; ONLY on the following day:

Friday, November 19th, 2021 from 1000-1600

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Date of Verification ______________________________________
RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Department of Public Safety – Fire Technology
Wildland Fire Academy

INSURANCE VERIFICATION

Name: ________________________________ Home Phone: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
Social Security No.: ________________________________ DOB: ________________________________

Do you have medical insurance? □ Yes □ No

Is this insurance the □ Primary Insurance or □ Secondary Insurance?
Insurance Co: ________________________________ □ Individual □ Group □ HMO

Policy holders’ name: ________________________________ Relationship: ________________________________
Policy No: __________________ Group No: __________________ Member No: __________________

Ins. Co. Address: ________________________________

Does your place of employment provide this insurance? □ Yes □ No
If yes, Employer’s Name: ________________________________ Phone: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________

Are you covered by any other medical insurance(s)? □ Yes □ No

Is this insurance the □ Primary Insurance or □ Secondary Insurance?
Insurance Co: ________________________________ □ Individual □ Group □ HMO

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Ins. Co. Address: ________________________________

I hereby certify that the foregoing answers I have designated to the stated questions are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

__________________________ ____________________________
Signature Date