



RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Administration of Justice and Fire Technology
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To: Wildland Fire Academy Applicants

From: Kurt Norwood, RHC Fire Academy Director
Subject: Class 30 Wildland Fire Academy Application Process

Class 30 of the Rio Hondo Wildland Fire Academy is a full-time academy that meets four days a week from 0730 to 1430 hours each day, Monday through Thursday. Class 30 Wildland Fire Academy is scheduled to begin **Monday, January 25, 2027, and complete on Thursday, March 18, 2027.**

Applicants are advised that prior to **January 25, 2027**, they must have completed:

- FTEC 044 Physical Fitness & Agility for the Firefighter
- ONE Wildland Fire Technology Course (WFT 101, WFT 102, WFT 103, WFT 104 or WFT 105)

Students enrolled in Pre Req classes when application is submitted must show passing grade to start the Wildland Fire Academy.

Applications must be submitted with the medical physical form and supporting documentation, in person, **ONLY on Monday, November 2nd (9 am – 4 pm).** Tentatively, at these sessions, vehicles will **LINE UP** facing North against the curb in front of the Fire Academy facility. Once in line, **remain in your vehicle until summoned**, and then you may enter the application drop off site. **If this should change, applicants will be informed upon arrival.**

The Rio Hondo Fire Academy is located at **11400 Greenstone Avenue Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670.**

Applicants must complete the mandatory Medical Physical using either their own doctor, an urgent care center, or the Rio Hondo College Student Health Center. See document titled "Medical Physical – Rio Hondo College Student Health Center" for more information.

The WFA application process also requires participation in the following:

- **Mandatory PACK Test** – Saturday, November 7th, 2026
- **Mandatory Orientation** – Saturday, November 21st, 2026

More details about these events will be shared when you submit your application.

A letter will be sent by email to all accepted candidates by **November 13, 2026, tentatively.** This letter will advise you on the process for registration for the class and other crucial events and dates.

If you are unable to submit your application on the date required, contact counselor Diana Valladares (DValladares@riohondo.edu).



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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. Graduates will receive the following certifications or will receive training to eventually receive the following 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-212 Chainsaws
NWCG S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use
NWCG S-219 Firing Ops
NWCG S-270 Basic Air Operations
FEMA ICS-100 Introduction to ICS
FEMA ICS-200 Introduction to ICS
FEMA IS-700 Introduction to NIMS
FEMA IS-800 Introduction to NIMS
AHA First Aid CPR/AED Certification

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. 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.*Fees are subject to change

Financial Aid: In order to qualify for the fee waiver 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.

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 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: _____
Number Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ Email: _____

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Nonbinary RHC ID # _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Applicants are required to submit the following documents at the time of submitting their application:

- Copy of Driver's License
- Medical Physical Form
- Medical Insurance Verification Form
 - If you have medical insurance, provide a copy of your insurance card

COURSE VERIFICATION: Once you have ALL the items above, your academic requirements must be verified by Diana Valladares, Fire Academy Counselor, at the Rio Hondo Fire Academy, 11400 Greenstone Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 ONLY on the following day:

Monday, November 2, 2026, from 9 am to 4 pm.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

REQUIREMENTS	GRADE	UNITS	SEM/YR	COLLEGE
☐ FTEC 044 ☐ Proficiency				
☐ WFT Course ☐ Proficiency				

Course and Units Verified By _____

Date of Verification _____



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MEDICAL PHYSICAL

To be completed by Medical Provider.

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Height	Weight	BP	Temperature	Pulse	Respiration
Skin			Ears		
Eyes			Throat		
Teeth			Neck		
Chest / Lungs					
Heart: Before Exercise			After Exercise		
Abdomen			Hernia		

Are you currently pregnant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Back Dorsal Spine

Extremities

Neurological

Recommendations:

HEARING						
	250	500	1000	2000	4000	6000
Right						
Left						
Audio metrist:						
Date:						

VISION SCREENING		
	Right	Left
Uncorrected		
Corrected		
Color Vision		
Wears ☐ Glasses ☐ Contact Lenses		
Examiner:		
Date:		

This patient has been examined and found physically acceptable for a Basic Fire Academy Training Program. ☐ YES ☐ NO

Examining Medical Provider: _____

(Signature)

Date: _____

Provider Printed Name: _____

Phone Number: _____



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MEDICAL INSURANCE VERIFICATION

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____ RHC ID#: _____ DOB: _____

Do you have medical insurance? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Note: Insurance is not necessary to enter the Fire Academy)

Is this insurance the ☐ Primary Insurance or ☐ Secondary Insurance?

Insurance Co: _____ ☐ Individual ☐ Group ☐ HMO

Policy holder's 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

Policy holder's name: _____ Relationship: _____

Policy No: _____ Group No: _____ Member No: _____

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.**
- If you have insurance, please make a copy of your insurance card and submit with this form.**

Signature

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Medical Physical • Rio Hondo College Student Health Center

At Rio Hondo College, you can get medical physicals done FREE at the Student Health Center (SHPS) on main campus. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome on **Tuesdays & Wednesdays** during hours listed below.

Hours may vary during Winter Break, Spring Break, and Summer Break. It is recommended to check with the Student Health Center prior.

LOCATION

- 3600 Workman Mill Road Whittier, CA 90601
- Student Health & Psychological Services (SHPS)
- Student Service Building, SS-230 (Main Campus)
- Phone: 562-908-3438
- Students **must** bring photo ID and know their RHC student ID number

MEDICAL PHYSICAL

- **Tuesdays and Wednesdays only**
- **Hours are 8:30-11:30am and 1:00-4:00pm**
- Walk-ins are accepted
- Open to students that are currently enrolled at Rio Hondo College OR accepted to the upcoming semester
- The eligibility override form can be provided to students in advance OR they will be provided one at SHPS when you arrive
- **\$0 cost for medical physical conducted at the Rio Hondo College Student Health Center**