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Mario Jacobo, Jerri McCallum, Connie Wheat, Shirley Mayes, Debbie Pruett, Tabor Chambers, Kelly Nerios and Tony Zapata.

The Burleson Fire Department added eight more to its roster of Citizens Fire Academy graduates Thursday night.

Accepting certificates in a ceremony at Fire Station #1 were Jerri McCallum, Shirley Mayes, Connie Wheat, Kelly Nerios, Mario Jacobo, Debbie Pruett, Tony Zapata and Tabor Chambers.

The eight graduates went through a five-week academy, two nights a week for two hours each night. They learned all facets of fire service from the trucks and rescue equipment to first aid and CPR. The academy included a live fire burn in which students got to see what it's like to fight a fire.

This is the fifth Citizens Fire Department that Burleson has hosted. The department hosted Citizens Fire Academies in 1999, 2001, 2004 and 2007.