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The Burleson Fire Department is accepting applicants for its fifth Citizens Fire Academy set to start Oct. 1.

This is a five-week academy, two nights a week, that is open to residents of Burleson and employees who work in Burleson. Classes start on Thursday, Oct. 1. Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The last class is Oct. 29.

Participants learn all facets of fire service from the trucks and rescue equipment to first aid and CPR. The academy includes a live fire burn in which students don bunker gear and see what it's like to fight a fire. Participants must be at least 18 years old and have a reasonable level of physical fitness to participate in all activities.

The department hosted Citizens Fire Academies in 1999, 2001, 2004 and 2007.

Call Kristie Menchaca at Fire Station #1 at 817-426-9176 for more information about the Citizens Fire Academy.