

WHAT IS THE EDMONTON FIRE CADET PROGRAM?

The Edmonton Fire Cadet program is an opportunity for high school students to learn about Edmonton Fire Rescue Services while developing the important life skills needed to become a career firefighter with the City of Edmonton.

The program's mission is to enable cadets to better understand the firefighting career through an experience that balances both classroom and hands-on learning. Each Cadet will learn mental and physical wellness, a sense of self-responsibility, personal growth, leadership, teamwork, and fire prevention skills.



**SAFETY.
SERVICE.
RELATIONSHIPS.
TEAMWORK.**

HOW DOES THE APPLICATION PROCESS WORK?

Applications are accepted from April 1 until April 30 each year. Selected students are asked to interview in June. Successful candidates will begin the program in September.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

If you require additional information please talk to your school practitioner or visit our website. You may also contact the Fire Cadet office at **780-496-6454** or email **firecadets@edmonton.ca** to speak with a Cadet Training Officer.

www.edmonton.ca/firecadets



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WHAT DO FIRE CADETS DO?

The Edmonton Fire Cadets program offers controlled, hands-on learning experiences. Cadets will have the opportunity to:

- Cut apart cars using vehicle extrication tools;
- Practice search and rescue techniques;
- Use rope rescue techniques to climb down a building;
- Learn CPR and advanced first aid;
- Explore different fire fighting trucks;
- Fight real fires in controlled scenarios;
- And much, much more.

Fire Cadets have the opportunity to earn up to 10 high school credits for their involvement in the program, through career internship and work experience.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

Students are expected to make the Fire Cadet program a priority. The course runs for a total of 18 months, beginning in September. The Edmonton Fire Cadet program is aligned with Alberta Education curriculum, following a three-semester course (3 levels) format. Classes are held one night each week from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., following the Alberta high school schedule. Students will need to find their own transportation to and from class each week.

Edmonton Fire Cadets are required to be highly involved in their community; Edmonton firefighters take great pride in being ambassadors in our communities and helping others in need. Cadets are expected to complete 45 volunteer hours of community service upon completion of the program. Many opportunities are offered to complete this requirement.

WHERE ARE CLASSES HELD?

Classes are held at either of the two locations:

Edmonton Fire Rescue Training School (10420 157 Street)

Edmonton Fire Rescue Training Grounds (18603 106a Avenue)

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Through sponsorship with ATCO, the cost to students is minimal. There is a \$100 fee for each semester. Funding support is available for those in need. All necessary uniforms and learning materials will be provided to Cadets.

IS THE PROGRAM JUST FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BE A FIREFIGHTER?

Not necessarily. The Edmonton Fire Cadet program helps students build many important skill sets. Some Cadets will use this opportunity to build a foundation from which they will go on to become firefighters, or work in emergency response services. Other Cadets will use the skills they gain to explore other career options.

Safety, service, relationships and teamwork are applicable and useful life skills to develop for many professions.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The Fire Cadet program involves many team-orientated and hands-on learning activities. Students who attend high school in the Edmonton area and possess a positive attitude and a good work ethic will enjoy and excel in this program.

