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Council on Firefighter Training

2016 Volunteer Firefighter Training Incentive Program

\$200 Training Incentive

First Time Applicants:

- ♦ All Volunteers applying for the 1st time in 2016 must file for the \$200. First year applicants need 12 hours of eligible training completed in 2016 or any previous years.
- ♦ **Repeat applicants** for the \$200 *must*:
 1. Have previously been approved for the \$200.
 2. Have earned at least **6 hours** of continuing education towards the completion of Support and Basic Firefighter, or an equivalent program by December 31, 2016.

\$400 Training Incentive

Applicant *must* have been previously approved for the \$200 training incentive.

- ♦ Applicant *must* have completed the Support and Basic Firefighter in the 5 Levels of Firefighter program, an equivalent, or higher program and have completed at least 6 hours of qualifying continuing education each year.
- ♦ Completion of Firefighter I in a previous year will be considered.

NOTE: All forms must be submitted to COFT first for approval before they are sent to the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Do not put your SSN on your form until you send it to the Tax Commission. After receipt of your COFT approved form, Taxpayers who electronically file their income tax returns should mail the approved COFT form attached to the Form 511EF to the Oklahoma Tax commission. The Form 511EF is the signature document for an electronically filed return and without it the Firefighter Tax Credit form may not be matched with their income tax return. All other taxpayers should mail the approved form with their tax return. The addresses are located on the tax credit form.

All applicants *must* be a member in good standing with the volunteer fire department on which he/she serves. The applicant must have had the opportunity to attend, and participated in all annual training as required by federal and state authorities for 2016. (The Fire Chief will verify any and all training information). Additional information about NIMS, IMT and ICS training courses may be found by visiting the following websites:

<http://www.homelandsecurity.ok.gov/nims>
<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/>

For additional information:
(website) www.COFT-Oklahoma.org
(phone) 405-601-8862
(fax) 405-655-5805

Oklahoma Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit supporting documentation

2016

STATE LAW requires **all first-time participants** to apply for the **\$200** tax credit for their first year.
First year? If so, you should list eligible firefighter training taken in 2016 as well as those taken in previous years.
If you have **previously completed a \$200 tax credit**, you **may be eligible for the \$400** tax credit, which has different requirements.

Recognizing the importance of volunteer firefighters and the challenges they face, Title 68 O.S. Section 2358.7 provides the opportunity to receive a tax credit for firefighter training.

Birth Date

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Your Information:

Print first name and middle initial last name

Mailing address (include apartment number or rural route)

City, State and Zip

Daytime phone, with area code

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Evening phone, with area code

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Your e-mail address:

For **more information**, see instructions available at www.COFT-Oklahoma.org or call us at **(405) 601-8862**.

Please enter \$200 or \$400 on the applicable line for Firefighter Training Tax Credit on the 2016 Form 511CR on your Oklahoma state tax return. Then, transfer the totals of your tax credits to the applicable line for Other Credits on the 2016 Form 511.

Under penalties of perjury I declare the information presented here is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, I hereby give my permission for my information showing eligibility to be sent to Council on Firefighter Training and OSU-Fire Service Training.

Date

Signature of Volunteer Firefighter

Departmental Affiliation (s):

Currently serving as a volunteer firefighter with:

Organizational address, including city and zip code:

Fire Chief cell phone number

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Fire Chief daytime phone number

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Fire Chief or Fire department's e-mail address:

List any other Fire Departments under which your training records may be listed.

Department name(s) _____

Please Check All That Apply

- ☐ I am working towards Support and Basic Firefighter or Higher Equivalent.
- ☐ I have completed (year _____) Support and Basic or Higher Equivalent.
- ☐ I am working towards my Intermediate and Advanced Firefighter or Higher Equivalent.
- ☐ I have completed (year _____) Intermediate and Advanced or Higher Equivalent. (Please attach certificate if COFT does not already have on file.)

1. Make a copy for your files and department files, then mail original to:

COFT (Council on Firefighter Training)
2716 NE 50th
OKC, OK 73111

(After you receive your approved form from COFT go to step 2 below.)

2. ENTER YOUR SSN! You must **enclose the original of this COFT approved document attached to the Form 511EF or your tax return, then mail to the Oklahoma State Tax Commission:**

Return address
(405) 521-3160

OK Tax Commission
PO Box 26800
Oklahoma City, OK
73126-0800

Training:

For your first year, you will need **12 hours** of eligible training. You can list training completed during **Tax Year 2016** and in previous years. If you have been previously approved you only need 6 hours of eligible training —**completed in 2016**. Please use the **Training Information Form** to list the training completed to apply for the tax credit. Or as an option attach training records and relevant certificates.

Please check the box of the tax credit for which you are applying:

- ☐ I am applying for a \$200 tax credit, and this is my first year to apply for the volunteer firefighter tax credit.
- ☐ I am applying for a \$200 tax credit (repeat applicant).
- ☐ I am applying for a \$400 tax credit (must have prior \$200 tax credit form approved on file).

**** **FOR FIRE CHIEF USE** ****

- ☐ **If \$200 credit.** I verify that the above listed firefighter is a member in good standing with our department and has completed the submitted training for the dates indicated. The volunteer has been provided and participated in all annual training as required by federal and state authorities.
- ☐ **If \$400 credit.** I verify that the above listed firefighter is a member in good standing with our department and has completed the submitted training for the dates indicated. The volunteer has been provided and participated in all annual training as required by federal and state authorities.

Date

Signature of Fire Chief

Name of the Fire Chief, printed

Based on the information provided by the firefighter and verified by the fire chief, COFT approves this firefighter for a training tax incentive for tax year 2016.

Date

Authorized signature for COFT

AFTER receiving your approved tax credit form, please enter your Social Security Number before mailing to the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Social Security #

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Print Or Type

Please make a copy of approved form for your records

For Volunteer Firefighter use only.

2016 Training Information Form

For training received while serving as a volunteer firefighter
To accompany 2016 Oklahoma Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit Form

Firefighter Name (please print) _____ **Department** _____

Fire Chief Signature _____

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Important Note: This form documents training hours completed for purposes of calculating tax credits applied for through COFT. Any questions regarding tax credit course equivalencies contact the Council office, 405-601-8862. OSU-FST credit and examination challenges should be directed to the firefighter Coordinator at OSU-FST (800) 304-5727.

2016 Training Incentive Program Subjects

For purposes of the **2016** volunteer training incentive program, the following program and continuing education courses, or others, can be taken to receive the **\$200** credit. The volunteer firefighter must complete **12 hours** the first year and **6 hours** each year after until completion of Support and Basic Firefighter. Any questions regarding tax credit course equivalencies contact the **Council office, 405-601-8862**. OSU-FST credit and examination challenges should be directed to the Firefighter Coordinator at OSU-FST (800) 304-5727.

Wildland Firefighting

Wildland Fundamentals—16 hours

Firefighter Safety

Fire Behavior

PPE

Tools and Equipment

Strategies and Tactics

Water Supply

Wildland Scenario

Wildland Skills—16 hours

Firefighter Safety

PPE

Tools and Equipment

Strategies and Tactics

Water Supply

Fire Control

Progressive Hose Lays

Structural Firefighter Program – 48 hours

Fire Behavior

Safety

Personal Protective Equipment

Search and Rescue

Ladders

Fire Hose, Appliances

Forcible Entry

Ventilation

Extinguishers

Overhaul

Water Supply

Pump Operations

Basic Firefighter Skills (BFFS) - 4 Hour Courses

Fire Streams

Pumping Fundamentals

Search and Rescue

Ventilation

Fire Hydrants

Ropes and Knots

Extrication Safety

Water Supply

Forcible Entry

Ground Ladders

SCBA

Fire Hose

PPE

Emergency Scene Safety

Accountability

Tanker Safety

Drafting Fundamentals

Scene Size-up

Protecting Evidence for Fire Cause Determination

Loss Control

Volunteer Firefighter Practices (VFFP) - 3 Hour Courses

Firefighter Safety

Fire Behavior

PPE

SCBA

ERG

Fire Hose

Ladders

Tools & Equipment

Intro to Wildland Firefighting

Fire Dept Organization

2016 Training Incentive Program Subjects

For purposes of the **2016** volunteer training incentive program, the following programs/continuing education courses, or others, can be taken to receive the **\$400** credit. The volunteer firefighter must have completed Intermediate or Advanced Firefighter or equivalent/higher program. In addition, the firefighter must complete at least **6 hours** of continuing education each year until the firefighter completes Advanced Firefighter or its equivalent. Any questions regarding tax credit course equivalencies contact the **Council office** at **405-601-8862**. For OSU-FST credit and examination challenges should be directed to the Firefighter Coordinator at OSU-FST (800) 304-5727.

Basic Fire Academy — Firefighter I
Firefighter Orientation
Fire Behavior
Firefighter Safety and Health
Building and Construction
PPE
Portable Extinguishers
Ropes and Knots
Rescue and Extrication
Forcible Entry
Ground Ladders
Ventilation
Water Supply
Fire Hose
Fire Streams
Fire Control
Fire Detection, Alarms, and Suppression Systems
Loss Control
Protection Evidence for Fire Cause Determination
Fire Department Communications
Fire Prevention and Public Education
Basic Pre-hospital Emergency Medical Care
Hazardous Materials Awareness
Hazardous Materials Operations
<i>(Please note that the above list is not a complete list of Firefighter I courses.)</i>

Continuing Education Training 4-16 Hour Courses
National Incident Management System (NIMS-any course)
WMD/CBRNE courses – See OKOHS link on COFT web page
Arson Detection for the First Responder
Backfiring Operations
Basics of Search and Rescue
Basics of Water Rescue
Calling the MAYDAY
Emergency Vehicle Driver Training
Extrication Fundamentals
Fire Tanker Safety Operations
Firefighter Survival & Rapid Intervention Crew Ops
Incident Safety Officer
ISO Fire Pumper Service Testing
ISO Fire Pump Service Testing Procedures
Advanced Fire Behavior Simulator
Pump Operations
Rapid Intervention Team (R.I.T)
Rope Rescue Fundamentals
Small Department Engine Company Tactics
Thermal Imaging Cameras—Basic
Training Records and Reports for Small Departments
Vent, Enter, Search
Water Shuttle
Wildland Aviation Operation
Wildland Firefighting: Fundamentals
Wildland Firefighting: Skills
Wildland Fire Origin Recognition
Wildland Foam Firefighting
OSU-OKC Precision Driver Training Program
Public Fire Safety Education Course//Field Program
IMT or NIMS Courses
Wildland ICS Tool Box
Wilderness SAR Programs

