## **Learn more**

How can I find out more information about the Gadsden Fire Department or apply for the Gadsden Fire Academy program?

#### Check out the resources below!



www.cityofgadsden.com/GFDvideo



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#### Fill out the interest form today!



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# Gadsden Fire Academy







**Gadsden Fire Department** 

## Who We Are

When there's an emergency, the Gadsden Fire Department is first on the scene.

Whether by fighting fires, providing emergency medical services or assisting in other ways, the men and women of the GFD are essential public servants.

## **Our Mission**

The Gadsden Fire Department is dedicated to providing rapid, reliable, and professional emergency services to the citizens of the City of Gadsden.

We are committed to protecting lives and property in our community.

We will accomplish our mission through education, fire prevention, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and other non-emergency activities.

We will actively participate in the community, striving to efficiently and effectively utilize all resources at our command to meet the needs of the citizens we serve.



# **Program Details**

The Gadsden Fire Academy is a two-semester, full school year program that students attend during one block each day.

Classes are held at the GFD training facility next to the Gadsden Airport.

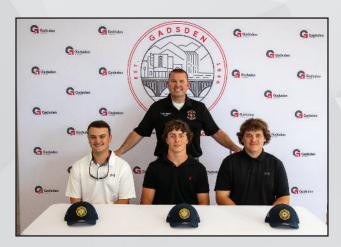


## **Course Information**

- Safety Standards
- CPR
- First Aid
- Emergency Training
- Firefighting Techniques

These are among the skills taught by the fire academy.

The second semester in this program involves many hands-on activities that require good physical conditioning.



Upon completion of the academy, students are certified as volunteer firefighters.

Graduates are also eligible for a bridge program through the Alabama Fire College.

Because students receive the same training as newly hired firefighters, graduates are only a few short weeks of additional training away from being a fully certified firefighter.

That means you have a fast track to a full-time job in the fire service only months after graduation!

- Physical fitness
- Being part of a team
- Basic mechanics / interest in how things work
- Serving the public

If these things interest you, you may be a good fit for this program and a career as a firefighter or emergency medical technician!