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# The El Paso Fire Department Hosts 2022 Media Academy

**EL PASO, Texas** — The El Paso Fire Department would like to extend an invitation to our media partners for the upcoming Media Academy. The Media Academy is formatted to introduce members of the Media to the El Paso Fire Department's history, fire science, fire control, communications, emergency response, protective clothing and incident command. The Academy is an extensive five-day training workshop from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. and will include both classroom time and "hands on" participation, which includes rappelling from the tower, physical training in full gear, the maze and live fire training.

Participation in the media academy provides a better perspective on how the Fire Department operates and how the Media can help educate the public during and after emergency events. Upon completion of the training program, each individual will be classified as a Certified Fire Journalist (CFJ). When the scene is deemed safe, CFJ's may be granted access by the incident commander (whenever possible) to areas where non-certified journalists are restricted. Our goal is to enable CFJ's to achieve their news coverage goals and convey the most accurate information to the public during emergency incidents.

The Media Academy will take place from May 23, 2022, to May 27, 2022 at the Fire Department's Training Academy located at Ascarate Park. Send completed applications to [aguilardex@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:aguilardex@elpasotexas.gov) before May 12, 2022. The group size is limited to 15 participants. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Priority will be given to members of the media involved in the coverage of fire incidents.

For more information about the El Paso Fire Department and updates, visit [elpasofire.org](http://elpasofire.org) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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