

West Suburban Fire Academy Schedule Outline

The academy usually runs February through June. A typical week features two sessions at Plymouth fire stations, held 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Four Saturday sessions are also included.

Week 1		Week 2		Week 3	
- Orientation to the West Suburban Fire Academy	- Firefighter safety	- SCBA confidence course	- Fire service communications	- Orientation to working in the dark	- Search and rescue
Week 4		Week 5		Week 6	
- Firefighter survival	- Firefighter survival	- Fire behavior and suppression	- Portable fire extinguishers	- Wild land and ground fires	- Ropes and knots
Week 7		Week 8		Week 9	
- Building construction	- Firefighter tools and equipment	- Fire prevention and public education	- Fire detection, protection and suppression systems	- Water supply	- Water supply
Week 10		Week 11		Week 12	
No class, reading required - Fire and emergency medical care	No class, reading required - Fire and emergency medical care	- Ladders	- Salvage and overhaul	- Ventilation	- Vehicle rescues and extrication classroom
Week 12 (cont.)	Week 13		Week 14		
- Assisting special rescue teams	- Vehicle rescue and extrication hands on	- Firefighter I and II practical practice	- Firefighter I and II state certification exam practical station	- Firefighter I and II written exams online	- Hazardous materials ops
Week 14 (cont.)	Week 15		Week 16		
- Live burn training	- Hazardous materials ops	- Hazardous materials ops	- Live burn training	- Hazardous materials ops	- Hazardous materials ops
Week 17		Week 18	Week 19		
- Hazardous materials ops	- Hazardous materials ops	- Hazardous materials ops	- Hazardous materials ops written exam	- Hazardous materials ops	- Hazardous materials ops practical exam
Week 20					
- Graduation					

Approximate duration	Total weeks of class	Total number of sessions	Total estimated hours of class
February to June	20	40	160