

# Denver Fire Department Safety and Training

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*To provide Denver Fire members with professional quality training state of the art equipment that meets NFPA, OSHA, and Pro-Board standards enabling them to perform their duties competently, effectively and most important safely.*

## **HISTORY**

The Rocky Mountain Fire Academy was formed in 1986 as a joint venture between the Denver and Aurora Fire Departments. The original objectives were to proficiently train new recruits for both departments along with providing skill maintenance and continuing education for on-line personnel. This joint training effort is cost effective allowing both entities to share the costs of one facility. The combined facility has fostered an environment where professional development and fire service advancement is a priority.

## **STAFF**

The Denver staff is comprised of:

- ☞☞ 1 Division Chief Officer
- ☞☞ 1 Assistant Chief Officer
- ☞☞ 3 Captains
- ☞☞ 5 Lieutenants
- ☞☞ 1 Engineer
- ☞☞ 1 Technician (Firefighter rank)

## **FACILITY**

The facility is situated on eight acres located at 5440 Roslyn Street, Denver, Colorado 80216. The grounds are comprised of an administration building, apparatus garage with dormitory, and a drillground.



The administration building houses office space, three classrooms with computerized audio-visual equipment, and a complete workout facility.

The weight room contains free weights, dumbbells, selectorized weight machines And a selection of cardiovascular enhancing equipment.



The apparatus garage houses a selection of rolling stock, which is utilized on the drill ground. The rolling stock entails three fully functional engines and an aerial apparatus. A dormitory is situated above the apparatus bay. The dormitory is used by students from outside of the metro area and by recruits for locker room, shower, and study areas.

The drill ground contains equipment and structures designed to provide safe, controlled and realistic training simulations for new recruits, seasoned veterans, and specialized outside organizations. Using propane as a fuel, students have the opportunity to be trained in flammable liquid fires, car fires, and propane emergencies.

***Students develop confidence and proficiency in structural firefighting by using a concrete burn building for live fires and a drill tower for placement of ground ladders.***



## TRAINING

The 12-week recruit training is a balance between didactic and skill sessions. The training at the RMFA conforms to *NFPA Standards*, *IFSTA* curriculum is utilized. The didactic training is evaluated using a weekly written examination. Lessons are reinforced with required reading and completion of student workbooks. Practical fire fighting skills are divided into four core areas: ladders, hose, search and rescue, and ventilation. Fire fighting skills are evaluated periodically and student skill levels are measured using Colorado Metropolitan Certification Board (CMCB) job sheets. Students must complete a written and a practical CMCB examination prior to graduation. Graduates are certified as Fire Fighter I by the Colorado Metropolitan Certification Board and after a 9 month apprenticeship, are given the opportunity to test for Fire Fighter II designation.

Recruits receive daily physical fitness training emphasizing both aerobic and anaerobic training. The anaerobic training entails muscular conditioning and strength enhancement in both the extremities and core body. The anaerobic training is designed to not only build strength, but also to facilitate the use of strength. Aerobic training consists of cardiovascular equipment, running, and circuit training.

It is the intent of the RMFA to produce a turnkey recruit. This new fire fighter should be able to leave the Academy and be able to perform general fire fighting duties for any fire department utilizing a teamwork and safety first approach. We believe this is the finest training center in the Rocky Mountain region and those alumni of the RMFA are tomorrow's leaders of the fire service.

## OUTSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

The RMFA will provide didactic and skills instruction. Drillground instruction will consist of no greater than a one-to-six student-instructor ratio. Cost is based on the number of recruits in the class and the needs of the outside fire department. Recruits are required to sign and adhere to the RFMA *Code of Conduct*. Failure to abide by the *Code of Conduct* may result in dismissal of a recruit from the Academy.

### RMFA will provide;

1. Instructors
2. Fire apparatus
3. Books
4. Equipment to include:
  - ☞☞ Ladders
  - ☞☞ Hose
  - ☞☞ Power saws
  - ☞☞ Extraction equipment
  - ☞☞ Self-contained Breathing Apparatus\*
5. Burn building
6. Drill Tower

### Outside Agency will provide:

1. Recruits
2. Physical fitness workout clothes
3. Uniforms
4. Turnout clothing
5. Self-contained Breathing Apparatus\*

*\*IF SCBA EQUIPMENT AT THE RMFA DIFFERS FROM THAT ISSUED BY YOUR ORGANIZATION, YOU MUST PROVIDE SCBA.*

## **FACILITY RENTAL**

Any outside agency wishing to use the drill ground or classroom facilities may do so with the following requirements:

- ⚡ The DIVISION CHIEF must clear all use/rental of facility.
- ⚡ One staff safety officer is required for all activities.
- ⚡ A signed contract must be in place prior to any use.
- ⚡ A signed individual waiver must be in place prior to use.
- ⚡ Use will be on first come first served basis.
- ⚡ All use must be reserved through the staff receptionist.

## **2000 FEE SCHEDULE**

⚡ Pumper	\$50/hour with a two-hour minimum
⚡ Aerial Truck	\$50/hour with a two-hour minimum
⚡ Academy Grounds	\$150/day
⚡ Burn Building	\$200/day
⚡ Maze	\$25/day
⚡ Tower	\$150/day
⚡ Classroom	\$150/day
⚡ Auditorium	\$150/day
⚡ LPG Props	\$150/day plus fuel consumption
⚡ Dormitory	\$10/night; occupant is responsible for keeping area clean.
⚡ Safety Officer	\$25/hour with a four-hour minimum

## **CONSUMABLES**

All consumables will be tracked by the Safety Officer and billed at the end of the session. Terms are net 30 days. The Denver Division Chief is responsible for all scheduling, contracts, waivers, and billing. Consumables include, but are not limited to: LPG, straw, gasoline, diesel, dry chemical, foam, straw and bunker cleaning.