

STRATEGY & TACTICS



A career in fire service allows you to live the dream and ride the truck.
Just ask Lucius Sullivan, former collegiate athlete, 911 dispatcher and **City of Columbus Firefighter.**

WHAT **IGNITES** YOU?

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STEPS TO BECOME A FIREFIGHTER

1. APPLY ONLINE

www.columbus.gov/fire/
or call 614-645-6387



- Must be 17.5 years or older to apply
- Valid Driver's License
- U.S. Citizen
- H.S. Diploma or GED



2. STUDY, STUDY, STUDY

Prepare for the written and physical tests!

Questions include, reasoning, logic, math, mechanical aptitude and map reading. Physical test evaluate strength and endurance (Study materials and practice sessions are announced after the testing dates are scheduled).

3. PASS THE EXAMS



This is a three-part test: written, oral and physical. The goal is to achieve the highest score possible not simply pass the test. Candidates must pass all three to advance.

4. SUCCESSFUL BACKGROUND CHECK

Candidate must pass an extensive background check which includes a personal interview and polygraph test.

5. PANEL INTERVIEW

Candidates will interview with a panel of Division representatives. The panel will forward recommendations to the Public Safety Director for hire. The Director will select candidates for a conditional offer of employment.

6. MEDICAL/STRESS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAM

After receiving a conditional offer of employment, candidates are contacted to schedule the vision, psychological and cardio stress tests. Candidates must pass these final exams to become a firefighter.

7. WELCOME NEW RECRUIT

A final letter is sent to notify recruit of appointment. The Columbus Division of Fire Training Academy is a rigorous development program where a recruit is transformed into a firefighter. Arrive ready to compete. Ramp up your training regime today!

