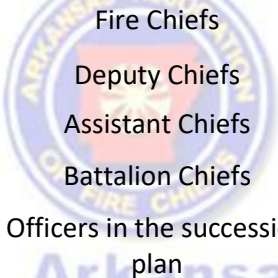


Registration Now Open

The 2026 Arkansas Fire Chief Academy – A Transformational Leadership Experience

The Arkansas Fire Training Academy and the Arkansas Association of Fire Chiefs are proud to announce a premier opportunity for professional growth and leadership development—the revamped Arkansas Fire Chief Academy set for 2026. Tailored for fire service leaders aiming to strengthen their strategic insight and leadership skills. This course is limited to 20 students per year.

Who Should Attend:



Fire Chiefs
Deputy Chiefs
Assistant Chiefs
Battalion Chiefs
Officers in the succession plan

Cost:

Week 1 Travel and Academy Meals
Week 2 Lodging, Meals, and Conference Registration

Dates & Locations:

March 2-6, 2026 at the Arkansas Fire Training Academy (AFTA), Camden.
June 9-12, 2026, co-located with the Arkansas Fire Convention in Hot Springs.

Application Process:

Applications are due by December 1, 2025. To apply, please submit:

A Letter of Recommendation from your fire chief or city manager/mayor.

An Essay encompassing your biography and the reason you wish to attend.

The completed AFTA application form.

Email resume and letter of recommendation to:
jgoodwin@sautech.edu

Course Curriculum:

Leadership development

Human Resources management

Strategic Planning & Financial oversight

Safety, Health & Wellness practices

Student-led Presentations

Command Staff operations

Legal Considerations

Chief's Forum discussions

Law

Career Planning

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