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Council on Firefighter Training

2011 Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit Program

\$200 Tax Credit

All volunteers applying for the 1st time in 2011 must file for the \$200. First year applicants need 12 hours of eligible training completed in 2011 or any previous years.

- ◆ Repeat applicants for the \$200 *must*:
 1. Have previously been approved for the \$200.
 2. Have earned at least **6 hours** of continuing education towards the completion of VFFP or equivalent program by December 31, 2011.
- ◆ Applicant *must* be a member in good standing with the volunteer fire department on which he/she serves.

Firefighter I, \$400 Tax Credit

- ◆ Applicant *must* have been previously approved for the \$200 tax credit.
- ◆ Applicant *must* have completed the Firefighter I (FFI) certification and COFT must have a FFI certificate or certification training record (submitted with a previous year's application) on file.
- ◆ Applicant *must* be a member in good standing with the volunteer fire department on which he/she serves and the applicant must have been provided and participated in all annual training as required by federal and state authorities for 2011. (The Fire Chief will verify this information at his discretion. No documentation needs to be submitted). Additional information about NIMS and ICS training courses may be found by visiting the following websites:
<http://www.homelandsecurity.ok.gov/nims>
<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/>

\$400 Tax Credit

- ◆ Applicant *must* have been previously approved for the \$200 tax credit.
- ◆ Applicant *must* have completed the Volunteer Firefighter Practices Program or equivalent program and have completed at least **6 hours** of continuing education each year until the volunteer completes a certification as Firefighter I or its equivalent.
- ◆ Applicant *must* be a member in good standing with the volunteer fire department on which he/she serves and the applicant must have been provided and participated in all annual training as required by federal and state authorities for 2011. (The Fire Chief will verify this information at his discretion. No documentation needs to be submitted). Additional information about NIMS and ICS training courses may be found by visiting the following websites:
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*NOTE: All forms must be submitted to COFT first for approval before they are sent to the Oklahoma Tax Commission. **Do not** put your SSN on your form until you send it to the Tax Commission. Taxpayers who electronically file their income tax returns should wait and mail this form attached to your tax return or the Form 511EF. The Form 511EF is the signature document for an electronically filed return and without it the Firefighter Tax Credit form may not be matched with their income tax return.*

For additional information:
(website) www.COFT-Oklahoma.org
(phone) 405-601-8862
(fax) 405-601-7996

2011 Tax Credit Program Subjects

For purposes of the **2011** volunteer firefighter tax credit program, the following program and continuing education courses can be taken to receive the **\$200** credit. The volunteer firefighter must complete **12 hours** the first year and **6 hours** each year after until completion of one of the programs listed below. Any questions regarding tax credit course equivalencies or OSU-FST credit and examination challenges should be directed to the Firefighter Coordinator at OSU-FST (800) 304-5727.

| Wildland Firefighting |
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| Wildland Fundamentals—16 hours |
| Firefighter Safety |
| Fire Behavior |
| PPE |
| Tools and Equipment |
| Strategies and Tactics |
| Water Supply |
| Wildland Scenario |
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| Wildland Skills—16 hours |
| Firefighter Safety |
| PPE |
| Tools and Equipment |
| Strategies and Tactics |
| Water Supply |
| Fire Control |
| Progressive Hose Lays |

| Structural Firefighter Program –48 hours |
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| Fire Behavior |
| Safety |
| Personal Protective Equipment |
| Search and Rescue |
| Ladders |
| Fire Hose, Appliances |
| Forcible Entry |
| Ventilation |
| Extinguishers |
| Overhaul |
| Water Supply |
| Pump Operations |

| Basic Firefighter Skills (BFFS) - 4 Hour Courses |
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| Fire Streams |
| Pumping Fundamentals |
| Search and Rescue |
| Ventilation |
| Fire Hydrants |
| Ropes and Knots |
| Extrication Safety |
| Water Supply |
| Forcible Entry |
| Ground Ladders |
| SCBA |
| Fire Hose |
| PPE |
| Emergency Scene Safety |
| Accountability |
| Tanker Safety |
| Drafting Fundamentals |
| Scene Size-up |
| Protecting Evidence for Fire Cause Determination |
| Loss Control |

| Volunteer Firefighter Practices (VFFP) - 3 Hour Courses |
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| Firefighter Safety |
| Fire Behavior |
| PPE |
| SCBA |
| ERG |
| Fire Hose |
| Ladders |
| Tools & Equipment |
| Intro to Wildland Firefighting |
| Fire Dept Organization |

2011 Tax Credit Program Subjects

For purposes of the **2011** volunteer firefighter tax credit program, the following program and continuing education courses can be taken to receive the **\$400** credit. The volunteer firefighter must have completed VFFP or equivalent/higher program. In addition, the firefighter must complete at least **6 hours** of continuing education each year until the firefighter completes a certification as Firefighter I or its equivalent. Any questions regarding tax credit course equivalencies or OSU-FST credit and examination challenges should be directed to the Firefighter Coordinator at OSU-FST (800) 304-5727.

| Firefighter I - 136 Hours |
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| Firefighter Orientation |
| Fire Behavior |
| Firefighter Safety and Health |
| Building and Construction |
| PPE |
| Portable Extinguishers |
| Ropes and Knots |
| Rescue and Extrication |
| Forcible Entry |
| Ground Ladders |
| Ventilation |
| Water Supply |
| Fire Hose |
| Fire Streams |
| Fire Control |
| Fire Detection, Alarms, and Suppression Systems |
| Loss Control |
| Protection Evidence for Fire Cause Determination |
| Fire Department Communications |
| Fire Prevention and Public Education |
| Basic Pre-hospital Emergency Medical Care |
| Hazardous Materials Awareness |
| Hazardous Materials Operations |
| <i>(Please note that the above list is not a complete list of Firefighter I courses.)</i> |

| Continuing Education Training 4-16 Hour Courses |
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| National Incident Management System (NIMS-any course) |
| WMD/CBRNE courses – See OKOHS link on COFT web page |
| Arson Detection for the First Responder |
| Backfiring Operations |
| Basics of Search and Rescue |
| Basics of Water Rescue |
| Calling the MAYDAY |
| Emergency Vehicle Driver Training |
| Extrication Fundamentals |
| Fire Tanker Safety Operations |
| Firefighter Survival & Rapid Intervention Crew Ops |
| Incident Safety Officer |
| ISO Fire Pumper Service Testing |
| ISO Fire Pump Service Testing Procedures |
| Advanced Fire Behavior Simulator |
| Pump Operations |
| Rapid Intervention Team (R.I.T) |
| Rope Rescue Fundamentals |
| Small Department Engine Company Tactics |
| Thermal Imaging Cameras—Basic |
| Training Records and Reports for Small Departments |
| Vent, Enter, Search |
| Water Shuttle |
| Wildland Aviation Operation |
| Wildland Firefighting: Fundamentals |
| Wildland Firefighting: Skills |
| Wildland Fire Origin Recognition |
| Wildland Foam Firefighting |
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Oklahoma Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit supporting documentation

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STATE LAW requires **all first-time participants** to apply for the **\$200** tax credit for their first year.
First year? If so, you should list eligible firefighter training taken in 2011 as well as those taken in previous years.
 If you have **previously completed a \$200 tax credit**, you **may be eligible for the \$400** tax credit, which has different requirements.

Recognizing the importance of volunteer firefighters and the challenges they face, Title 68 O.S. Section 2358.7 provides the opportunity to receive a tax credit for firefighter training.

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Your Information:

Print first name and middle initial _____ last name _____

Mailing address (include apartment number or rural route) _____

City, State and Zip _____

Daytime phone, with area code () _____ Evening phone, with area code () _____

Your e-mail address: _____

For **more information**, see instructions available at www.COFT-Oklahoma.org or call us at (405) 601-8862.

Please enter \$200 or \$400 on the applicable line for Firefighter Training Tax Credit on the 2011 Form 511CR on your Oklahoma state tax return. Then, transfer the totals of your tax credits to the applicable line for Other Credits on the 2011 Form 511.

Under penalties of perjury I declare the information presented here is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
 In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, I hereby give my permission for my information showing eligibility to be sent to OSU-Fire Service Training and COFT.

_____ Date **Signature of Volunteer Firefighter**

Departmental Affiliation (s):

Currently serving as a volunteer firefighter with: _____

Organizational address, including city and zip code: _____

Fire Chief cell phone number () _____ Fire Chief daytime phone number () _____

Fire Chief or Fire department's e-mail address: _____

List any other Fire Departments under which your training records may be listed.
 Department name(s) _____

Training:

For your first year, you will need **12 hours** of eligible training. You can list training completed during **Tax Year 2011** and in previous years. If you have been previously approved you only need 6 hours of eligible training —**completed in 2011**. Please use the **Training Information Form** to list the training completed to apply for the tax credit. Attach training records and relevant certificates.

Please check the box of the tax credit for which you are applying:

- I am applying for a \$200 tax credit, and this is my first year to apply for the volunteer firefighter tax credit.
- I am applying for a \$200 tax credit (repeat applicant).
- I am applying for a \$400 tax credit (must have prior \$200 tax credit form approved on file).

Please Check All That Apply

****** For Fire Chief Use ******

- I am working towards my Volunteer Firefighter Practices or Higher Equivalent.
- I have completed (year _____) Volunteer Firefighter Practices or Higher Equivalent.
- I am working towards my Firefighter I or Higher Equivalent.
- I have completed (year _____) Firefighter I or Higher Equivalent. (Please attach certificate if COFT does not already have on file.)

- If \$200 credit.** I verify that the above listed firefighter is a member in good standing with our department and has completed the submitted training for the dates indicated. The volunteer has been provided and participated in all annual training as required by federal and state authorities.
- If \$400 credit.** I verify that the above listed firefighter is a member in good standing with our department and has completed the submitted training for the dates indicated. The volunteer has been provided and participated in all annual training as required by federal and state authorities.

1. Make a copy for your files and department files, then **mail original to:**
COFT (Council on Firefighter Training)
 2716 NE 50th Street
 Oklahoma City, OK 73111

2. **ENTER YOUR SSN!** You must enclose the original of this **COFT approved** document attached to the Form 511EF or your tax return, then mail to the Oklahoma State Tax Commission:
OK Tax Commission
Mail return address PO Box 26800 Zip 73126-0800
E-File address PO Box 269060 Zip 73126-9060
 Oklahoma City, OK
 (405) 521-3160

_____ Date **Signature of Fire Chief**

_____ **Name of the Fire Chief, printed**

Based on the information provided by the firefighter and verified by the fire chief, COFT approves this firefighter for a training tax incentive for tax year 2011.

_____ Date **Authorized signature for COFT**
AFTER receiving your approved tax credit form, please enter your Social Security Number before mailing to the Oklahoma Tax Commission.
 Social Security #

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Print Or Type

Please make a copy of approved form for your records

For Volunteer Firefighter use only.

