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EMCC sparks new fire academy

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After four years of planning, Estrella Mountain Community College in Avondale will begin to offer a fire academy for students beginning this academic year.

Made possible through partnerships with Avondale and Goodyear fire departments, the program will fulfill a need for firefighter training and certification to students in the West Valley, college officials said.

After completing the class, students will be qualified for the "Firefighter I and II" certification issued by the Arizona Center for Fire Service Excellence.

"The college has been providing courses in Fire Science Technology, and Emergency Response and Operations, so the next logical step was to engage the skills and hands-on training needed to enhance the candidate's confidence and career," Avondale's Fire Chief Paul Adams said in a press release. "EMCC plays a critical role in preparing and supplying us with qualified firefighters for the future."

Classes will be held at the EMCC campus during the week for classroom learning. On Saturdays, students will have lab time at the Avondale/Goodyear training facility, located on Lower Buckeye Road in Avondale, where they will participate in training activity.

A fully equipped fire truck was purchased by the college for training purposes and will be permanently located at the training academy facility.

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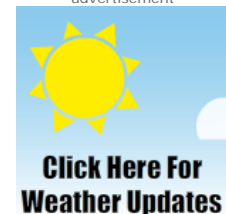
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