



August 1, 2008

Dear Prospective Sponsors:

The Verdugo Fire Academy is currently accepting applications for our next class starting in January 2009 – Class XII. In an effort to better serve yours and other Area fire departments, we would like to take the opportunity to offer the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Department, two sponsorship spots in our next Class.

The primary intent of sponsorship is to provide the opportunity to fill each class with student representatives from surrounding communities such as yours and to provide the training element required by the OSFM for certification as a Firefighter I. After successful completion of the fire academy, most Cadets return to their sponsoring fire department and begin to work as a volunteer to satisfy the experience requirement for Firefighter I certification with the OSFM.

**An “Orientation Session” for Class XII is scheduled for November 3, 2008 that your sponsor(s) must attend.**

All you need to do is to identify your sponsor (selection process conducted by your organization) and complete the sponsorship form. You can have the sponsor return the form to GCC no later than November 1, 2008. The selection process you use to determine who you will sponsor is entirely up to you although the following minimum requirement must be met;

- 18 years of age

Sponsorship can come at any level you determine. However the following is a minimum for sponsorship;

- Provide the sponsored cadet with the department patch to wear on the uniform sleeve AND
- Provide the sponsored cadet with a turn-out coat, pants, boots, structural gloves, hood, and suspenders for the duration of the program. The Cadet normally incurs the expense for the structural helmet.

All cadets are expected to wear the approved uniform of the Verdugo Fire Academy and ALL cadets including those sponsored are required to pay the Lab fees and registration fees.

If you have any questions regarding sponsorship into our program or how we can better serve your organization, please feel free to contact me at [sdigiovanna@glendale.edu](mailto:sdigiovanna@glendale.edu) or at (949) 274-2979.

Your point of contact for sponsored Cadets is Captain Tony Bagan our Academy Coordinator. Captain Bagan can be reached via e-mail at [abagan@glendale.edu](mailto:abagan@glendale.edu) or by cell at (323) 333-5408.

Sincerely,

Chief Sam DiGiovanna  
Fire Technology Director  
Verdugo Fire Academy

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# LETTER OF SPONSORSHIP TO THE VERDUGO FIRE ACADEMY

The \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Department would like to sponsor the below listed individual into the Verdugo Fire Academy for;

**Class XII**

Commencing on January 3, 2009

**We agree to provide the following level of sponsorship...**

**Partial Sponsorship**

1. Department Patch for academy uniform and personal protective equipment (consisting of: turn-out coat, turn-out pants, suspenders, hood, structural gloves, structural boots, safety goggles, brush coat, and brush pants with belt).

**Full Sponsorship**

1. Department Patch for academy uniform and personal protective equipment (consisting of: turn-out coat, turn-out pants, suspenders, hood, structural gloves, structural boots, safety goggles, brush coat, and brush pants with belt.)
2. Full payment of lab fees and tuition fees.

*\*In the interest of uniformity and proper identification, all Cadets regardless of sponsorship must purchase a helmet that meets academy specifications. The academy uses the Phoenix, yellow helmet with magnets and name on the back brim for identification. If your department can provide this style helmet, the cadet will not need to make the purchase.*

\_\_\_\_\_ will be our department contact person for the term of this sponsorship. You can contact him/her at \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Sponsored Cadet Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Fire Chief (Signature & Date)**

This form must be returned, with original signatures, to the VFA office in AT 106 to:

**Captain Anthony Bagan**

Verdugo Fire Academy, Glendale Community College

1500 N. Verdugo Road

Glendale, CA 91208

818-240-1000 ext. 5326 or (323) 333-5408 or [abagan@glendale.edu](mailto:abagan@glendale.edu)