



**VERDUGO FIRE ACADEMY**  
**ACCREDITED REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM - ARTP**  
**1500 NORTH VERDUGO ROAD, GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA 91208**  
**818.240.1000 x5326**



January 6, 2025

Dear Prospective Sponsoring Agency Representative:

The Verdugo Fire Academy is currently accepting applications for **Class XXIX starting on January 8, 2026.**

In an effort to better serve our regional fire agencies, we would like to offer your fire agency sponsorship opportunities 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 and certification as a CSFM Firefighter I. Sponsorship is an agreement/contract between the sponsoring fire department and the cadet. The department sets the parameters and conditions of sponsorship above and beyond the minimum standards established by VFA policy and procedure as a condition of continued sponsorship.

**An orientation session for Class XXIX is scheduled for November 13, 2025. Your sponsored Cadet(s) must attend this orientation.** Your agency representative is also welcome to attend. All you need to do is identify your sponsor (selection process conducted by your organization) and complete this sponsorship form. Your sponsored cadet must return the completed sponsorship form with all signatures to [abagan@glendale.edu](mailto:abagan@glendale.edu). The selection process you use to determine whom your agency will sponsor is entirely up to you although the following minimum requirement must be met:

- The sponsor must be at least 18 years of age by January 8, 2026
- The agency must provide the sponsored cadet with the agency patch to wear on the VFA uniform.
- The agency must provide the sponsored cadet with NFPA compliant PPE; structure coat, structure pants, suspenders, structure hood (x2), structure gloves, structure boots, safety goggles, wildland coat, wildland pants and belt (may be single layering), and structure helmet (must be new and to VFA specification).

All cadets are expected to wear the approved uniform of the Verdugo Fire Academy and pay the required college lab and registration fees.

It is preferred that sponsorship be identified prior to the date of the mandatory orientation; however, sponsorship can occur at any time, even after class begins. The VFA can provide a list of accepted, non-sponsored cadets, their contact information, and their ranking in the class.

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 Chief Tony Bagan, Academy Director, via e-mail at [abagan@glendale.edu](mailto:abagan@glendale.edu) or by cell at (323) 333-5408.

Sincerely,

*Sam DiGiovanna*

Chief Sam DiGiovanna  
Fire Academy Director  
Verdugo Fire Academy



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**CADET SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT**  
**CLASS XXIX - 2026**

Commencing on January 8, 2026

Sponsoring Agency/Department:

We agree to provide the following level of sponsorship:

☐ Partial Sponsorship (most common)

1. Department Patch for the VFA academy uniform and NFPA compliant personal protective equipment

☐ Full Sponsorship

1. Department Patch for the VFA academy uniform and NFPA compliant personal protective equipment, and  
2. Payment of all college fees (lab fee, health fee, tuition, etc.)

*In the interest of uniformity and accountability, all cadets must have a NEW helmet that meets academy specifications. The academy uses the Phoenix, yellow helmet with a Velcro Passport receiver and leather shield. If your department can provide this style helmet, the cadet will not need to make the purchase.*

*Sponsored cadets shall have their agency patch sown 1/2" from the top seam of the right sleeve and in such a manner that the patch is level when the shirt is worn by the cadet when he/she is standing at the position of attention.*

Department identified agency representative for this sponsorship:

Name:	Rank:	Phone:	E-mail:
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Sponsored Cadet:

Signature:	Print Name:	Date:
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Fire Chief:

Signature:	Print Name:	Date:
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This form must be returned, with original signatures, to Program Specialist Victor Castellanos, and scanned and emailed to Chief Anthony Bagan at [abagan@glendale.edu](mailto:abagan@glendale.edu)

**Anthony Bagan • Director • Battalion Chief (R)**  
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