

## **Porterville College Firefighter I Academy – Uniform Price List**

**NOTICE: Prices listed are approximate, subject to change and do not include tax!**

**Official uniform items are available from:**

**The Uniform Connection**  
**360 N. Porter Road**  
**Porterville, CA 93257**  
**559-791-0932 / 559-791-0936 fax**  
**uniformconnect@sosinet.net**

Or

**Valley Uniform Center**  
**1841 S. Mooney Blvd.**  
**Visalia, CA 93277**  
**559-739-8939 / 559-739-8989 fax**  
**cindy@Valleyuniform.com**

- DRESS SHIRT:** LIGHT BLUE, “RED KAP/SENTINEL–SP46MB”  
 4” Academy patch, both sleeves ½ inch below shoulder seam  
 Short Sleeve & Permanent Military Press ..... **\$29.00**  
 2XL & UP ..... **\$33.00**
- PANTS:** NAVY BLUE, “RED KAP - PT10” ..... **\$25.00**
- T-SHIRT:** NAVY BLUE, W/O POCKET.  
 Silkscreen: “FIRE ACADEMY” in gold on back and multi-color Academy logo on front  
 Need Minimum of 2 @ \$22.00 each ..... **\$44.00**
- JACKET (Need this or Sweatshirt):** NAVY BLUE, RED CAP “JT50”  
 2 ½” Academy patch sewn on left chest  
 Small, Medium, Large, X-Large ..... **\$44.00**  
 Optional – Embroider Initial and Last Name on right chest ..... **\$ 9.00**
- SWEATSHIRT (Need this or Jacket):** NAVY BLUE, JERZEES – 4528M (w/collar and ½ zipper)  
 2 ½” Academy patch sewn on left chest  
 All sizes ..... **\$30.00**  
 Optional – Embroider Initial and Last Name on right chest ..... **\$ 9.00**
- NAME TAG:** GOLD METAL W/BLACK LETTERS  
 With First Initial and Last Name engraved ..... **\$6.00**
- BALL CAP:** NAVY BLUE “FLEX-FIT”, (Richardson #585)  
 With 2 ½” Academy patch on front  
 First Initial and Last Name must be embroidered on back ..... **\$25.00**
- BELT:**  
 1 ¾ “ BLACK BASKET WEAVE/CHROME BUCKLE ..... **\$22.00**
- DRESS SHOE:**  
 BLACK, ¼ HIGH or LOW TOP (Patent Leather not acceptable) ..... **\$varies**
- WORK BOOT:**  
 BLACK, LEATHER, 8” HIGH LACE-UP, VIBRAM TYPE SOLE..... **\$varies**  
 Optional: Zippers

# **Porterville College Firefighter I Academy - Cadet Manual**

## **APPENDIX A: FIRE ACADEMY UNIFORMS**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Porterville College Firefighter I Academy Cadets are expected to wear a proper uniform and project a professional image at all times. Each Cadet is expected to arrive for class on time, in full uniform, and ready for inspection. Uniforms will be inspected regularly for conformity, appearance and cleanliness, and the uniform policy will be strictly enforced.

Official Academy uniform items are currently available from two local uniform shops, one in Porterville and one in Tulare. They are both familiar with our uniform specifications and have the ability to ensure you obtain the proper items. Information regarding these shops, including approximate costs for items, may be found elsewhere in this Appendix. Some, but not all, of the required uniform items may be available from other sources. Be aware that other vendors may tell you that their items are the same or equivalent to our requirements, but they may not be. If they are not identical to the items specified you will be asked to replace them!

Some items/sizes may not be in stock and may have to be ordered. Embroidered items may also take a week or more to receive. Order early!

When considering how many uniforms to buy, Cadets should recognize that they will be wearing the uniform three consecutive nights, and every Saturday each week for approximately five months. Dress shirts will be removed during hands-on training, but the Academy T-shirt and uniform pants will be worn daily and may get quite soiled. For this reason it is highly recommended that each cadet purchase sufficient numbers of these items to avoid having to launder them several times each week.

### **UNIFORM POLICY:**

1. The dress shirt will be removed when wearing structural or wildland personal protective equipment (PPE), during hands-on training when PPE is not worn, or at other times as directed by Academy staff. For this reason, an official Academy T-Shirt shall be worn under the Dress Shirt at all times.
2. Uniforms will be well maintained, fit properly, and not faded beyond the class norm.
3. The Academy ball cap will be clean and worn during **ALL** outdoor activities when helmets are not required. The cap is to be removed upon entering the classroom.
4. Classroom shoes are to be clean, with toes maintained to a high gloss shine.
5. Drill/Work boots are to be well maintained, clean, and shined or well oiled and buffed.
6. Each Cadet shall have either an approved Academy Jacket or an approved Academy Sweatshirt for wear in inclement weather. No other jackets or sweatshirts are acceptable.
7. Any substitutions for the specific brand, style or color of official uniform items must be approved in advance by the Academy Coordinator.

**The Official Porterville College Firefighter I Academy Uniform shall include:**

#### **Dress Shirt:**

Medium blue, short-sleeve, cotton/polyester blend, tapered pocket flaps, epaulets.

“Red Cap/Sentinel SP46MB” brand.

4” Tulare-Kings Fire Academy patch sewn ½” below shoulder seam on each sleeve.

This shirt is primarily for classroom wear, and will normally be removed when the Cadet is engaged in field activities. If properly maintained, one dress shirt should be sufficient for the Academy.

#### **Uniform Pant:**

Navy blue, “Red Cap PT10” brand. (Minimum of 2 recommended)

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### **Uniform T-shirt:**

Navy blue, without front pocket. (Minimum of 2 recommended)

“Fire Academy” (Gold block letters, 2-½” high) will be silk-screened on the back.

Tulare-Kings Fire Academy logo will be silk-screened on the left front.

### **Uniform Ball Cap:**

Navy blue, baseball style, solid back. “Flex Fit” (Richardson #585)

2 ½” Tulare Kings Fire Academy patch sewn on the front panel.

The first initial and last name of the Cadet, SHALL be embroidered on the back of the cap in gold block letters 1/2” in height.

### **Name Tag:**

1/2” high Gold colored metal, with double clutch clasp.

Black engraved lettering: First initial followed by last name i.e.: “R. Stover”.

To be worn centered along top edge of right front dress shirt pocket.

### **Uniform Belt:**

Black leather, 1-3/4” wide, with basket weave design. Belt shall have a plain open "D style" or "square style" buckle with a nickel finish. Belt is to be well maintained.

## **Outerwear – Must have ONE of the following (Jacket or Sweatshirt):**

### **Uniform Jacket:**

Navy blue, “Red Cap” JT50” brand. (Allow three weeks for delivery!)

2 ½” Tulare-Kings Fire Academy patch sewn on left chest. (Optional: First initial and last name may be embroidered in 1/2” Gold block letters on right chest)

### **Uniform Sweatshirt:**

Navy blue, no hood, pullover with collar and ½ zipper “Jerzees style 4528m”.

2 ½” Tulare-Kings Fire Academy patch on left chest. (Optional: First initial and last name may be embroidered in 1/2” Gold block letters on right chest.)

**Other Optional, but recommended, equipment** (available at sporting goods and department stores):

**Personal hydration pack**, (commonly called a “Camo Pak”). A chest pack or backpack style water container with sipping tube. Recommended for hydration during field training sessions.

## **Required Uniform Footwear:**

### **Classroom shoes:**

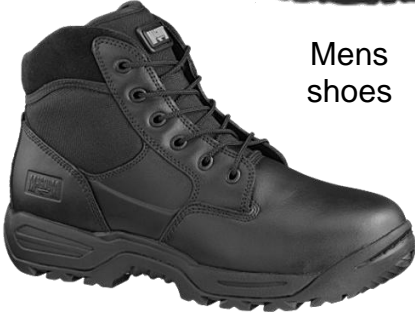
Black leather, plain toe, must be able to hold a high gloss shine. **Patent leather is not acceptable.** Black socks must be worn with low-top style shoes. The drill/work boots described below may be worn in lieu of shoes, but ONLY if they can be maintained to a high gloss shine at all times. Most Cadets will find it easier to have shoes for class and boots for field work.

### **Drill/Work Boots:**

Black leather, heavy-duty, lace-up, at least eight inches (8") in height, with deep lug Vibram type soles/heels. (Front/side zippers are acceptable options). Steel toes are not required.

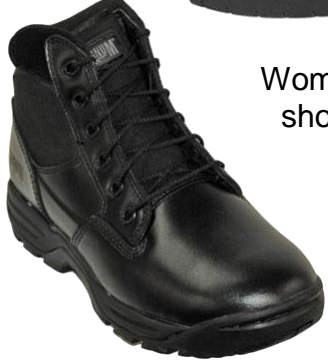
**Special note regarding shoes and boots:** Acceptable shoes and boots are available from a variety of sources, including the local uniform shops, department and shoe stores and on-line companies. Prices can vary dramatically, but you generally get what you pay for. **Any boot or shoe style that conforms to the photographs below should be acceptable for use in this Academy.**

Acceptable styles of classroom shoes. These may not be worn in lieu of boots on the drill ground.



Mens shoes

Glossy non-leather shoes like this are NOT acceptable. (called "Patent Leather" or "Shineys".)



Womens shoes

Acceptable styles of 8" High Lace-up Boots. (Available in Men's or Women's sizes.) Boots must be all leather. No canvas or vinyl in base or uppers. Zippers are an acceptable option.



Deep lug style Vibram sole.

