

The Formentera Office of Interior is pleased to report that 15 people are taking the basic firefighter course for accreditation to fill possible vacancies or substitute staff on leave from work in municipal government. Trainees successfully completed a selection process aimed at creating a pool of qualified firefighter applicants.

The Councillor of Interior, Josep Marí, explained that "when training is complete, the Consell de Formentera will have a pool of firefighters to fill future vacancies more quickly and with qualified personnel". The 105-hour course will run from 13 to 29 October and constitutes the minimum training to become a firefighter on Formentera.

Training will combine theory-based and hands-on aspects of firefighter response to forest fires, urban fires, traffic accidents, work at heights, vertical rescues, tree-cutting, emergency shoring, first aid, use of semi-automatic defibrillator, CPR and correct handling of tools.

The course will be offered by the company EMERGENCY STAFF, and carried a total price-tag of €22,500. The Formentera fire brigade comprises ten professional firefighters and one collaborating firefighter.

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