

Firefighter Challenge

Requirements

All Firefighter Challenge participants are timed during their climb at Comerica Park and are to wear full structural firefighting personal protective equipment which meets current NFPA standards. This includes: boots, turnout coat and pant liners, helmet, gloves, and SCBA harness with air cylinder. SCBA facepieces and hoods do not need to be worn. Firefighters will not be on air. SCBA tanks are to be full. No axes or halligans. Turnout gear and tanks must be clean, and gear will be inspected before your flight time. All firefighter participants competing in the Challenge must meet the gear requirements and be retired from or a current firefighter who is volunteer, part-time, or full-time at their department.

Awards

Team awards will be given in two categories. Winning teams will receive the traveling trophy for their category. Winners will be announced after official times are reported and funds raised through **June 20** are tallied. Winning teams will earn custom 2023 Firefighter Challenge sweatshirts.

Fastest Firefighter Team - (Note: This is not a relay.) Awarded to the team with the fastest team average time. The Fastest Firefighter Team will be determined by taking the top three individual times from each team, no matter how large or small the team. Only team members participating in full structural gear will qualify for challenge times.

Top Fundraising Firefighter Team – Awarded to the team with the highest overall fundraising total at the time of the June 20 fundraising awards and incentives deadline. *Remember each participant has a \$100 fundraising minimum requirement.*

Top Fundraising Firefighter – Awarded to the top fundraising firefighter at the time of the June 20 fundraising awards and incentives deadline.

Challenge FAQs

How many team members do we need? Each team must have at least 3 members to compete in the official Firefighter Challenge, but all are welcome to Climb.

Am I required to climb in gear? Only firefighters wishing to partake in the Fastest Firefighter Category must climb in full gear and will be verified on Climb Day. Those not climbing in full gear will still qualify for the Top Fundraising Firefighter Team Category. Contact the Climb Detroit team to learn more about a No Gear Option.

Do I need to have a mask and oxygen tank? NFPA standards require a harness with an air cylinder. Facepieces and hoods do not need to be worn. While tanks need to be full, firefighter do not need to be on air while climbing.

Bonus Climb! As part of a special fundraising incentive, you can climb the Lower Level too. This is a great option for those hoping to climb with friends and family later in the event day. To learn more and to sign up by the **May 10 deadline**, [please click here](#).