

Firefighters launch campaign for new recruits

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staff writer

Farmington Hills fire officials are looking for prospective paid-call fire-fighters.

"We're looking for men and women who feel compelled to serve the community," Lt. Tom Shurtleff said.

Paid-call fire fighters are not full-time employees. They are paid an hourly wage only when engaged in providing emergency response, training and maintenance functions," Shurtleff said.

After a year's probation, personnel

are paid \$8.80 an hour for responding to fire, medical and emergency incidents. Hourly compensation for participating in department training is \$6.80.

To be eligible for the fire department's recruitment process, applicants must:

- Be at least 18.
- Live or work in Farmington Hills.
- Have a valid Michigan driver's license and a satisfactory driving record.
- Be in "acceptable physical condition" as determined by a physician, with weight in proportion to height.

- Have a satisfactory employment record and personal history.
- Possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate.

Interested residents who have these qualifications are asked to attend a recruitment meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, in the Farmington Hills City Council chambers.

"stable community resident" who either grew up in the area or has moved here and plans to make Farmington Hills his home.

The department is particularly interested in recruiting who would be available to respond to calls from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

breathing apparatus, Shurtleff said. Trainees also are instructed in emergency care and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

After completing 70 hours of training, the recruits are assigned to a station as a probationary fire fighter for a year. While on probation, the recruits are evaluated.

"We'd like to bring it up to six years," he said.

The department has openings for 18 paid-call fire fighters. However, all 18 positions do not have to be filled, Shurtleff said.

The fire department has eight full-time and 62 paid-call fire fighters. Generally, the department keeps a staff of 80 paid-call fire fighters — 20 at each of the four stations.

Interested and qualified residents who cannot attend the recruitment meeting this week should call fire department headquarters at 553-0740, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Business closes doors

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ployees have put their lives into this," said Bill Herrmann III, a mechanic.

"Sure, other dealers have offered jobs, but there you'd just be a number.

"People like doing business with a family operation rather than a huge corporation. We're on a first-name basis with a lot of our customers."

MECHANIC ELMER Schuetz, who is only a year away from retirement after spending 37 years with the Herrmanns, said he was "shocked and a little angry" about the situation.

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