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Western Springs Fire Department
Seeks Community Members to Serve

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WESTERN SPRINGS, IL. September 27, 2021. The Western Springs Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services was founded in 1894 and was originally staffed by 10 volunteer firefighters who were members of the community dedicated to serving neighbors in their time of need. For the past 127 years, whether it is a medical emergency or building fire, these great volunteers answer the call with bravery and dedication, as they save lives and protect property.

The Department now operates under a paid-on-call model with over 30 members, in which it hires and trains residents to be part-time firefighters while they still hold other jobs. The Department is in serious need of additional community members who wish to protect their neighbors and be a part of an elite group of men and women dedicated to public service. Department work and training schedules are flexible and are designed to accommodate candidates who have daytime jobs in other careers. All training and equipment expenses are covered by the Village.

The Department is currently recruiting for an upcoming January 2022 Fire Academy. Potential candidates will have to successfully complete an oral interview, background check, and a medical physical. The Fire Academy will be held at the Western Springs Fire Department. No fire service or EMS experience is required. Minimum requirements are to be at least 18 years old, be energetic, committed, and physically fit as well as live in or near the Village of Western Springs.

You can learn more about this great opportunity and meet current Department members at a **Recruitment Orientation Meeting** to be held on **Thursday, October 7, at 7pm, at Fire Station 1, located at 4353 Wolf Road in Western Springs.** Go to: wsprings.com/fdrecruitment to learn more.



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