



Frenchtown Rural Fire District

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To Whom It May Concern:

Frenchtown Rural Fire District (FRFD) is reaching out to select high schools across the country to inform them of the FRFD Resident Firefighter Program.

Our program, located in Frenchtown, Montana, offers highly motivated high school graduates an exciting opportunity to begin an emergency services career while serving alongside FRFD's Career and Volunteer Firefighters.

Accepted candidates will participate in a three-year program designed to professionally prepare them for success in the hiring process of a highly competitive career field.

During the first year, program participants will be trained and certified in structure & wildland firefighting, licensed as a practicing Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and begin certifying in several technical rescue courses.

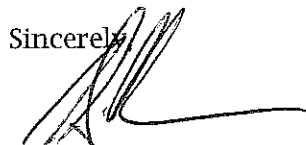
During the second and third years, program participants will participate in a higher education program. This program will provide an opportunity to earn additional certifications and/or licensure up to an Associate of Science Degree in Fire and Emergency Services. Degree accreditation is provided through our partnership with Helena College and the Montana Fire Service Training School, Montana State University. All accredited training courses are taught within FRFD facilities or online in accordance with state and nationally recognized standards.

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be qualified to pursue a career in emergency services throughout the country. Graduates will discover the training and experience they receive as a resident will put them ahead of the competition. Many of our former residents have transitioned to fulfilling careers and credit their success to our program.

Resident Firefighters live rent-free in one of our active fire stations. Each resident has their own room and shares a common bathroom, kitchen, and day room with career firefighters and other residents. Resident shifts are on a rotating basis and are designed to allow program participants the ability to work full or part-time and allow for adequate study time. The entire program is provided free of charge (100% tuition reimbursement) in exchange for a three-year commitment along with successful program and degree completion.

If you have interested students, please encourage them to contact Lt. Schnee for more information at recruiting@frenchtownfire.org or 406-626-5791.

Sincerely,



Joe Calnan
Fire Chief