



## **Bristol Fire Department Internship Program**

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:**

The Bristol Fire Department, Resident Student Internship, is an independent educational program that operates in cooperation with the Lakes Region Community College (LRCC) in Laconia New Hampshire. The purpose of the program is to provide a two year field experience that prepares students for careers in the Fire Service by exposing them to the principals of Firefighting, EMS, Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

The Program is designed for mature, motivated students who seek to augment their academic commitment by participating in a supervised program that provides actual job experience. The internship goes well beyond observation and job shadowing and requires active participation as a Firefighter/EMT in a working combination Fire Department.

Students are assigned to shifts that will complement the LRCC academic schedule and allow for adequate study time. Students quickly learn how to balance their classes, homework and internship responsibilities through a process of planning and communications with supervisors and mentors.

Resident Students live at the Bristol Fire Station in assigned student quarters. Working alongside career and call firefighters, students are exposed to the fire service culture and the community we serve.

### **EXPECTATIONS:**

Students are expected to work on shift, sixteen hours per week. In addition to the scheduled shift work, students also respond to calls whenever they are at the station and in accordance with academic requirements. Students are expected to participate in a positive and professional manner at all times. The Department holds one meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, Fire Training on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and EMS continuing education on the third Tuesday

## **EXPECTATIONS (continued):**

of each month. Students are required to attend all four meetings. Students are eligible for call pay based on an hourly rate for meetings, trainings and emergencies responded to. Students selected for the program are required to sign an agreement for 24 months that demonstrates a mutual understanding of the program requirements.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Candidates for the Bristol Resident Student Internship Program shall be eighteen years old on or before September 1st of their freshmen year and enrolled as a full time student in the LRCC Fire Protection, Science or Investigation Degree Program. Resident Students must maintain a 2.5 average while enrolled in the internship.

## **CANDIDATES WILL BE EVALUATED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Town of Bristol Employment Application
- Criminal Background Check
- Motor Vehicle Background Check
- Two personal references
- Physical Exam by a Physician allowing participation as a Fire Fighter
- Fire Fighter One Certification – Strongly Recommended
- National Registry EMT Certification – Strongly Recommend
- CPR Certification - Strongly Recommended
- Experience with Fire – EMS Explorers or Jr. Fire Department
- Experience with Volunteer Fire Department.
- The Bristol Fire Department provides the following equipment to selected Resident Students:
  - Turn out Coat and Pants
  - Helmet
  - Gloves
  - Fire Boots
  - Forestry Shirt
  - Forestry Helmet
  - Forestry Gloves
  - EMS Gloves
  - Protective Eye Wear
  - Uniform Shirts
  - Uniform Pants

**Please note: Students must be 18 on or before September 1 of their freshmen year**

**Schedule for 2017 enrollment:**

March 1, 2017	Student Application Period Opens
April 30, 2017	Student Application Period Closes
May 7, 2017	Oral Boards
May 21, 2017	Final Selection
July 15, 2017	Signed Contracts Returned
August 20, 2017	Move in Day
August 21, 2017	Start Orientation Week
August 25, 2017	End Orientation Week
August 28, 2017	Classes Begin

