



The goal of the Dixon Fire Department Apprentice Program shall be to train, shape and prepare interested prospective firefighter candidates for a successful career in the fire service.



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DIXON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighter Apprentice Program



OVERVIEW

The Dixon Fire Department Apprentice Program is a three (3) year high tempo program. Accepted applicants shall be sworn as Paid on call (POC) firefighters at the Dixon Fire Department. Upon appointment, Apprentices shall be expected to pursue all of the following training during the program:

- Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) EMT-B licensure.
- Completion of a Department approved Firefighter Academy.
- Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Basic Operations Firefighter certification.
- Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic (EMT-P) licensure.
- An Associate Degree in Fire Science or Associate Degree in Emergency Medical Services.

DFD Apprentice shall also be offered and expected to gain practical firefighting and EMS experience through job shadowing, ride along and actual job experience during their Apprenticeship.

The Apprenticeship Program is an opportunity to learn and to train with career firefighter/paramedics and potentially earn preference points as part of the Dixon Firefighter/Paramedic hiring eligibility list.

A graduate of the 3-year Apprenticeship Program could earn up to 20 additional preference points in the testing process.



ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ Applicants must be 18 years old at the appointment date (no later than August 1)
- ◆ Applicants must sign the Apprentice Program Policy agreement upon appointment.
- ◆ Applicants must be a high school graduate or equivalent at the appointment date (no later than August 1)
- ◆ Applicants must be physically, mentally and psychologically able to achieve the expected goals of the Dixon Fire Department Firefighting Apprentice Program. A current CPAT card with ladder climb exercise must be presented at the appointment date
- ◆ Applicants shall have no felony convictions.
- ◆ Applicants must meet the residency requirements found in Article 19.9 of Local 1943 CBA.
- ◆ Applicants must be serious and dedicated to pursuing a career in the fire service and show superior motivation.