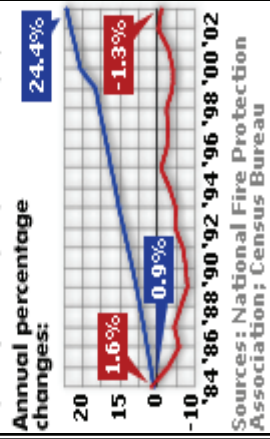


More people, fewer firefighters

The number of paid and volunteer firefighters in the USA has dropped by 32,000 during the past two decades. At the same time, the nation's population rose from 234 million to 291 million.



As the communities in the Fox Valley Career Center area continue to see population growth, the need for people to provide the skills of the Fire Service will grow as well. The future is bright for people interested in a career in the fire service.



If what you have seen in this brochure is something you have an interest in pursuing, please contact your guidance counselor or contact the Fox Valley Career Center personnel at the below contacts.

**Good Luck
Stay Safe**

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Interested in a career in serving others in a time of need? Then the Fire Service might be the job for you.

**“Saving lives
and protecting
property.”**

The mission of the Fire Service is to protect the lives and property of the people for whom you serve from fires, natural disasters, and hazardous materials incidents; to save lives by providing emergency medical services; to prevent fires through prevention and education programs; and to provide a work environment that values cultural diversity and is free of harassment and discrimination.



Firefighting involves extremely hard and skilled physical work, as well as handling emergency, life-or-death situations. The physical and mental demands of firefighting are sometimes underestimated. Because of this, many applicants are overwhelmed by the challenging examination process.

What Am I going to learn?

A study of cognitive and hand on applications used in firefighting. Topics discussed include principles of fire department organization, fire behavior, equipment, water supply, ladders, extinguishers and agents, fire hose and appliances, breathing equipment, nozzles and fire streams, rescue, fire control, ropes and knots, loss control, fire detection, alarm and suppression systems, fire prevention, public education, protecting evidence for fire cause and determination, communications, firefighter survival, terrorism and hazardous materials awareness. This course provides partial training toward State Firefighter Level II Certification. Course completers qualify for the State Fire Marshal Certification test for hazardous material awareness. Students need not have completed Fire Science I to enroll in Fire Science II. Students will also receive articulated credit for this course through Waubensee Community College.

So, what does this all mean?

1. Some Departments give preference points for an Associates Degree in Fire Science.
2. Working knowledge of hands on skills will help prepare you for passing physical agility tests during the fire service testing process and give you the skills necessary once employed as a firefighter.
3. Cognitive comprehension of fire service terminology can assist in the fire service testing process.
4. Practical Applications will allow for students to use the skills learned in practical skill scenarios.
5. Team Work will build learned throughout the class for it is a valuable component of the fire service.
6. Fire Service Culture- The fire service is a career rich in tradition, pride, integrity and much more. As the students are involved in the program they will learn parts of the culture from fellow students and the instructors



How will this benefit me?

1. Credit towards an Associates Degree in Fire Science.
2. Hands On Skills.
3. Fire Service Terminology.
4. Practical Applications
5. Team Work
6. Fire Service
7. Culture

Can You Fill These Boots

