Fire Rescue Exchange Academy Starts this Spring

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GREAT FALLS, Montana – Great Falls Fire Rescue is excited to announce the creation of Fire Rescue Exchange (FRX), the City's first Citizens Fire Academy. FRX will start this Spring and is designed to provide citizens of Great Falls the opportunity to experience firsthand how their fire department is organized and operates.

Over the course of eight weeks, FRX participants will learn about different areas of the fire department ranging from the training of fire fighters to special rescue operations. Participants will also experience working with a number of fire rescue tools and techniques commonly used by firefighters. Those participating in FRX will be encouraged to provide feedback and insight into how they view the current level of fire rescue services and their expectations for the future.

According to Chief McCamley, "FRX is a great outreach tool for our Department. It is an excellent way for the public to gain a better understanding of the Fire Department and truly experience what our fire fighters do on a daily basis."

FRX is free to the public and consists of 8 nightly classes, which will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Charles Carrico Regional Training Center (1900 9th Street South) and will run May 2 – June 27, 2012. Those interested in attending must be 18 years of age or older, a resident of the city of Great Falls and pass a law enforcement background check. Space for the program is limited to twenty citizens per academy. Applications and liability release forms will be available beginning March 5 at Fire Station 1 (105 9th Street South) weekdays from 8 a.m. to -5 p.m. or online.

For more information regarding the Fire Rescue Exchange Academy contact Chief McCamley at 727-8070.

Click here to download an application.

Supporting Documents

Press Release - FRX Academy (262 KB) (PDF)

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