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Dear Parent/Guardian

We have now completed the first quarter and are looking to the remainder of the year and the opportunities your student will have in the Fire Science program. Students will have the opportunity to earn First Responder Certification, and dual credit for up to six credit hours (two courses) with Illinois Central College (ICC) in East Peoria. (Heartland Community College does not have a Fire Science program.) Students earning a grade of "B" or better at the end of the first semester will be able to enroll in these dual credit courses. High school credit can still be earned by any student with a "D" grade or better.

First Responder Certification: This certification process is governed by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Excellent student attendance is necessary, as there are minimum student contact hours and competencies to be met in order to receive the certification. As stated by IDPH, students missing more than two class periods (excused or unexcused) will jeopardize their opportunity to earn the certification. A certification exam will be administered in class in April to allow students to earn certification.

Dual Credit-Fire Science 110: This three credit hour course is offered through ICC. Students have been working on this coursework since August.

Dual Credit-Fire Science 201: This three credit hour course is also being offered through ICC. A significant portion of this elective course in the ICC program is a "ride along" program that both Bloomington and Normal Fire Departments will be making their facilities and personnel available to our students. Students must earn credit in Fire Science 110 in order to earn the credit in Fire Science 201.

Qualifying students will be registering for ICC dual credit in December, 2010. More information on dual credit enrollment will follow.

With these opportunities will come high expectations of professionalism while training and pursuing the certification and dual credit. Attached you will find a dress code and behavior contract, a Release of Liability and Hold Harmless waiver, both which need to be signed and returned prior to students starting participation in the "ride along" opportunities with Bloomington and Normal Fire Departments.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either of us at 309-829-8671.

Sincerely,

Nick Isaacs, Instructor

Tom Frazier, Director

Dress Code Expectations for Fire Science 201

1. Class T-Shirt with nametag must be worn. Shirt must be tucked in, and nametag must be worn and visible. If an undershirt is worn beneath the T-shirt, it must be white or dark blue and in good condition.
2. Good jeans (not frayed, no holes) must be worn pulled up to the waist with a solid black belt. Personal hygiene is of the utmost importance and uniforms should be cleaned and pressed.
3. Black or brown shoes (in good condition) will be worn. No tennis shoes are allowed.
4. For safety reasons—NO earrings, nose rings, eyebrow rings, or lip rings for male or female students are to be worn.
5. Long hair must be put up or worn in a ponytail.
6. Due to safety reasons, no beards are allowed. Facial hair must comply with OSHA mask regulations. Students should be clean shaven.
7. IF a host agency feels that you do not meet the dress or hygiene code, they have the authority to cancel your time at the agency.
8. You must have all required safety equipment, forms, and log sheets with you at **each** shift. You will be sent home if you are not prepared.
9. Any “observer vest” must be worn as requested by each department.

NOTE: Failure to comply with the dress code may result in loss of opportunity for credit in Fire Science 201 at Illinois Central College, along with participation in any “ride along” programs.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

Date: _____

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, do hereby absolve and hold harmless the Town of Normal, Illinois, the Normal Fire Department, the City of Bloomington, the Bloomington Fire Department, and all officers, employees, and agents thereof, from all liability for any injuries, accidents, or loss of property, except for the willful and wanton conduct of the Town, City, or its' agents or employees, while visiting any fire station, riding on any fire apparatus, responding to or observing any emergency activities or training activities with the Town of Normal Fire Department or City of Bloomington Fire Department.

I further understand that I will not reveal to any other person, the information protected by the privacy rights of the individuals treated or transported by the Normal Fire Department or Bloomington Fire Department that I observe as part of any ride along activities.

Student Name (print) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Name (print) _____

Parent Signature _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

STUDENT POLICIES

GOAL: TO IMPROVE THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE BLOOMINGTON AND NORMAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS OPERATIONS.

Students will be required to complete a general release of liability before their first shift. Location of all equipment and its various uses will be discussed. Station regulations and rules that apply to students will also be discussed.

DRESS CODE

All students will be expected to put forth a professional image. The public and other professional personnel must be able to distinguish interns from bystanders. APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE for the program will be followed. The appropriate name tag must be worn and be visible at all times. If necessary, bring a jacket to wear. Jackets must be free of any patches or agency affiliations. If you will be riding during the dinner hour, please bring your meal with you.

FIRE SCIENCE OR EMT B STUDENTS

Ride time will be scheduled through AC Isaacs and then approved through the appropriate fire department. No one will be scheduled at BFD #6 or NFD #3. Times for ride-time will be from 4:00pm to 10:00pm on the week days and then 8:00am to 10:00pm on the weekends, at no less than 4 hours and no longer than 8 hours at a visit.

Students must carry with them the following paperwork at all times:

1. Signed liability waiver.
2. Dress Code Expectations
3. Log Sheet for Ride Along Program
4. Emergency Information Sheet