



## UFA Intern Program

At an early age, through books and media, many people are exposed to the life of a firefighter. For some individuals, the desire to be a firefighter continues to grow until their once dream is made a reality. Unified Fire Authority is pleased to sponsor and educate those high school students who desire a career in the fire service.

Many high schools in the valley have a Worked Based Learning Program. This intern program is considered to be a fun approach to the education system. If you are a teacher or student who is interested in participating in our internship program, we would be happy to work with you. We have outlined the basic format of our program below. This format meets Granite, Jordan, and Canyons School District's intern guidelines.

When a student is chosen to be an intern with UFA, he or she will be assigned to a fire crew at a station close to their high school. The student will work with the same crew throughout their internship so they can learn how a crew functions from day to day, get comfortable with their captain and crew, and have their progress monitored by the same crew throughout their internship. UFA crews work 48 hour shifts, then go off duty for four days. This rotation works on a six day period, so scheduling days with the fire crews does not usually fall into a traditional schedule. There will be ample opportunity, however, for the intern to spend all of their required hours with their assigned crew.

### **Format**

- ❑ 8 Weeks, 40 Hours – Recommended Schedule:
  - ▶ Orientation with assigned crew
  - ▶ One 5 Hour Shift per Week or
  - ▶ Two 2 ½ Hour Shift per Week
  - ▶ Scheduled day for final

The students will be issued their own set of turnout gear to wear during training, fires, and car accidents. We ask that all interns come to the station well groomed and dressed in professional attire. It is encouraged to have dark blue work pants and a black shoe or work boot. UFA internship t-shirts will be provided at your orientation. The students will be entering citizen's homes during emergency calls and interacting with hospital staff, police, and other fire departments on a regular basis. A professional appearance is essential. The students will also be issued a firefighter handbook to study as there will be weekly reading assignments and quizzes. It is mandatory these items be returned at the end of your internship.

During their internship, our students will be immersed in the world of firefighting. They will be a part of the crew, and expected to participate in all aspects of the job. They will be taught many firefighting skills, how to take vital signs, how to set up an IV bag, and how to operate our equipment. They will assist with day to day station duties like cooking, cleaning, hydrant inspections and business inspections. They will also be invited to eat meals with the crew and participate in station PT. Interns are encouraged to bring a little cash if they plan to pitch in for meals, and to bring workout clothes if they plan to work out with the firefighters.

Below is a list of some of the principles and skills that the interns will be learning during their stay at the fire station. They will be required to participate in these activities for a grade. The crew will work with the intern to ensure that they are proficient in their skills and that they understand the concepts that are being presented.

- ❑ Delmar Manual (3<sup>rd</sup> edition) or equivalent study
  - ▶ History and Development of the American Fire Service
  - ▶ Firefighter Orientation and Safety
  - ▶ Fire Behavior
  - ▶ PPE/SCBA
  - ▶ Rescue/Extrication
  - ▶ Fire Streams
  - ▶ Ropes and Knots
  - ▶ Ground Ladders

- ❑ Practical Application
  - ▶ Salvage and Overhaul
  - ▶ Black Out Drills
  - ▶ Donning Turn-Outs/SCBA
  - ▶ Hydrants/Fire Streams
  - ▶ Ropes and Knots
  - ▶ Ladders
  - ▶ Inspections
  - ▶ Basic 1st Aid

### **Program requirements**

**Requirements for the program will be that the students be registered in their schools' work based learning or equivalent study based program. The student's GPA needs to be 2.5 or higher. If chosen, students will have to complete a Unified Fire Authority training program packet, that will be sent to them in the mail. We also ask that our interns have a reliable form of transportation for the fact that they may be assigned to any of our fire stations within the department.**

Any student interested in the program may fill out an application and hand it in to their schools career center no later than the date provided in the announcement. The application periods usually take place in April for the fall semester and in November for the spring semester. All applicants will be scheduled for a written test and interview. Please contact us if you have any questions about the internship program or the process of how we select students to participate.

Thank you,

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