



Dayton Fire partners with Dayton Public Schools to launch new career program

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The Dayton Fire Department, in cooperation with Dayton Public Schools, is launching a new opportunity for high school students to graduate as certified firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

Students who complete the new Fire/EMS CTE program will be eligible to apply for an entry level position with the Dayton Fire Department upon graduation. The program is an extension of the City of Dayton Homegrown Heroes initiative that seeks to increase the number of women and minorities in the City's safety forces.

"Our goal is to encourage young people to consider a career in emergency services," said Chief Jeffrey L. Payne. "Students completing this program will be certified State of Ohio Level II Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians immediately following graduation."

The Fire/EMS CTE program will be a four-year experience for Dayton Public School students enrolled at Belmont High School in grades 9 to 12. Courses will be taught by Dayton Fire Department instructors and will include preparatory and career exploration classes for the first two years. Junior year, students will take the Ohio Firefighter I and Homeland Security courses. Senior year, students will complete the Emergency Medical Technician course and may pursue a capstone experience in Firefighter II as well as other career opportunities.

"This cooperative effort between Dayton Public Schools and the Dayton Fire Department will enhance opportunities for our students. Becoming a firefighter or an emergency medical technician is an excellent career choice now available to DPS students. We are excited for this new CTE program and the partnership with the Dayton Fire Department," said Elizabeth J. Lolli, Dayton Public Schools Superintendent.

Current 8th and 9th grade students enrolled in the Dayton Public School system

will be eligible to apply for the program, which is scheduled to begin with the start of the 2019/20 school year.

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