

Fire Prevention Internship

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What I Do

1. Assist in building a database.

- I update information and add new information into the computers.
- I add information and update expiration dates for inspections.
- I am in the process of plotting the GPS coordinates for all of the fire hydrants for the new dispatch center.

Why I Chose Fire Prevention

1. I had an interest in firefighting.

- I wanted to see if this career would be the right fit for me.

2. I wanted to know how to become a firefighter.

- I was curious of the requirements that I needed to fulfill to secure a job in this field.

What I Learned

1. The paperwork requirement of the job.
 - I was unaware of the Fire Prevention Office. As a result of this internship, I understand that there is an office component to this job, I have a background working with this office, and I can perform the tasks that this branch requires.
2. How to work with other agencies and departments.
 - Part of this internship required me to collaborate with other town departments, such as the Board of Health, the Building Department, and other local fire departments.

What I Learned

3. How to work with the public.

- The majority of this internship consists of working with the public and trying to assist them with their needs. I learned how to work with many types of people ranging from elementary school students to senior citizens.

Expectations

The internship program will prepare high school students for real world occupations and help them realize their potential in today's workforce. It will also help spark interests in students and create potential opportunities for them to advance their careers.

In my internship with the fire department, I was inspired to continue a possible career with the fire department, and I now plan to pursue a major in fire science. My goal now is to earn a job as a firefighter.