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### **County Information Sessions Scheduled for Firefighter Recruitment Campaign**

Men and women looking to see first-hand what a position would be like with the County of Grande Prairie Regional Fire Service can do so right from their computers or their mobile devices.

The County's Fire Service launched their locally-produced video today to help kick-off their annual fire recruitment campaign, which runs until January 15. The video shows firefighters in action, covering a range of emergencies from medical to fires to dangerous goods. The video also outlines the hiring opportunities available for firefighters.

“This video is a really effective tool to reach potential recruits, especially that next generation of firefighters,” says Fire Chief Everett Cooke. “People want to get an appreciation up-front of what the job will be like. We decided to ‘bring them with us’ and show them what we do.”

In addition to releasing the video, the County Regional Fire Services' recruitment campaign also includes upcoming information sessions for candidates who are interested in becoming paid-on-call firefighters. The sessions will provide insight on the roles and responsibilities of a County firefighter, as well as practical advice regarding the selection process.

Information sessions will be held Saturday, January 4 at the Clairmont fire station (one mile west of Astro car sales on TWP 724) and Wednesday, January 8 at the Dunes fire station (#4 60051 Hwy 688-750m east of the Evergreen Park turnoff on Resources Road). Both sessions start at 7 p.m. Applications will be available at the information sessions as well as at the County's Community Services Building, and online at [www.countygp.ab.ca/firerecruit/](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/firerecruit/). Deadline for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m. on January 15.

While no experience is necessary, minimum qualifications for all recruits are as follows:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Current Alberta Driver's License
- Driver's Abstract, demonstrating a safe driving record
- Grade 12 education
- Pass an RCMP Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check
- Willingness to train to NFPA 1001 Level 2 certification





The video is available on the County website [www.countygp.ab.ca/firerecruit/](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/firerecruit/), social media channels including YouTube <http://youtu.be/l-NsafQaRPA>, as well as on DVD (available at any County fire station).

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