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Learn about auxiliary firefighter opportunity at upcoming information session

Thinking about volunteering to be a firefighter? Wondering if you're up for the challenge of steep ladders, height and claustrophobia, all while wearing heavy fire-fighting gear?

Learn more about this exciting service-oriented career during the City of Campbell River Fire Department's free information session about what's involved in being an auxiliary firefighter: Wednesday, October 2 at 7 p.m. at the No. 1 Fire Hall, 675 13th Ave.

"Auxiliary firefighters in Campbell River volunteer for a number of reasons, especially the chance to be part of a tight-knit team, and the opportunity to face challenges and serve the community," says Fire Chief Ian Baikie. "We had a number of people inquire about auxiliary firefighting during our September open house, and we're welcoming anyone who's interested to join us for this information session."

Anyone attending the session should wear causal, loose-fitting clothing to the information session because they will have an opportunity to climb ladders and kneel and crawl while wearing a breathing apparatus.

"It's not dangerous," says Ashley, a twenty-something volunteer. "There are so many safety precautions, and we're so thoroughly trained."

"The fire fighters are amazing people, and I can't imagine letting them down," adds Adam, a family man in his late 30s. "If anyone wants to join a group that really wants to see you succeed, that genuinely cares about you. If you want to give back and feel accomplished and have rock solid friendships, nothing else compares. And, the kids get to play on the fire truck."

To register for this information session, please email careers@campbellriver.ca with your name and phone number.

Applications for auxiliary firefighters are posted online in the employment section of the City website www.campbellriver.ca. Please return completed applications to City Hall or Fire Hall No.1 on 13th Avenue prior to October 2.

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