

PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS BEING RECRUITED

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The Halton Hills Fire Department is hiring 12 to 15 part-time firefighters, with applications being accepted starting Oct. 29. Here's everything you need to know:

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Interested individuals must live within six km of the fire station to which they'll be assigned, with preferential consideration given to those who live less than three km away. Other requirements include: a grade 12 diploma or educational equivalent, current valid Ontario driver's license, proof of COVID-19 vaccination, a clean driver's abstract, and ability to obtain a class D driver's license with Z endorsement during the probationary period.

WHAT'S THE TESTING PROCESS LIKE?

Qualified applicants are first invited to write an aptitude test. Those who pass will then advance to a physical fitness test. From there, selected applicants will move onto the interview process. Those who are ultimately chosen will be part of a recruit class that starts early next year.

WHY DO PEOPLE WANT TO JOIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT?

"I think it's a very rewarding career," said assistant deputy chief Martin Mills. "You're helping people out, and it's exciting — we do medical calls, hazardous materials calls, extrication calls, and of course, fires. The work environment becomes like a family environment."

Halton Hills Fire liaison officer Al Scott said it's also fulfilling to give back to the community through volunteering at events organized by the firefighter associations, such as the Acton Santa Claus Parade and Canada Day fireworks.

HOW CAN RESIDENTS FIND OUT MORE?

A career guide can be downloaded at haltonhills.ca. Applications will become available at haltonhills.ca on Oct. 29, along with hard copies at the Halton Hills headquarters fire station, located at the corner of Eighth Line and 10 Sideroad in Georgetown, and at the Acton station, 21 Churchill Rd. S.



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