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A Cosumnes River College Cooperative Work Experience Education Program in partnership with the Cosumnes Community Service District Fire Department

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Firefighter Internship Program



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Celebrating 28 years in partnership with

Cosumnes Community Services District Fire Department

Dear Firefighter Internship Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the Cosumnes River College (CRC) Cooperative Work Experience Education (Co-op) and Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) Fire Department Internship Program. We have developed this booklet to provide you with information to become more acquainted with what this program is and how it works.

The Firefighter Internship Program is a collaborative effort between Cosumnes River College's Co-op Work Experience Education Program and the Cosumnes Community Services District Fire Department. CRC and Cosumnes CSD Fire Department have been partners since 1987.

The program is a 2 year commitment and is designed for fire technology students who desire a real-world opportunity to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to an internship site. It also includes participation in a required weekly Fire Technology Work Experience class (FT498). This course provides an opportunity for students to learn more about their chosen career, develop confidence, and obtain valuable information on professional development.

Cosumnes CSD Fire Department and CRC take pride in this partnership and program and have set high standards that students must meet in order to be a part of this great team. As a result, our student interns have excelled and have been highly successful in achieving their career goals.

NOTE

You may have the assumption that you must graduate from a State of California "Accredited Academy" in order to work as a firefighter-I (FF-I). This is simply not true. In fact an accredited academy cannot issue you a State FF-I certificate. As of 2014 only a Fire Department Chief can sign your FF-I application to verify the completion of the requirements and that is what our program offers. In addition to the time requirement for the FF-I certification tract of one (1) year as a volunteer firefighter or six (6) months as a full time Firefighter, each student (candidate) firefighter must complete CAPSTONE TESTING to be certified as a firefighter-I as of January 2016.

CAPSTONE TESTING will conform to the nationally recognized fire accreditation groups IFSAC and PROBOARD. What this means to you as the student firefighter is national recognition and the ability to move to another state and have your certification tract recognized by that state. This is a brand new process and still is not implemented; the class of 2015 will most likely be the first intern class to go through this process.

The testing will consist of a 225 question written examination and a firefighter skills evaluation that will consist of up to 26 different skills. The cost of the testing per student will range between \$250.00 and \$350.00. This fee is similar to the Paramedic and Nursing fee schedule for testing and will only need to be completed once. Please follow the attached link to see all current and proposed FF-I and FF-II changes.
<http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/training/firefighter2013.php>

Currently the Cosumnes River College and Cosumnes Community Services District Fire Department Internship Program has a 56.3 % job placement. This is far above most accredited academies in the State. Some of the agencies that accept FF-I certification are: Cosumnes Fire Department, Sacramento City Fire Department, Hayward Fire Department, Santa Clara County Fire Department, Vallejo Fire Department, Cal Fire Department, Sac Metro Fire Department single role EMT-Paramedic position, Los Angeles City Fire Department and many other agencies across the state.

It is important to realize that fire departments may be different in what they require of their firefighters. Some require a FF-I Certificate while others require a successful completion of an accredited academy and some may even require both. So do your research and make sure your education will line up with the agency that you desire to work for.

The Firefighter Internship Program is designed to provide the successful student with the State certifications necessary to obtain full-time employment in the fire service. Certifications include: Firefighter I, HAZMAT FRO, Confined Space Awareness, Vehicle Extrication, ICS200 and starting in 2015, Basic Wild Land Fire Fighting S-190 and S-130.

As you read this booklet, consider all aspects of the internship seriously and how they would fit into your lifestyle. Give serious consideration to the time, dedication and cost required to be successful in this program. Most importantly, ask yourself why you are selecting this field for your future. It is without a doubt that this program is demanding physically and mentally. We encourage you to read the enclosed information carefully to see if this is right for you.

You can obtain more information regarding the CRC/Cosumnes CSD Fire Department Internship Program by calling the CRC Cooperative Work Experience Education & Internship office at (916) 691-7372; located in the Business & Social Science Building at BS 106.

Thank you for your interest in our program!

Cooperative Work Experience Education
Cosumnes River College

Cosumnes Community Service District
Fire Department



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Benefits of the Firefighter Internship Program

Reasons to Acquire a Firefighter Internship and Why the Required Fire Technology FT 498 Work Experience Class Will Benefit You

You will have the opportunity to:

- Earn your State of California FF-I Certificate
- Check out or decide if this is a career that aligns with your interests, values, skills, and personality. Most importantly, will this career be a good fit for you, and will it make you happy?
- Gain hands-on experience in the field.
- Be mentored under experienced professionals.
- Develop new technical and soft skills.
- Obtain the necessary certifications, including a FF-I Certificate, to gain employment.
- Improve your job-related skills in oral and written communications.
- Work in a profession that supports and gives back to the community.
- Earn transferable units of academic credit in your major.
- Acquire team building skills.
- Discover effective ways to market yourself for future employment opportunities.
- Establish successful work habits.
- Develop effective listening and communication skills.
- Better understand and honor diversity in the workplace.
- Realize the benefits of maintaining a balanced lifestyle.
- Learn to utilize effective time management tools.
- Explore career opportunities.

The Job of Firefighting

Every year, fires and other emergencies take thousands of lives and destroy property worth billions of dollars. Firefighters help protect the public against these dangers by rapidly responding to a variety of emergency situations. They are the first emergency personnel at the scene of an accident or medical emergency and may be called upon to put out a fire, treat injuries and illnesses or perform other vital life-saving functions.

Firefighters spend much of their time at fire stations, which usually have features common to a residential facility similar to a family that works together. When an alarm sounds, firefighters respond rapidly, regardless of weather or time of day. Because fighting fire is dangerous and complex, it requires organization and teamwork. At every emergency scene, firefighters perform specific duties assigned by a Fire Officer. At the site of the fires, they connect hose lines to the hydrants, operate hoses, use power tools, and position ladders for fire ground operations. Firefighters may also rescue people in danger, ventilate smoke-filled areas, and provide emergency medical services to the sick and injured. In fact, most calls to which firefighters respond involve medical emergencies. About half of all fire departments provide ambulance service for casualties. Most departments require firefighters to be certified as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) as a minimum.

A great deal of Fire Departments desire their employees to be Licensed Paramedics. Between alarms, firefighters clean and maintain equipment, participate in training and drills, conduct fire inspections, and participate in physical fitness activities. They also prepare written reports on fire incidents and review fire science literature to keep abreast of technological development and changing administrative practices and policies.

Among the personal qualities firefighters need are mental alertness, self-discipline, courage, mechanical aptitude, endurance, strength, and a strong desire to perform public service. Initiative and good judgments are also important because firefighters must make quick decisions in times of emergency. Members of a crew live and work closely together under conditions of stress and danger for extended periods; therefore they must be dependable and able to get along well with others.

Firefighters are also community advocates. They assist citizens from all walks of life whose lives are in their hands. Firefighters must be caring and sensitive to people who are caught in very vulnerable life situations. Therefore, firefighters must have “soft skills” as well as technical skills. Their ability to listen and communicate with individuals and co-workers, follow directions, and respect team members, are required characteristics of a quality firefighter.

The Cosumnes Community Services District Fire Department

Settler James Hall built a stage stop and hotel in the area known as Elk Grove in 1850. Other settlers also came to the area in search of prosperity-prompting commercial development along Main Street. In 1893, the Elk Grove Fire Department and Elk Grove Water Works were founded simultaneously after a series of disastrous fires threatened to ruin the town. The Department began with a small group of volunteers and a single hose cart over 100 years ago and since then has continued to grow along with the community of Elk Grove.

In 1985, the Department changed its name from the Elk Grove Fire Department to the Elk Grove Community Services District Fire Department. The merging of the Fire Department with the Elk Grove Recreation and Parks District brought about the change in names. A subsequent merger with the Galt Fire Protection District in 2006 resulted in another name change to the Cosumnes Community Services District.

The Cosumnes Community Services District encompasses approximately 157 square miles, bounded on the north by Calvine Road and the Sacramento City Limits; on the east by the Cosumnes River; on the south by the San Joaquin County Line and on the west by the Union Pacific Railroad/Mokelumne River. The District serves the residents of the City of Elk Grove and the City of Galt as well as the other unincorporated territories of south Sacramento County. The Department operates eight fire stations. The Cosumnes CSD Fire Department proudly serves the community by providing response to fires and non-fire related emergencies. The Department also provides fire prevention inspections, plan review, public education, fire investigation, and advanced life support and transportation for medical emergencies in the community.

**The Cosumnes Community Services District Fire Department's
Mission Statement is:**

“To protect lives, property, and the environment from fire or other natural and man made disasters and emergencies in a courteous, timely, and effective manner.”

The Mission Statement of the Community Service District is:

“To enhance the quality of life for those residing, doing business, and visiting the Elk Grove Community.”

**Minimum Qualifications for Acceptance
into the CRC/CSD Firefighter Internship**

1. Complete Fire Technology (FT) 300 Fire Protection Organization (3 units), with a “C” or better, prior to applying for the CRC/CSD Firefighter Internship Program. This class provides an introduction to fire protection, career opportunities in fire protection and related fields, philosophy and history, and more.
2. Possess a current Sacramento County EMS EMT (or Paramedic) Certification Accreditation Card or be currently enrolled in a EMT class and be on track to complete your Program before the start of (FT) 210 Firefighter Internship Training. Paramedics must also have a California State Paramedic License.
3. Possess a current CPR for the Healthcare Provider Card (or the equivalent) from the American Heart Association and maintain it during the entire CRC/CSD Firefighter Internship Program.
4. Possess a GED or a High School Diploma.
5. Have a valid California driver’s license.
6. Be 18 years of age or older.
7. Have an overall GPA of 2.5 or better.
8. Possess the strength and stamina to pass a Physical Abilities Test and Health Examination by a medical practitioner including a respiratory test.
9. Consent to and pass a qualifying Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background check.
10. Consent to and pass a comprehensive drug screening.
11. Be able to validate prior work or leisure teamwork experience.
12. Be able to purchase selected firefighter protective gear and clothing.
13. Register in the FT 498 Work Experience class and pay appropriate unit fee for every semester you participate in the internship. Enrollment in FT 498 is required.
14. Participate in an interviewing workshop, sponsored by the Work Experience & Internship Program staff, prior to your scheduled interview for this internship.

Note: If accepted into the program you will receive a course enrollment permission number for FT 210 (Firefighter Internship Training Program), pay the appropriate 8 unit fee and any additional costs associated for this course. Enrollment in FT 210 is required.

Application Process

1. Visit the Work Experience Education & Internship Program Office in BS 106. The staff will provide assistance with the firefighter internship process.
2. Submit a resume, cover letter, copy of unofficial college transcript(s), fall class schedule, firefighter internship application form, and proof of paid registration for the FT 498 class.
3. Register on the LINCOS site at www.myinterfase.com/crc_losrios/student.

Check for application dates and deadlines.

Acceptance into the program: All applicants who meet the minimum qualifications will be scheduled for a face-to-face interview with representatives from Cosumnes River College and the Cosumnes CSD Fire Department. Selection for entrance into the internship program will be based on the applicants qualifications and the interview process. **Important:** If you are not selected for the internship you will need to drop the FT 498 class by the fee refund deadline or you will forfeit your money.

The Interview

The interview is an opportunity to “sell yourself.” The interview is designed to measure your interpersonal skills, ability to solve problems, and assess how motivated you are to obtain a career in the fire service.

You will need to prepare for the interview in the same manner you would prepare for a written or physical agility test. Research the Cosumnes CSD Fire Department/CRC Firefighter Internship Program. Anticipate the questions that will be asked and practice your response. Usually at the end of the interview you will be asked if there is anything you would like to add; this will be your chance to sum up your skills, abilities, and why you would be the right person for the Firefighter Internship Program.

To help you prepare for the interview, you are required to attend an interviewing workshop sponsored by the CRC Work Experience Education & Internship Program staff. You will be contacted either by phone or email regarding the workshop dates and times.

Once you have been officially accepted in the program you will receive a permission number to enroll in FT 210. You will need to show proof of enrollment and payment prior to the first day of class. Each student will need to acquire a permission number to add the course. Permission numbers will be given from CRC instructors of FT 210, Captain Haas or Captain Freeman of the Cosumnes CSD Fire Department. No student will be able to enroll without a permission number!

What You Will Be Doing As a Firefighter Intern

The internship program requires a basic commitment of 2 years, and will consist of a total of four academic semesters and one summer session.

Returning to the program is not automatic. In order for you to continue on through each of the four semesters and summer session, you will need to be invited back each semester by the supervisors at Cosumnes CSD Fire Department and Cosumnes River College firefighter internship faculty. This decision is based on a number of factors including meeting academic and behavioral standards set by CRC and Cosumnes CSD Fire Department.

You will need to complete a FT 498 Work Experience class and earn a grade of “C” or better, and maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 throughout the entire Firefighter Internship Program. Each semester you are an intern, you are required to register for FT 498.

Orientation

Your orientation at the Cosumnes CSD Fire Department training center will take place prior to the start of the semester. An email will be sent to you (to the email address you provided on the application). Make sure you check your email for the exact date and time. The first session will start with a joint orientation for all firefighter interns given by Cosumnes CSD Fire Department and CRC staff. All Interns must be in uniform, and make sure to bring a tablet and something to write with.

IMPORTANT You must attend and actively participate in your weekly FT 498 Work Experience class beginning the first week of school. Attendance is mandatory. If you do not attend and/or if your absences exceed 6% of the total class hours, you will be DROPPED from the class. If dropped from the Work Experience class, your internship site/supervisor will be notified that you are no longer enrolled in a Work Experience class and therefore are no longer covered under the Los Rios Community College Unpaid Internship Agreement.

First Semester-Student Participation in the Fire Technology 210 Class

The first semester of (FT 210) will provide you with basic firefighter training by the Cosumnes CSD Fire Department’s Training Divisions. You will acquire knowledge and skills needed to safely perform basic tasks required during emergency operations and to prepare for the second semester. You will be provided with technical and procedural information in the areas of personal protective equipment, ropes and knots, forcible entry tools, ladders, hose and property conservation. You will also apply your knowledge and skills through written and practical demonstrations.

Fire Technology 210 is a Pass/No Pass class, an 80% or greater course grade is mandatory in order to continue in the internship program. This course is not transferable and cannot be used toward the Fire Technology AA Degree at the college. **PLEASE NOTE:** Students will be required to pay costs of personal protective equipment (PPE), uniforms, and additional certification fees.

The course is offered at the Cosumnes Fire Department Training Center during the fall semester on Friday evenings from 6 PM to 10 PM and on Saturdays from 7 AM to 5:00 PM. There may be additional days and evenings required, your Training Captain will inform you of your actual schedule during the orientation. Attendance is mandatory. Each Friday and Saturday, you attend classroom training and/or will apply your knowledge and skills through hands-on training and drill. How well you learn learned the material will be assessed through tests and homework assignments. You will also earn points that will count toward your grade and seniority in the class.

Participation in the Work Experience Education & Internship Program

Because Co-op Work Experience Education & Internship is an academic program, firefighter interns will be required to enroll and attend a FT 498 Work Experience Class each semester in the Firefighter Internship Program. **In the first semester, you should sign up for one unit of FT 498.** The formula for unit count, as well as how this class works will be explained in your FT 498 class by your professor.

The content and your final grade for the FT 498 class will be based on:

1. What you learn at your internship site. You will document what you intend to learn on your “Specific Learning Objectives” form (provided in class) and you will be graded based on the completion of your Specific Learning Objectives. In addition, you will document the total number of hours you worked on your internship (form provided in class). This documentation is a State of CA Title V community college requirement that enables you to obtain a grade and college credit for this course.
2. What you learn in the classroom. The weekly class is designed to assist you with your own career development, clarify your career goals, and help you to make a smooth transition from being a student to a professional in the workforce. Marketing strategies are taught to assist you in securing a job, as well as assist you with your overall professional skill development.

Second semester – Field Internship Opportunity at the Fire Station

Participation in the second semester is dependent upon your successful completion of all required coursework with the FT 498 class and internship experience at the Cosumnes Fire Department (FT 210 class) AND a formal invitation from both agencies to return.

After successful completion of all requirements, starting with the second semester, you may be invited by the Cosumnes CSD Fire Department to intern at one of the Cosumnes CSD Fire Department stations. **NOTE** The opportunity to obtain and continue a field internship at one of the Cosumnes CSD Fire Department stations is by invitation only.

During the second semester you will have the opportunity to work one 24-hour shift per week with the CSD Fire Department; you will actually experience what it’s like to be a firefighter in a fire station! You will work, train, and live with the Cosumnes CSD Fire Department personnel. Provided you are interested and are invited by both agencies to return, you may also sign up for the summer session and the two semesters in the following year.

Cosumnes CSD Fire Department's Wellness Program

Firefighter Interns are encouraged to participate in Cosumnes CSD Fire Department's comprehensive wellness (fitness) program. Once all necessary paper work has been completed, as a Firefighter Intern you will have access to Cosumnes CSD Department's physical training equipment on your assigned work experience shifts.

The wellness program gives you a great opportunity to continue your commitment to physical fitness. Firefighter Interns can use the training equipment to get ready for the physical ability test that many fire departments require you to pass as a prerequisite for employment. The strengthening of your body through the wellness program is also a great way to prevent injuries. Firefighting is very physically demanding work, so physical fitness is a must!

To prepare yourself for a future Firefighter Intern position, you are strongly encouraged to begin a physical training program as soon as possible. Physical training should be concentrated on cardiovascular, strength, and endurance. (You should always consult a physician before starting a physical fitness-training program).

If you do decide to participate in the wellness program you will need the required physical training uniform. The appropriate physical training uniform includes the following:

1. Solid blue shorts or sweatpants (CRC Internship Logo Only).
2. Appropriate athletic footwear.
3. Program regulated T-shirt or sweatshirt.

Uniform Requirements

All Firefighter Interns are responsible for obtaining and maintaining the personal and protective gear and equipment required for their assignments. All uniform items shall be maintained in presentable and functional condition. Faded, worn or damaged articles shall be repaired or replaced.

As an intern you will be required to wear a Class “B” (daily) uniform while on duty. Typically, Class “B” uniform shirts shall be worn during business hours. The shirt is to be worn over a navy blue 100% cotton department regulated T-shirt. When directed by your supervisor, you may wear the Department regulated T-shirt without the uniform shirt for activities such as emergency response, training, and maintenance.

Cosumnes River College will be providing capital investment in the Fire Technology FT-210 program starting with the fall 2015 semester. The cost of (Turn-out gear) Personal Protective Equipment will be less than the estimated cost to purchase all of your gear which would be \$1889.00 for 2015. Each Student will be responsible for the cost of their own helmet, goggles, hood, gloves and boots.

Each student will also be responsible for a PPE (personal protective gear) **usage fee** that covers the cost of using the CRC coat and pants for the duration of the internship. Students will keep the gear that they purchase and the turn out coat and pants will be turned in at the end of the internship.

The following are considered requirements for the uniform:
Prices below are approximate and may change without notice.

Items	Estimated Cost	Paid by Student to
Boot, Helmet & Goggles, Hood, Gloves, Bag Turn Out, Coat and Pants usage fee	\$ 475.00 550.00	Private Vendor Private vendor
Uniforms: Shirt, Pant, Boots, Belt, Fanny Pack, Safety Glasses	300.00	Private Vendor
Physical Training (PT): T-Shirts, Shorts, Sweat Shirt, Hat	100.00	Private Vendor
Textbook	125.00	CRC Bookstore or Private Vendor
Firefighter-I Capstone Testing	250.00	State Fire Marshall
Special Certificates (Optional)	TBD	State Fire Marshal
Total Estimated Costs	\$1800.00	

Costs are Eestimated and may vary

Characteristics of Successful and Unsuccessful CRC/ Cosumnes CSD Fire Department Interns

Many students believe that by participating in an internship, the experience will automatically give them a job upon completion of their experience. In life, there are no guarantees. Therefore, many experiences do not lend themselves to becoming “automatic.” Through the years we have observed what makes a successful student intern; an intern who ultimately obtains employment expediently; and what makes an unsuccessful student intern. The list below provides firefighter internship standards regarding successful and unsuccessful behaviors.

Successful Firefighter Interns

Seeks and clarifies intern program information

Asks questions at intern site in respectful manner

Corrects and learns from mistakes

Comes to all FT 498 and Academy classes
before time

Attends all FT 498 and Academy classes

Consistently submits FT 498 forms on time
to Cosumnes Training Chief and CRC Professor

Displays a positive/mature attitude. Asks
“What can I do next to assist the organization
or team member?”

Realizes there’s always more to learn

Genuinely cares about helping people

Willingly cleans the toilets

Unsuccessful Interns

Ignores any confusion regarding
program requirements

Doesn’t ask questions, makes
assumptions / mistakes

Makes mistakes without learning
from them

Consistently late to classes and
makes excuses

Misses classes; is dropped for
poor attendance

Rarely submits FT 498 forms
on time

Self-Centered; cares only
about self and getting ahead

Thinks he/she knows it all

Helps people only so he/she can
“look good”

Doesn’t think they have to do this
type of work

Cosumnes River College Degree AA-Fire Technology

The fire service is one of the most dynamic employers in the country. This CRC program is designed to provide the student with updated skills and knowledge necessary to prepare and successfully apply for fire service positions. Students may earn an A.A. Degree in Fire Technology or a Certificate in Fire Technology.

Degree, A.A.—Fire Technology

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This curriculum is designed to serve both as an in-service program and as a pre-employment program for students seeking employment or advancement in the profession of urban fire fighting and fire suppression.

Required Program	units
FT 300 Fire Protection Organization	3
FT 301 Fire Prevention Technology	3
FT 302 Fire Protection Equipment and Systems	3
FT 303 Building Construction for Fire Protection	3
FT 304 Fire Behavior and Combustion	3
EMT 100 Basic Emergency Medical Care*	7
Plus fifteen units selected from:	
FT 110 Fire Apparatus	3
FT 130 Fire Company Organization and Management	3
FT 132 Fire Service Records and Reports	3
FT 140 Related Codes and Ordinances	3
FT 170 Fire Investigation	3
FT 180 Rescue Practices	3
FT 190 Tactics and Strategy	3
FT 320 Hazardous Materials	3
Totals Units Required	37

*A current California EMT 1, EMT 1A, or EMT IFS certificate will be accepted as satisfactory completion of the EMT 100 requirement.

Suggested Elective: Fire Technology 498

The Fire Technology Certificate and General Education Graduation Requirements can be found in the CRC course catalog. Contact the Division Office for Careers and Technology for more information, (916) 691-7391.

Alternative Career Paths Within the Fire Service

Fire Prevention / Public Education Internship Opportunities

Save lives through prevention and education. Firefighters save lives and property when they respond to emergencies already in progress. The Fire Prevention Bureau aims to prevent these emergencies before they occur.

Work Site: Cosumnes CSD Fire Administration, 8812 Elk Grove Blvd

Minimum Qualifications for Acceptance Into the Fire Prevention/ Public Education Internship

1. Posses a GED or a High School Diploma.
2. Have a valid California driver's license.
3. Be 18 years of age or older.
4. Have an overall college GPA of 2.5 or better.
5. Consent to a qualifying background check.
6. Be able to demonstrate prior work or leisure teamwork experience.
7. Be able to purchase selected fire clothing.
8. Register in FT 498 Work Experience class and pay appropriate unit fee for every semester you participate in the internship.
Enrollment is **required**.

9. **Public Education** Only (does not apply to Fire Prevention)
Complete two semesters of course work (at least 6 units) in any of the following **Areas of Study**: Advertising/Public Relations, Communication Studies, Early Childhood Education, Education/Teaching, Emergency Medical Technology, Family & Consumer Science, Fire Technology Health, Education, Human/Career Development, Human Services, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Studies, Marketing, Social Science, Sociology, Spanish.

10. **Fire Prevention** Only (does not apply to public education)
 - a. Complete Fire Technology (FT) 300, Fire Protection Organization (3 Units), with a "C" or better, prior to applying for the Co-op Internship Program.
 - b. Complete Fire Technology (FT) 301, Fire Prevention Technology (3 Units), with a "C" or better, prior to applying for the Co-op Internship Program.

What You Will Be Doing As a Fire Prevention Intern

1. Conducting plan review.
2. Conducting new construction inspections.
3. Conducting code enforcement inspections.
4. Fire Investigations.

Fire Prevention Interns will work alongside Fire Prevention Bureau staff including the Fire Marshal, Fire Inspectors, Fire Investigators and Plan Intake Staff. Fire Prevention Interns may work 8 + hours per week. Interns may set their schedule of hours to be completed any time Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

What You Will Be Doing As a Public Education Intern

1. Delivering fire safety presentations.
2. Staffing a fire department booth at health and safety fairs.
3. Planning and preparing for fire department public outreach events.
4. Creating written and electronic educational materials for public distribution.
5. Attending classes and workshops on safety education topics such as fire safety as well as injury prevention topics such as: child passenger safety, water safety and disaster preparedness.

Public Education Interns will work with the Public Education Officer as well as Fire Prevention Bureau staff and Firefighters.

Public Education Interns may work up to 8 + hours per week. Interns may set their schedule of hours to be completed any time Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Flexibility is desired as the opportunity for hours to be completed on weekends will occur throughout the semester.

Prior experience that may contribute to your success as a Public Education Intern might include: fire service experience, social services experience, working with children or older adults, teaching, planning and organizing events, and marketing or public relations.

Desirable qualities of a public education intern include: Confidence speaking in front of a crowd, flexibility to adapt to working with different age groups and population segments, organizational skills in managing ongoing projects and preparing for events. Willingness to participate in events that include adverse weather conditions, require light to moderate lifting and exposure to loud noises.

**Cosumnes River College
Cooperative Work Experience Education & Internship
and Cosumnes Fire Department**

Telephone Numbers

Co-op Work Experience Education & Internships:

Co-op Office	(916) 691-7372
Co-op Coordinator	(916) 691-7533
Co-op Professor	(916) 691-7663
Co-op Internship Developer	(916) 691-7343
Division Administrative Assistant Careers & Technology	(916) 691-7391
Division Dean, Careers & Technology	(916) 691-7390

Program website: <http://wexp.losrios.edu>

Helpful CRC Telephone Numbers:

Counseling	(916) 691-7316
Financial Aid	(916) 691-7325
Veteran's Assistance	(916) 691-7422
Admissions and Records	(916) 691-7411

Cosumnes Community Services District Fire Department:

Battalion Chief-Training Division	(916) 686-5140
Captain-Training Division	(916) 685-1752
Fire Marshal	(916) 405-7120
Public Education Officer	(916) 405-7114

**Cosumnes Community Services District Fire Department Training Center
Site Location**

William Perry Schulze Fire Training Facility
10573 East Stockton Blvd – Elk Grove CA, 95624

Information websites: www.yourcsd.com and <http://wexp.losrios.edu>

