

Hanford Fire Department seeks firefighter applicants

The Hanford Fire Department is seeking qualified applicants to fill anticipated openings in the firefighter apprenticeship program. Duties include fire suppression, hazardous-materials response, testing and inspection of fire-suppression and detection systems, development of pre-fire plans and building walk-downs to identify hazards.

Successful applicants must become active participants in the HFD's Washington State Firefighter Apprenticeship Program. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Washington state driver's license, and be able to obtain and maintain a Department of Energy "Q" level clearance. Applicants must pass a written exam and a physical-ability test.

The physical-ability test is designed to evaluate an applicant's strength and endurance and includes both timed and untimed events. It is intended to simulate situations a firefighter might find himself or herself facing in emergency conditions.

A walk-through preview of the physical-ability test will take place on March 1 at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. Space is limited and interested individuals need to register by calling Bronyn Bardessono, Fluor Hanford Industrial Relations, at 376-1749. Individuals interested in applying for the firefighter apprenticeship openings are strongly encouraged to view a walk-through.

The actual written exams and physical-ability tests will take place on May 17 at HAMMER. Individuals who pass the written exam and physical-ability test will participate in an oral interview. Successful candidates will then be placed on an eligibility list for future openings. ■



Two Hanford firefighters demonstrate the correct way to open a hydrant.