

Town of Caledon recruiting new volunteer firefighters

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Caledon's newest class of firefighter recruits has graduated, and it's time to start training the next class.

On May 31, the Town of Caledon announced it is once again recruiting firefighters to join the Caledon Fire and Emergency Services team.

Volunteer firefighters respond to emergencies and non-emergencies including fires, medical emergencies, and vehicle collisions. Volunteer firefighters are paid for time spent responding to calls.

In order to be eligible to volunteer, one must be 18 years of age or older, have a valid Class G driver's license, and live within eight kilometres of a Caledon fire station.

Interested parties must attend one of three upcoming information sessions. The first is being held at 1:30 p.m. on June 14 at the Caledon East Community Complex (6215 Old Church Road). The second is being held at 7 p.m. on June 26 at the Southfields Community Centre (225 Dougall Avenue). The last is being held at 7 p.m. on July 12 at the Caledon East Community Complex.

Caledon's Fire Chief Dave Forfar said it doesn't matter what someone's full-time career or profession is; they can still become a volunteer firefighter and help their community.

"When you join our team you are also gaining a family. You're learning more about your community, helping to keep your family and friends safe, and you receive valuable medical and fire training," said Forfar. "I encourage anyone interested to attend an information session and find out more about helping keep our community safe."

Interested parties can begin applying on June 15, the day after the first information session. The final date to apply is July 13, the day after the final information session.

Those interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer firefighter and attending an information session can visit caledon.ca/fire-recruitment.