

## Testimonial – Creston Fire Rescue Work Experience Program

To those that seek the dream career of becoming a Firefighter,

From being from the East, for example; Ontario. We do not have “Work Experience Programs” in the Fire Services. I could not explain how grateful I was to be part of the 2016-2017 Work Experience Program. From self development to real life emergencies on duty and off, I was tested to my limit. The mentors and resources that surround the department enhances your ability to excel and achieve personnel goals. I was thankful for that every day when waking up for truck checks. Instilling confidence on your choices and decisions was very important throughout the year. I carry that now for the rest of my life and career now. I thank the Chief, Assistant Chief, Captains, and the other Paid-On Call Firefighters for that. When you devote and commit all your time to achieve your dream, you learn to sacrifice which I believe is very important in the Fire Services. Some candidates experience this in different ways. My point is, this program will absolutely assist you in developing your true potential. It offers resources that are very important such as; resume & cover letter assistance, interview preparation, tools & equipment handling, health and fitness, and most importantly teamwork. There will always be emergencies and non-emergencies throughout your career, that will not stop. I believe the most important aspect of the job is how you present yourself on-duty or off-duty. You will always represent yourself, your community, your team, and your department. Every department is different, we must respect every aspect of it. They will train you accordingly. But how you act the first day will pave your way to becoming the best firefighter you can be. This runs throughout my mind everyday. I thank the Creston Fire Work Experience Program for that. I recommend this program to any candidate seeking an edge towards the Fire Services. Its way more than training, knowledge, problem solving, and exams. It’s the confidence you develop through life experience throughout the workplace. Being able to explain this through interviews and incorporating your experiences in answering the question will not only further your process but it will get you hired.

I thank the past W.E.P Firefighters for mentoring us at the beginning of the program for their knowledge and directions.

It was the best decision I’ve ever made

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