

It was truly and honor to serve the town of Creston as a member of the 2015-2016 Creston Fire Rescue WEP. Growing up in a city, I really had no opportunity to enhance my skills, learn new skills and to serve the community as a Volunteer Firefighter. When I came across the recruitment information for the Creston Fire Rescue WEP, I applied right away. I was one of the 5 fortunate individuals selected and when I found out, I was ecstatic. I was treated like family from the moment I walked through the door of the department. The members Creston Fire Rescue truly make it a great department to be a part of.

I learned so many new skills and the Firefighter role to its fullest extent through being immersed in it. Living with my WEP class 24/7 was an excellent experience as it helps with team building as well as how to deal with difficult situations. The daily routine schedule which includes; truck checks, equipment checks, cleaning, training, fire prevention, education, hall tours, etc., was amazing and prepares you for your career. Running fire, rescue, medical, and hazardous materials calls gives you the opportunity to use the skills that you learn and work as a team to achieve success. Responding to these emergencies also allows you to work with the other emergency service agencies such as BCAS, RCMP and surrounding area fire departments which was a great experience. You will also learn and practice for fire recruitment processes which will help you to succeed.

I strongly recommend this program to anyone who is serious and passionate about becoming a Firefighter. This program will give you the edge over other candidates in the Firefighter recruitment process. You will have the opportunity to work with some of the finest people and Firefighters that will mentor you and shape you into the Firefighter you want to become.

Thank you, Chief Moore, Assistant Chief Riel, Captain Graham and all members of Creston Fire Rescue for accepting me as part of the team and helping me to learn and grow as a person and as a Firefighter.

Ben Taylor – Firefighter (City of Fredericton)

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