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Now you can be a “firefighter for a day”

Who hasn't looked at firefighters in action and thought, just for a minute, "I'd like to do that." Now folks from the Branson community have the chance to become a firefighter for a day. Two community members will get to explore a career beyond their normal work day and serve as a Branson Firefighter during a 24 hour shift.

"We hope to use this opportunity to allow people from the community to experience a day in the life of a firefighter," said Captain Paul Harkins. "When selected, these 'Recruit Firefighters' will report to duty at 7 a.m., be issued firefighter protective bunker gear, and participate in activities for the next 24 hours – our typical shift."

These new 'recruits' will perform daily fire apparatus and safety equipment checks, participate in fire and rescue training evolutions, explore fire prevention topics, and take the ride of a lifetime in the fire apparatus as they respond to emergency fire and rescue incidents across the community.

"They will also get to experience some good fire house cooking as they discover firefighters life in the fire station for a full twenty-four hour shift – every third day," said firefighter Kory Klein.

To enter your name in the drawing for these two special positions, stop by any fire station to register before March 1. Registrations will also be taken at the fire department's booth at the 14th Annual Branson Tri-Lakes Home Show in the Branson Convention Center February 26-28. Applicants must be 18 years of age. For more information, call Fire Station #1 at 337-8508 or visit our web site at www.bransonmo.gov/fire.