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# NEWS RELEASE

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### **Sedalia Fire Department Establishes Firefighter I & II Class**

**(SEDALIA, MISSOURI):** The City of Sedalia Fire Department will be offering Firefighter I & II classes starting in September of this year and continuing through late March of 2016. One of the objectives when the new headquarters facility was designed was to have the ability to provide training to not only department members but also to outside agencies.

Over the past several years it has become more and more difficult to recruit and retain firefighters that have received their required training in other regions of the state. The department's goal by offering this training is to give local citizens who are interested in a fire service career the opportunity to get the training that is required to be eligible to test with the Sedalia Fire Department. It is our hope that by attracting local residents we will have a better chance of recruiting and retaining good firefighters and not losing them to other departments.

The classes will be taught at the new Headquarters station on west Sixteenth Street. The department has twelve state certified instructors who will be teaching the classes. Class schedules will be two evenings per week and a minimum of two Saturdays per month.

Students who successfully complete the class will be eligible to test for the internationally recognized certification, regulated by the State of Missouri Division of Fire Safety and the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

The cost of the class is set at \$1,200.00 per student, which includes all textbooks, log book, a polo shirt and some tee shirts. Students will be required to purchase a pair of 9 Pkt. uniform pants and must provide a full set of turnout gear. For those students who do not have access to the turnout gear we are in contact with a company from which they can rent the gear. At the very most, students should be able to attend the classes for no more than \$2,100.00.

The department has made every effort to keep the cost as low as possible and schedule classes so students can train without having to leave their current employment.

To achieve the Fire Department's goal of this program being self-sustaining, a minimum enrollment of 10 students is needed. As of April 1, 2015, the Sedalia Fire Department has had 16 letters of intent submitted. The application period started on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Anyone interested in information about the class should contact Firefighter Daniel Shaw by calling 660-826-8044.