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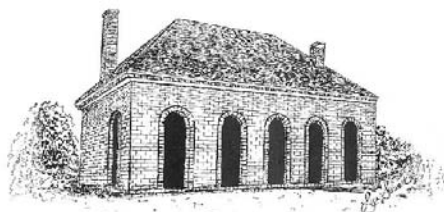
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**HANOVER COUNTY FIRE/EMS PROVIDES GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

If you're a high school underclassman who would like to become a firefighter or EMT, Hanover County Fire/EMS has an exciting opportunity for you.

Through a partnership with J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and Hanover Public Schools, Hanover Fire/EMS will again offer Firefighter 1 and 2 and EMT Basic classes at Hanover High School in the 2011-12 school year.

"These classes give students the chance to experience what an Emergency Medical Technician and/or a Firefighter has to know and do," said Chris Hubbard, Battalion Chief in the Division of Training for Hanover Fire/EMS. "They are taught by some of our best Fire and EMS instructors."

Those who complete the program will graduate from high school with the basic training needed to be a firefighter or an EMT, whether as a volunteer or as a full-time career.

"It will certainly give them a boost if they are interested in a career in EMS or as a firefighter," Hubbard said. Graduates will qualify to test for State certification in EMT-Basic and/or Firefighter 1 and 2.

Graduates of these classes also will earn college credit and their registration fees and books for related classes at JSRCC will be paid for by Hanover Fire/EMS.

The Firefighter and EMT-Basic classes are two separate courses which are electives. Students do not have to take both courses. They will be bused to one location for the classes.

Students must be at least a junior and have parental written permission to enroll.

The Firefighter course also will have a few Saturday classes which will be taught at the Hanover County Fire/EMS Training Center on Winston Road west of Ashland. Students will be bused to the Fire Training Center as needed for the Saturday classes.

Graduates also earn CPR certification from the American Safety and Health Institute. After graduation they will be able to run calls, provided they are at least 18 years of age (or younger with parental permission.)

If you would like to know more about this program or enroll, call your school's counselor or the Fire/EMS Division of Training at 798-7864.

Hanover Fire/EMS is a combination volunteer/paid department that includes approximately 160 paid and over 700 volunteer personnel. They ran more than 20,000 calls last year.

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