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HEADLINE: CPS High School Graduates Join BCFPD’s Inaugural Summer Recruit Training Program

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, May 19, 2017 — Columbia Public Schools’ Columbia Area Career Center and the Boone County Fire Protection District are proud to announce the selection of Hickman High School graduates, Hunter Damron and Wyatt Dawdy for the BCFD’s inaugural Summer Recruit Training Program.

Ms. Damron and Mr. Dawdy completed Emergency Medical Technician training at CACC and will continue their education with firefighting in the Summer Recruit Training Program. The students participating in the program will live at a fire station and respond to emergencies throughout Boone County.

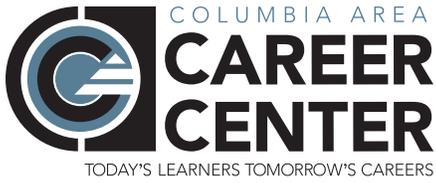
“The Boone County Fire Protection District is excited to start a summer recruit program for candidates who have the availability to do daytime training,” states BCFPD Captain Darren Day. “The fire district is hopeful that this will allow an additional stream of volunteers for our residency program. We rely on residents to live at the fire stations and respond to emergencies promptly. We are also excited to join forces with the Columbia Area Career Center EMT program both in funneling potential volunteers into the fire district as well as in joint recruitment efforts. Their EMT program is a great way for young students to receive Emergency Medical Technician training while in high school. Programs such as CACC’s EMT class open doors for high school students who may want to explore the medical profession and teach them life skills in how to respond to a medical emergency they may encounter.”

Mr. Phelps, CACC’s EMT instructor, is in his first year with CPS. He continues to build community relationships to promote student employment. “Here at Columbia Area Career Center our Mission is ‘Preparing Today’s Learners for Tomorrow’s Careers,” comments Mr. Phelps. “Our partnership with Boone County Fire Protection District allows for these two to become local heroes right out of high school. The EMS/fire/law enforcement family welcomes them with open arms. Nunquam Non-Paratus!”



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[Photo included, from left to right Ms. Jeaniene Thompson, CACC Assistant Director; Mr. Darren Day, BCFPD Captain; Mr. Wyatt Dawdy, BCFPD Recruit; Ms. Hunter Damron, BCFPD Recruit; Mr. Chris Phelps, CACC EMT Instructor; Dr. Brandon Russell, CACC Assistant Director]



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