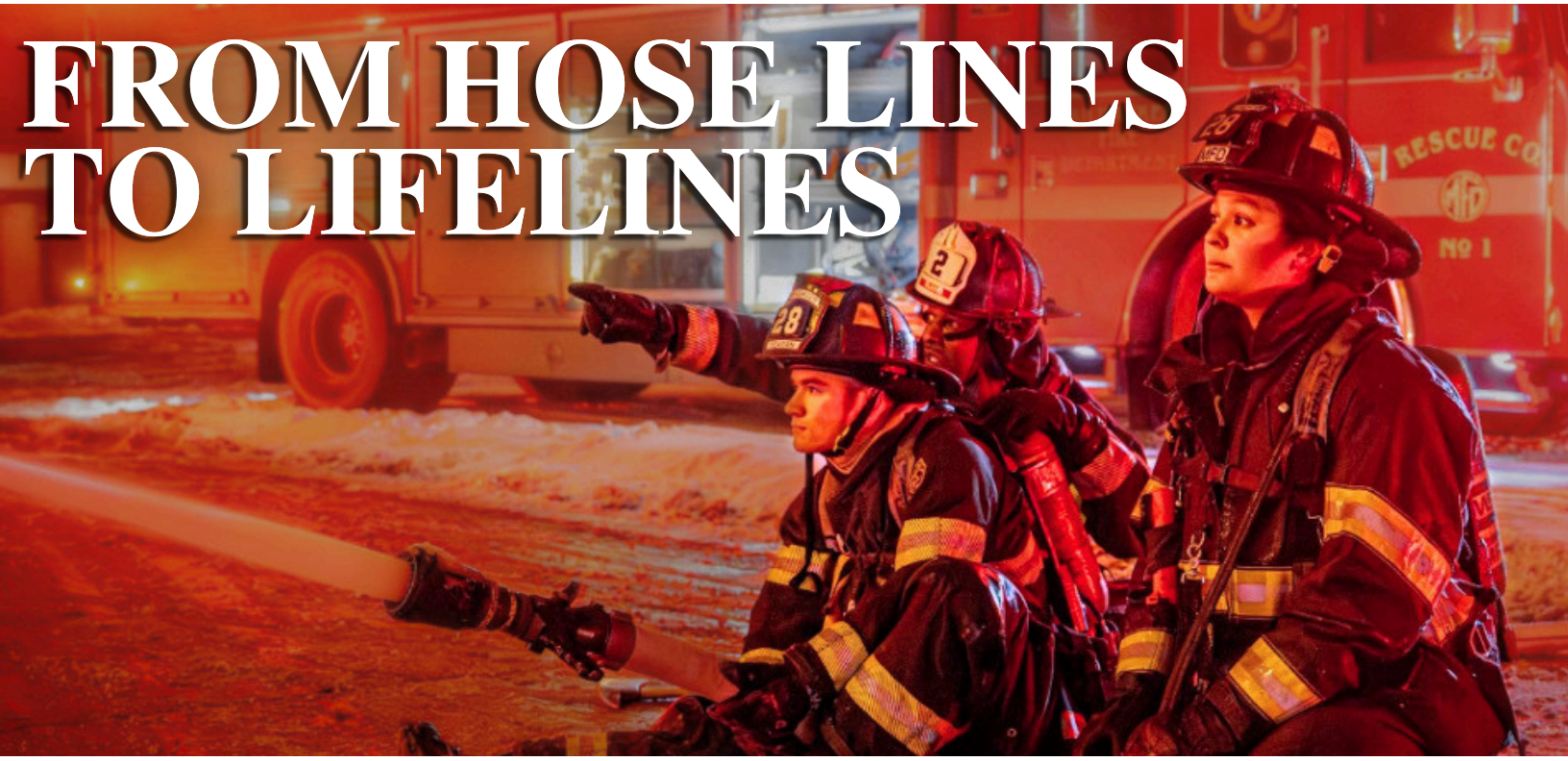
MILWAUKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FROM HOSE LINES TO LIFELINES

For our most recent interview we spoke with Kylie, a Paramedic Firefighter and registered nurse.

MEET KYLIE MILLER



You're a Nurse and a Firefighter. Did you obtain your degree while employed at the department?

"Yes. It was right after my probationary year. I applied for the bridge program at WCTC. I was able to go though that and used my tuition reimbursement from the fire department to cover a good chunk of my tuition."



So you were drawn more to the medical side of Firefighting?

"Yeah, I think the fire seemed less scary once that became more real. I actually was planning on going into nursing school, so the recruiter explained the medical side and the scope of practice you have as a paramedic."

You mentioned the medical portion was easier for you. Did you ever help other people get through it?

"As far as the medical side– studying and knowing the bookwork, there's actually been a really big push within the last year to help out the cadets that are struggling. There's a group of 5-6 of us, that have been specifically asked to come back and help.

If a candidate wants to do this and be a paramedic, nothing's stopping them."

"That's kind of what I want to highlight. You do have all these resources. There is a framework that will help push you. There are lot of great teachers. People with a wealth of knowledge that are open to sharing it."



What would you say to someone who wants to be a Firefighter but isn't confident they're capable of it for whatever reason?

"I would say to reach out to the recruiters! They can set you up to talk with more people. Just hearing more stories of people on the job, same self-doubts, and the strides they took to get where they are. **Don't just assume you can't do something because it looks out of your scope.** I never thought I would be doing this, but here I am 7 years later."



Upcoming Fit Camp Dates

Fit camps are workout sessions in which candidates can meet with MFD firefighters and complete physical conditioning to prepare for the CPAT/PAT, the fire academy, and everyday firefighting tasks. They are hosted at Station 5 at:

1313 W Reservoir Ave, Milwaukee, 53205

Orientation for Fire Cadets to be announced. Candidates will get demonstrations, be able to speak to Fire cadets and Firefighters and FPC staff.

Interested in Joining the Milwaukee Fire Department?

If you would like to be notified when the position reopens please text the word "Firefighter" to (414) 519-6190.

Contact FPC for additional information/questions or for additional assistance in the process by texting (414) 519-6190 or emailing fpcjobs@milwaukee.gov.