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## Plano Fire Department to Hold Exam for Firefighter Eligibility List

The Plano Fire Department will hold an entrance examination for the Fire Rescue Specialist position on Monday, Sept. 27, 2010 at 6 p.m. at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway.

Recent changes approved by the Civil Service Commission allow the fire department to require an applicant to have only a high school diploma and 30 college hours to be eligible to take the test.

Previously the Plano Fire Department required applicants to hold both a firefighter certification from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and an Emergency Medical Technician certification from the Texas Department of State Health Services. In addition, applicants were required to have a high school diploma and have completed 30 college hours to be eligible to take the entrance examination.

“It is our hope that with these changes the number of applicants taking our tests will increase,” said Assistant Chief Dan Thompson who heads the Personnel Division. “We are aware that the requirement that they hold a firefighters certification has greatly limited the number of enthusiastic and interested candidates.”

Those hired from this test will be sent to Collin College’s Fire Academy to receive their firefighter and EMT training and certification while employed by the Plano Fire Department. While Plano does not currently have any new positions for Fire Rescue Specialist, this list will remain active for one year to fill positions due to retirements and promotions.

Interested persons must complete pre-registration questionnaires found at [www.planofire.org](http://www.planofire.org). The questionnaire must be received in the Civil Service Office of the City of Plano’s Human Resource Department, 1520 Ave K, Suite 130, no later than 12 noon on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010.

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