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## **Beverly Hills Fire Department Empowerment Camp Returns for a Second Year**

*The Two-Day Camp Will Take Place October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>*

**Beverly Hills, CA** – The Beverly Hills Fire Department (BHFD) will bring its Empowerment Camp back October 14<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> to give teens an opportunity to experience hands-on firefighting exercises, training, and leadership opportunities for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.

“Our Beverly Hills Fire Department and the City of Beverly Hills is committed to uplifting and empowering this next generation of great leaders,” said Beverly Hills Mayor Dr. Gold. “We want to inspire all young people in their journey of becoming firefighters.”

The camp will be held in-person at the Beverly Hills Fire Department at 445 N Rexford Dr. Women who are 18 and older and actively pursuing a career in firefighting are encouraged to apply as a mentor instructor.

“We are fortunate to have had so many curious young adults participate in our hands-on training, getting a close glimpse of what our women and men do to protect our community,” said Beverly Hills Fire Chief Greg Barton. “We look forward to welcoming the class of 2023!”

“We had such a great turnout last year,” said Melissa Hillis, BHFD Fire Engineer. “The teens really pushed themselves and made us all proud. Our department is a huge proponent of improving gender diversity and increasing community ties, so we’re welcoming all curious minds this year who are aligned in our mission.”

Registration for residents will open on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. and is free. Registration will stay open until the camp is filled. To register, visit [beverlyhills.org/empowermentcamp](https://beverlyhills.org/empowermentcamp) or for questions please email [FiredUp@beverlyhills.org](mailto:FiredUp@beverlyhills.org)

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