Illinois Fire Museum

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How should submit cover letters and resumes? E-Mail attachments

General description of agency:
Take a step back in time and see antique fire service memorabilia and then experience its modern equipment at the Illinois Fire Museum. The museum, located in a fire station built in 1938, houses an authentic 1857 horse drawn hand pumper, complete with water buckets. The antique pumper is parked next to a shiny brass fire pole once used by state fairgrounds firefighters. A fully restored 1939 Diamond T Pumper, donated by the Beardstown Fire Department has also taken up residence at the museum. Open to the public since 1994 by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Illinois Fire Museum is also home to one of the nation's largest fire department patch collections. The exhibit includes patches from throughout Illinois, the United States and some foreign countries. Additionally, real fire scene photos, fire helmets, antique and contemporary uniforms, call boxes, nozzles, pike poles and fire extinguishers each have their own story to tell as they decorate the walls and exhibits of the museum. Children can test their fire safety knowledge in the children's interactive, educational computer room. Here, children learn about hazards in the home, fire safety behaviors and tips on how to react if a fire does occur.

Internship or Job Description:
The Illinois Fire Museum is looking for an intern to help with research, improve exhibits, develop marketing materials, create tours and in general help to improve this small, but interesting museum. Currently the museum is open by appointment only, but would like to resume regular hours of operation.

Hours per week: 10-20
Number of weeks: 8-16
Position available: summer, fall and spring

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