Hibbing Fire Department hosts Fire/EMS Exploring Post

A great opportunity for high school students to explore careers

The pandemic.

Members of the Hibbing Fire Department presented to students on Wednesday about careers in Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The event was the first night of an Exploring Post offered through the Hibbing Bluejacket Career Academy at the high school.

Hibbing Fire Department Blujacket Career Academy's Director Mike Brown said the event was the first night of a Fire/Emergency Services Exploring Post, offered through the Bluejacket Career Academy at the high school under the umbrella of Boy Scouts of America. Students from the surrounding school districts were extended an invitation to participate.

Derek Harren, an engineer and paramedic with the Hibbing Fire Department and Emergency Services, said, "Especially with the pandemic, there are very few non-U.S.-based employers that pay competitive pay and benefit packages to first responders. So with the Babbitt clinic, it made a lot of sense."

"We're trying to create a pipeline for people who want to work in the fields of emergency medical services, fire services, and EMS," Harren said. "If they want to explore this career path or if they are just interested in a position where they are helping people, this is the perfect place to start."

The clinic, which was closed due to the pandemic, has re-opened doors after two years. "It's been a long time coming, and we're excited to be back serving the community," Jonas said. "We're looking forward to seeing our patients again and providing the care they need."