

Firefighter Malakai Szczepaniak

The Town of Cicero Fire Department



A group of Bradley Volunteers from left to right: Bryan Santowski, Emily Godin, Simon Goskowicz, Malakai Szczepaniak and Jack Girard



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Try something new and volunteer, it may change your life, it definitely changed mine.

I started volunteering for WPFD in 2011 when I was a sophomore at Bradley. At first, I didn't know what I was getting myself into, but I loved every minute from the start. I gained so much knowledge about emergency services and myself. From hands-on experience in the fire service, to learning how to lead and manage through stressful situations, nothing, and I mean nothing prepared me more for a career after college than my time at WPFD did.

Whether you choose to become a full time firefighter, or actually use your degree for it's intended purposes, fully involving yourself in this organization will teach you skills you didn't know you could learn. Volunteering, especially on a fire department, will make you more marketable to both public and private employers. So if you're on the fence about signing up, trust me, do it. Get involved, make a difference, and accelerate your future.



Facility/Safety Engineer Will Jacob

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Industrial Engineering



Jacob mans a hoseline during a drill.

I joined West Peoria as a junior in college. After graduating from Bradley in May, I secured a job in the area and I continue to be a volunteer for West Peoria. I've met many different people and made many friends throughout my time at West Peoria. The skills and experiences you will get from being on West Peoria Fire Department will help you no matter what career path you choose.

The above former Bradley students are representative of four decades of volunteers. There have been hundreds of volunteers from Bradley over the years. Including former US Congressman Bob Michel. Michel was one of the first Bradley students to volunteer, serving WPFD from 1941-1942. Bradley's Student Center is named after him.