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Fire department toughens standards

Winter Park Fire Department is to make it tougher for recruits to join and will insist on new members having Emergency Medical Technician certificates.

The Civil Service Board was told Tuesday by Fire Chief Mike Molthop that no one had ever failed the entry examination.

"It is utterly ridiculous. Has it anything to do with the high turnover," queried board chairman, Jim Moreland.

"Up until recently we didn't require minimum standards. I

am going to ask that EMT certification be introduced. They should have this knowledge. It will eliminate a lot of people who go through by the skin of their teeth. They will now have to have EMT certification," said Molthop.

There are three vacancies in the fire department and Molthop wants to fill two of them immediately.

Seven applicants were interviewed Tuesday and a decision on which are to be hired is expected shortly.