

SWIC Fire Science Program Students To Learn On Donated Fire Truck

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BELLEVILLE - Retired Fairview Heights firefighter Daniel Lougeay of Marissa, has made an in-kind donation of a fire truck to the Southwestern Illinois College [Fire Science Program](#). The 1963 retired fire engine will be used by fire science students to learn how to operate a fire hose pump, as well as other things.

“Being able to help the next generation of firefighters become the best they can be, not only for themselves but for the safety of the public is what matters,” said Lougeay. “It also feels good to be able to contribute to one of the best fire science programs in our area.

Lougeay bought the truck from the Willisville Fire Department in 2002 and used it for parades and antique fire truck shows. The truck will be located at the SWIC Clay

Baitman Fire Science Center, located at 1521 Freeburg Ave. in Belleville, where all the fire science courses are offered. The fire science program graduates more than 30 firefighters annually.

“We really appreciate the donation of the fire truck to our program,” said SWIC Fire Science Program Coordinator and Daniel’s son, Curt Lougeay. “Having the ability to provide real-world learning opportunities for our students is extremely important and with the addition of this new equipment, we can ensure we are placing well-educated and prepared firefighters out in our communities.”

SWIC offers a two-year, 66-semester-credit Associate in Applied Science degree in Fire Science with two options and 11 certificate programs

For more information on the Fire Science Program contact Program Coordinator Curt Lougeay at 618-234-5138 or curt.lougeay@swic.edu or for information on how to donate to SWIC visit swic.edu/community/foundation/ways-to-give/.

Donated Fire Truck — Retired Fairview Heights firefighter Daniel Lougeay of Marissa, right, and son, Southwestern Illinois College SWIC Fire Science Program Coordinator Curt Lougeay, stand with the donated the 1963 Fire Engine that Daniel donated to the SWIC Fire Science Program. The truck will be used by fire science students for hands-on learning at the SWIC Fire Science Center located at 1521 Freeburg Ave. in Belleville.