



BERWYN FIRE FIGHTERS UNION

LOCAL 506

International Association of Fire Fighters
Affiliated with AFL-CIO-CLC
Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois

Brothers and Sisters,

Berwyn Firefighters Local 506 is looking for the assistance of our fellow Union members in the formation of a **Silver Spanner** eligibility list of professional and qualified Paramedics to fill in our roster on a temporary basis. Effective June 1, 2010, the City of Berwyn will terminate the EMS contract with Paramedic Services of Illinois and staff our ambulances with professional Firefighter/Paramedics.

The City of Berwyn and Berwyn Firefighters Local 506 agree that it is the objective of this agreement to provide the citizens of Berwyn with the highest quality emergency fire suppression and Advanced Life Support (ALS) services. The parties further agree that this objective can be best ensured by staffing the Department with full time sworn certificated personnel certified as FF II and EMT-P who are hired from eligibility lists established by open competitive examination.

In an effort to make this transition as smooth as possible and to upgrade the quality of care we provide to the citizens of Berwyn, we will create a **Silver Spanner** list. The list will provide certified, sworn personnel to fill in some of the vacancies on a temporary basis until we achieve the required number of personnel it will take to staff three ALS ambulances. This will be accomplished by utilizing existing Berwyn Firefighter/Paramedics, training existing members and through the changing of the hiring standards to require future applicants to be certified Paramedics.

To apply for the **Silver Spanner** list, you must be a Certified EMT-P with a minimum of 18 months experience as a certified paramedic. Berwyn works in Loyola Hospital's EMS system and is part of EMS Region VIII.

Following the application process with Berwyn Firefighters Local 506 and the Berwyn Fire Department, eligible applicants will be scheduled to fill the vacant slots as dictated by the agreement between the Union and the City of Berwyn and be paid at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

This action has been taken with the full knowledge, cooperation and approval of our District Vice President, Danny Fortuna and AFFI President Pat Devaney. Berwyn Firefighters Local 506 is respectfully requesting assistance from our brothers and sisters. Union members shall not be held in violation of local union by-laws. We thank you in advance for your assistance, your time, and your dedication in helping to maintain our professional standards.

Sincerely,

Thomas Hayes

President

Berwyn Firefighters Local #506

Danny Fortuna

AFFI 1st District Vice President