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  “Your experience here will be unlike anywhere else in this area,” he adds.

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  Puddings and cakes feature our signature Dove chocolate mousse.

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Homebased Interns are Fired Up

In a moment of crisis, you’d want interns like Fortunato Damiano and Sean McBride to come to your rescue. These firefighters possess profound expertise and integrity that has been bolstered by their training in our Fire Department’s newest program. And by the way... they are your neighbors, homebased right here in Palm Coast.

Fortunato and Sean are two members of a new City of Palm Coast Fire Department internship program that addresses department growth and retention. Several years ago, Deputy Fire Chief Jerry Forte discovered that some of our career firefighters were resigning from their jobs to go back to fight fires in their hometowns. He worked to develop an innovative plan, recruiting volunteer firefighters who reside in Palm Coast as an internal source to fill vacancies within the department at the entry level.

Here’s how it works. Candidates first apply as volunteers to learn the operational and educational requirements needed to advance within the system. Next, after applying and being accepted for the internship program, they are assigned to one of the department’s career lieutenants for training and advancement. Upon successful completion of their educational requirements and certification as a Firefighter II and EMT, they are eligible for the next career opening, based on a point system and their training time.

“When you grow your own, there’s no guessing about the character of the people you’re hiring,” Jerry notes. He feels the best place to find dedicated career people with the permanent sense of duty to protect our community is right here. And he knows that Fortunato and Sean now possess these essentials for success to confront emergencies in Palm Coast.

The program has become a win-win for residents and firefighters. “Working in my own community makes me feel that now I am the best ‘me’,” Sean says. Fortunato savors the rush he feels when he’s called to an emergency. “When I’m helping my fellow residents, I just know I’m living the life I was meant to live.”

And the crowning achievement of all? The Palm Coast Fire Department’s Internship Program was recently recognized by the Northeast Florida Regional Council with the Regional Award for Excellence in Public Safety. This distinguished honor is presented to a venture that models cooperation and success in planning and growth management. This is a fitting tribute to the men and women who serve our City as firefighters/EMTs and to a community that endorses innovation.