

Chief Hildebrand reports that ^{with} ~~the~~ addition of some fire fighting personnel ^{who} ~~are~~ have returned from vacation, an additional fire station was open ^{ed} last night and that two more will be open ^{ed} today. ~~Other stations will be open ^{ed} as additional men become available.~~ 235 now are ~~staying~~ on the job.

2. More than 200 of the ^{men} ~~Firemen~~ on strike have less than 5 years of service. Of these approximately 100 have been in the Fire Department less than twelve months ~~and still are on probation.~~ 19 were employed within the past 30 days.

1. Practically all of the Firemen ~~who are~~ staying on the job are experienced men with more than five years of service. This ~~fact~~ makes the rebuilding job easier.

Already the City Personnel Department is examining applicants for fire fighting jobs. Five men were examined Labor Day. As news of the many job opportunities becomes known throughout the State, I expect large numbers of applicants. Fortunately the loyal Firemen who are staying on the job have pledged to work as many hours overtime as necessary until we recruit a sufficient number of men to restore normal working hours.

3. Now is ^{the} ~~an~~ excellent time for young men seeking a career in fire fighting to apply to the Personnel Department. The starting pay of \$403 a month will advance January 1, 1967, to at least \$438. Uniforms are furnished. Automatic salary increases are granted annually for five years. After ~~that~~, three longevity increases are granted, one each five years for men not promoted in the meantime.

~~One of the Present Captains~~
Captain J. W. Martin's present pay is \$612 a month. January 1, it will go to \$693, and ultimately it will advance to ~~\$765~~ ^{\$743}, or \$9,432 a year. Opportunities for promotion exceed those in other City departments because of the large number of officers required.

Firemen get 20 days vacation yearly and are allowed 30 days sick leave.

The retirement benefits are outstanding. Under the pay rates to become effective January 1, 1967, the City's retirement plan will provide more than \$350 pension at age 55 for the average Fire Private plus generous benefits for his widow and dependent children. Of course, an officer receives a larger pension. Also, every Fireman is eligible for membership in the Georgia Firemen's Retirement plan which provides \$75 a month at age 60.

Hospitalization and life insurance are available at group rates.

A Fireman in uniform even has free transportation on the public transit system.

There are no residence requirements.

Applicants ages 18 to 35 should report to the City Personnel Department at 260 Central Avenue, S. W. Men with fire fighting experience will be considered up to age 40.