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## MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE: FIREFIGHTERS IN BLOOMINGTON, IL

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What do firefighters do when they are not fighting fires? This presentation will show a behind the scenes look at the life of the firefighters on one particular shift. The focus will be on the variety of tasks that are performed at the station and how the firefighters incorporate the activities of daily life, such as eating meals and sleeping, into their 24 hour shift.