



Spokane County Fire District 9

Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment

Additional Opportunities

FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

Spokane County Fire District 9's mission is *to serve the public by providing efficient and effective protection of life and property from the adverse effects of fire, medical emergencies, and other hazardous situations*. One of the many avenues leading to this high level of service is to provide enriching and challenging opportunities for volunteer firefighters. Our foundation is the traditional volunteers – neighbors helping neighbors. Our building blocks are individuals who join for many compelling reasons – one of which is to gain experience toward a career in the fire service.

RESIDENT VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

The Resident Volunteer Firefighter Program is designed to enhance volunteer firefighter staffing, augment staffing on career fire companies, and to prepare individuals for a career in the fire service. Applicants for the Resident Program must meet the eligibility requirements for Volunteer Firefighter and must have completed Basic Firefighter I training, EVAP classroom training, Haz Mat Ops training, and be currently certified as a Washington State EMT and Wildland Firefighter 2 (some temporary exceptions may be allowed). Volunteers who are accepted into the resident program are assigned a station to be their primary residence, and they run calls with career and volunteer companies. Fire Stations 91, 92, 93 and 94 have four (4) resident volunteer positions at each station. Residents are required to be at the station available for immediate response with the career company for a specified number of twelve (12) hour periods each month. A Senior Resident at each station is assigned additional duties providing opportunities to exercise leadership skills.

PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL TEAMS

After successfully completing probation, volunteers are eligible to apply for membership in special teams and attend supplemental training. Each team has additional training requirements including attendance at additional monthly training sessions. Special Teams are:

- Technical Rescue Team (TRT)
- Fire Investigation Task Force (FITF)

CAREER PATH VOLUNTEERS

Fire District 9 volunteers interested in a fire service career have ample opportunities to gain the training, experience and certifications necessary to become “marketable” in this highly competitive field. In fact, the majority of our career firefighters began their profession as volunteer firefighters. The opportunities do not end there – our employees also continue to meet their goals; some becoming paramedics, some becoming officers, and others becoming leaders in the areas of training and special operations.