



Spokane County Fire District 9

Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment

Program Overview

Role of the Volunteer & Expectations

THE ROLE OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

Volunteer firefighters respond to emergency calls and work as part of a team whose members are expected to proficiently conduct a wide range of firefighting, EMS or support tasks and assignments.

- ❑ Volunteers at rural stations are often the first on the scene. All firefighters must be able to quickly identify the hazards and immediate needs of an incident, and then take appropriate action on calls such as ...
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - Fires (wildland, structure, vehicle, etc...)
 - Hazardous Materials and other Hazardous Conditions
- ❑ Volunteers work with career firefighters to provide sustained fire attack on major structure and wildland fires; they may be called to assist with EMS and rescue calls; and they serve in support roles such as overhaul, salvage, mop-up and traffic control.
 - The District attempts to maximize the effective use of volunteers during all emergency incidents when feasible.
- ❑ Volunteers participate in public education programs and community events.
- ❑ Volunteers with specific wildland certifications may offer their services when teams are requested to respond on mobilizations. These are temporary positions paid through the state or other jurisdictional agency and require a 4-14 day commitment.
- ❑ Volunteers may respond with other career companies when prior arrangements (sign-up) are made with the career officer.

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER (PER SOP1201)

- ❑ Training obligations within the first year:
 - Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification.
 - Emergency Vehicle Incident Prevention (EVIP) class, “rodeo” and road course.
 - Hazardous Materials Response at the Awareness and Responder levels.
 - NWCG Wildland Firefighter 2 (FFT2) “Red Card” (State Department of Natural Resources Certification)
- ❑ Attend weekly drills (50% attendance minimum) – missed EMS Ongoing Training and Evaluation Program (OTEP) training sessions require make-up.
 - May attend drills at other stations to “make-up” missed training
- ❑ Respond to alarms (10% of annual or 24 alarms per individual station, whichever is less).