

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 18 years of age. 17 year olds who will reach 18 years of age by the conclusion of their academy may be considered.
- Be in good physical condition.
- Reside inside the Fire District and in the geographical area of your District station. (You may live outside the District boundaries **IF** you work within the District and your employer notifies the District of their willingness to allow you to respond to emergency calls during working hours.
- Complete back ground check.
- Take part in an oral interview and, if applying for the firefighter position, a physical abilities evaluation consisting of job-specific requirements will be given
- Successfully complete the Firefighter Recruit Academy.
- Attend at least 75% of regularly scheduled training drills held in a calendar quarter.
- Respond to emergency calls and participate in District events whenever possible.

FIREFIGHTER RECRUIT ACADEMY:

- ◇ Begins in February.
- ◇ Meet every Wednesday & every other Saturday through June.
- ◇ Combination of online and in-person learning.

OUR MISSION:

SERVE OUR COMMUNITY WITH PRIDE
AND PROFESSIONALISM

STATION LOCATIONS:



BUENA VISTA—STATION 40



PEDEE—STATION 70



AIRLIE—STATION 80



INDEPENDENCE/MONMOUTH
CENTRAL STATION—STATION 90

*BECOME A
VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER!*



SERVING
BECAUSE WE
CARE

BRIEF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER HISTORY

Benjamin Franklin co-established the first volunteer fire department in Philadelphia in 1736, called The Union Fire Company. The Company consisted of 30 associates. Soon this company became the standard for fire companies in the colonies. Historical figures that served as volunteer firefighters were George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Paul Revere, Alexander Hamilton, and many others! In 1818, women began serving as firefighters. The first recorded female volunteer was Molly Williams, a black slave.

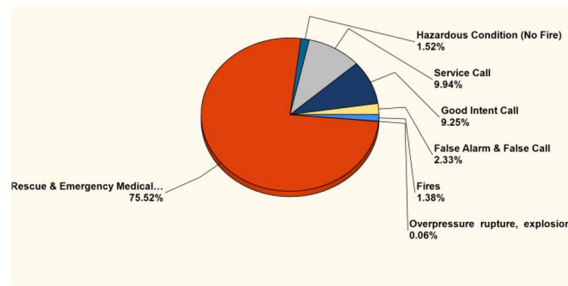
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER FACTS

- Volunteers comprise of 65% of firefighters in the United States.
- Of the total 29,452 fire departments in the country, 18,873 are all volunteer.
- Communities served by volunteer firefighters depend on them to be their first line of defense for many types of emergencies
- Oregon's percentage of volunteer firefighters that are female (16.5%) is higher than the national average of volunteer firefighters (11%).
- Polk County has had volunteer firefighters since the late 1800s!



DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Polk County Fire District No.1 is a combination Career & Volunteer Fire District comprised of four fire stations covering 185 sq. mi. serving a population of approximately 28,000 people in SE Polk County and Western Marion County.



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	50	1.38%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat - no fire	2	0.06%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	2727	75.52%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	55	1.52%
Service Call	359	9.94%
Good Intent Call	334	9.25%
False Alarm & False Call	84	2.33%
TOTAL	3611	100%

2019 & 2022 Named "Non-Profit or Organization of the Year" by

Monmouth Independence Chamber of Commerce

2022 Named "Fire District of the Year" by Oregon Fire District

Directors Association

- Advance Life-Support Ambulance
- Fire Suppression
- Heavy Extrication
- Fire/EMS Training
- Structural Plans Review and Inspections
- Fire Investigations
- Public Education Injury Prevention & Education
- Specialized Services

During 2022 the District answered 3,611 calls for service.

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

Those entering the firefighter recruit academy will receive practical hands-on experience as well as classroom style lectures covering such topics as;

- Fire Department Organization and Safety
- Fire Behavior
- Overhaul
- Personal Protective Equipment/SCBA
- Fire Hose, Appliances, and Streams
- Rescue
- Water Supplies
- Ventilation and Tools
- Fire Prevention and Building Construction

Recruits successfully completing the academy will meet or exceed the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard for Firefighter I.

For those volunteers not desiring to be a firefighter, specialty training will be provided.

VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES

Interior Firefighter & Non-Entry Firefighter:

Perform advanced firefighting work in preventing, combating, and extinguishing fires, and responding to a variety of emergency calls for service.

Special Services:

Providing Polk Fire support using a variety of skills with flexible attendance expectations.

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