

PROGRAM HISTORY

Polk County Fire District No. 1 has maintained a long-standing relationship with local colleges and universities to provide work experience opportunities for students enrolled in a fire service or pre-hospital care curriculum. It is the District's intent to aid individuals in developing the skills and acquiring the knowledge necessary for a fulfilling career in emergency services.

The resident program has traditionally been for students seeking their AAS Fire Science degree. However, as fire service demands continue to change, more students are extending their time in the program (2 year average) while continuing their education to obtain other fire and EMS related degrees.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Promote knowledge of the basic operating principles of fire and emergency medical services through day-to-day operations, hands on experience and high value training.

Assist the District with staffing, maintaining and operating various emergency apparatus.

Promote the social, intellectual and physical welfare of members and create a family atmosphere with closer association among its members by mutual endeavor and cooperation.

Provide experience, training and mentoring to assist resident with the skills and knowledge to obtain employment and succeed in a fire service career.

BENEFIT PACKAGE

- Rent free dorm style room shared with 2 other residents with use of kitchen and laundry facilities, computer, fax, printers, high speed internet, and fully equipped fitness facility.
- Hands-on training and emergency response experience that builds a skillful knowledge base that greatly enhances marketability for employment.
- Tuition reimbursement
- Access to various licensing and credentialing opportunities
- An excellent career placement record (better than 80%) with agencies such as Salem, Tualatin Valley, Portland, Clackamas, Vancouver, Tacoma, Seattle, and within Polk County Fire District No. 1.

Polk County Fire District No. 1



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Resident Volunteer Program



“Serving Because We Care”

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How To Become A Resident

1. Submit an application (www.polk1.org)
2. Selected applicants will be invited to a panel interview
3. Selected applicant will be extended a conditional offer
4. A background check will be completed that includes a review of the driving record
5. The successful candidate will be given a move in date and assigned to a shift.

Qualifications

Minimum Qualifications

- 18 years old by beginning of residency
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Possess a valid driver's license and be insurable by the District's insurance carrier

Desirable Qualifications

- Oregon EMT Basic License
- NFPA Firefighter I
- NFPA Driver
- NFPA Pump Operator
- HazMat Awareness and Operations

Expectations

- Be enrolled in and maintain full time status in an approved fire protection or EMS degree program.
- Obtain Oregon EMT license within 1 year of appointment.
- Obtain NFPA Firefighter 1 certification within 1 year of appointment.
- Maintain Polk County Fire District No. 1 residence quarters as primary physical residence.
- Serve a minimum one year probationary period.
- Be responsible for assigned duty shift except for illness, emergency or prearranged absences.
- Attend/participate in on/off duty Wednesday night fire drills and all drill/training events unless absence is prearranged.
- Respond to emergency calls both on and off duty.



District Demographics

Polk County Fire District No. 1 is a combination career/volunteer fire district that responds from four fire stations. The District covers 185 square miles, servicing a population of approximately 30,000 people in southeast Polk County and western Marion County. The District includes the urban and suburban areas of Monmouth and Independence, and the rural, farm and forest lands in surrounding unincorporated areas. The cities of Monmouth (Pop. 11,583) and Independence (Pop. 10,170) form the heart of the District, with the communities of Buena Vista, Suver, Airlie, and Pedee forming the rural areas.

The Fire District is a full-service emergency service delivery system providing:

- Fire suppression
- Injury prevention & education
- Fire investigations
- Structural plans review and inspections
- Fire and EMS training
- Advanced life-support ambulances
- Surface water rescue

Polk County Fire District No.1 is made up of four (4) administrative chiefs, fourteen (14) career positions, three (3) resident volunteers and fifty (50) volunteer firefighters and support team members.

During 2022, the District answered 3,611 calls for service including; 2,727 medical and rescue calls, 50 fires, 359 public service calls, 334 good intent calls and 84 false alarms.