

PROGRAM HISTORY

Polk County Fire District No. 1 has maintained a long-standing commitment to work with local colleges and universities in providing 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 an 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 in obtaining their AAS Paramedic and/or BS Fire Administration.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Promote knowledge of the basic operating principles of the fire and emergency medical service through day-to-day operations, hands on experience and actual classroom time.

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, cable TV, 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 credit or reimbursement.

Textbook/supplies credit or reimbursement

Volunteer incentives

An excellent career placement record (better than 90%) with agencies such as Salem, Tualatin Valley, Portland, Clackamas, Vancouver, Tacoma, Seattle, and Polk County Fire District No. 1 itself.

Polk County Fire District No. 1



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Resident Volunteer Program



Mission Statement

“Serving Because We Care”

www.polk1.org

How To Become A Resident

1. **Submit application.** (www.polk1.org)
2. Applicant will be called when an opening occurs.
3. Applicant will take part in a Chief's Interview .
4. Driving record and background check approved
5. Attend orientation meeting with program director



Qualifications

MINIMUM

- 18 years by beginning of residency
- High school diploma, G.E.D. or Certificate of Advanced Mastery
- Possess/obtain and maintain a valid driver's license that is insurable by the District's insurance carrier

DESIRABLE

- EMT Basic or higher
- Firefighter 1 or higher
- Pump Operator

Expectations

- Be enrolled in and maintain full time status in an approved fire protection or EMS degree program.
- Obtain Oregon EMT-B certification within 1 year of appointment.
- Obtain DPSST/NFPA Firefighter 1 certification within 1 year of appointment.
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA per term.
- Maintain Polk County Fire District No.1 residence quarters as primary physical address.
- Be responsible for assigned duty shifts 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.
- Participate in station tours, fire safety and EMS education classes, fire safety inspections, and other duties as assigned.



District Demographics

Polk County Fire District No.1 is a combination career/volunteer Fire District with four fire stations. The District covers 185 square miles, servicing a population of approximately 26,000 people in Southeast Polk County and Western Marion County. Designated land uses are varied ranging from urban and suburban areas of Monmouth and Independence, to rural, farm and forest lands in surrounding unincorporated areas. The cities of Monmouth (Pop. 9,855) and Independence (Pop. 9,340) form the heart of the District, with the communities of Buena Vista, Suver, Airlie, and Pedee forming the rural areas. Some of the major features of the District include Western Oregon University, Independence Airport, the Willamette River, small downtown areas, and city parks that host events.

The Fire District is an Emergency Service delivery system providing:

- Fire Suppression
- Basic Prevention/Education
- Fire Investigations
- Fire and EMS Training
- Advanced Life Support Ambulance
- Light Apparatus Maintenance
- Specialized Services

Polk County Fire District No.1 is made up of seventeen (17) career positions, nine (9) resident volunteers and sixty (60) volunteer members Fire/EMS/Support.

During 2017 the District answered 2,613 calls for service including; 1917 Medical/Rescue, 58 Fire, 45 Hazardous Condition, 1 Overpressure Rupture, 277 Public Service, 261 Good Intent, 51 False Alarms and 3 Special Incident Types.