

Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District Student Scholarship Program



About Us

Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District is a combination department serving an area over 240 square miles with an ambulance service area of approximately 2,000 square miles in scenic Central Oregon. The District provides structural and wildland fire suppression, fire prevention and education, and ambulance service to the community with advanced life support emergency medical services and rescue services. The department serves two communities (Sisters and Camp Sherman) and adjacent rural areas with a combined population of approximately 8,490 permanent residents out of four stations. Along with the resident population, the area is recognized nationally as a tourist destination and local events can draw as many as 20,000 tourists at a given time.

Current staffing includes: Fire Chief, Deputy Chief of Operations, part-time Finance Manager, Administrative Assistant, part-time Fire Safety Manager, three Shift Commander – Paramedics, six Firefighter Paramedics, seven students and approximately 45 volunteers.

The Sisters – Camp Sherman Fire District is dedicated in providing ongoing excellence in service. We are committed to ongoing training in the most advanced fire suppression techniques, basic and advanced life support emergency skills, as well as many additional emergency response skills that today's firefighters/paramedics must be prepared to utilize at any given time. The Department also focuses on providing education to children on how to prevent accidents, how to use seatbelts, and how to be safe when home alone.



Resident Volunteer Program Goals

The intent of the Resident Volunteer Program is to 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. You will learn the principles of firefighting, fire prevention, fire control, rescue and emergency medical services. Promoting the social intellectual and physical welfare of members and creating a family atmosphere and closer association among its members by mutual endeavor and cooperation is our goal. You will staff, maintain and operate different types of firefighting and emergency medical equipment to assist in your education.

Resident Volunteer Expectations

As a resident volunteer, you will reside within District housing unless approved by the Deputy Chief of Operations. You will be assigned to a shift after completion of a NFPA Entry Level Firefighter Academy. You will learn side-by-side with the career staff on your assigned shift in the performance of daily shift duties and you will be an integral part of the district's emergency crews. You will train by performing medical and firefighting tasks on the emergency scene up to your level of certification. You will attend all scheduled training drills, including volunteer drills and respond to all fire and medical calls unless a full ambulance/fire crew is previously assigned. Training is for your benefit of learning the actual conditions that may be encountered in the job market.

District Housing

Housing is provided for you at the main fire station (Station 701) in downtown Sisters at 301 S. Elm Street. The station is equipped with private dorm rooms with adequate storage and comfortable living quarters. Living quarters include a spacious kitchen, large dining area, spacious day room with pool table and big screen TV, both male and female bathroom facilities and library/study and gym facility.

Scholarship Details

If you are selected to be a part of our Resident Volunteer program, you will receive a scholarship covering your tuition and books at Central Oregon Community College in Bend, Oregon. You will be required to be enrolled in the Fire Science and Paramedic Programs and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours per academic term. You will receive a monthly mileage and meal reimbursement up to \$300 and will be given the opportunity to use the department vehicle to drive back and forth to classes. You will receive a department uniform consisting of: tshirts, polos shirts, nomex pants, jacket, hat, belt and boot reimbursement.

Questions???

If you have any questions regarding Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD or if you'd like to visit the station and take advantage of our ride-along program, please contact Chief Johnson by phone at 541-549-0771 or email rjohnson@sistersfire.com