



# CROOK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

## Volunteer Education Reimbursement Program



### Program Information:

Crook County Fire and Rescue's Volunteer Education Reimbursement Program (VERP) is designed to give volunteers the knowledge and financial support to enhance opportunities towards a successful career in Fire and/or EMS. This is performed by having 24 hour access and support from many of our dedicated members striving for student success. Volunteers will also receive a reimbursement of tuition, books and fees upon completion of classes at Central Oregon Community College.

As a volunteer, you will begin your program with an academy involving basic knowledge and skills to function during EMS, Structure Fire and Wildland Fire operations. After completing the academy, you will be assigned to a shift and work alongside your crew actively functioning on fire and EMS emergencies. As you progress through our program, you will gain additional responsibilities such as driving and operating emergency apparatus as skill level and competency improves.

Additional information about the VERP program and the fire district can be found at our website:  
[www.crookcountyfireandrescue.com](http://www.crookcountyfireandrescue.com)

### Resident Volunteer:

As a resident volunteer, you will be expected to begin shift work after successful completion of a firefighter I academy at CCF&R. You will be assigned to 1 of 3 shifts and work a modified Kelly work schedule (24 on, 24 off, 24 on, 24 off, 24 on, 96 off). In addition to shift work, you will be assigned to live at one of our two outlying sub-stations. This program is year round including summer.

#### You will receive:

- Full reimbursement of tuition, books and fees upon successful completion of classes at the end of each term.
- \$550.00 monthly stipend.

### Non Resident Volunteer:

As a nonresident volunteer, you will be expected to begin shift work during fall term at COCC upon successful completion of a firefighter I academy. You will be assigned to 1 of 3 shifts and work a modified Kelly work schedule (24 on, 24 off, 24 on, 24 off, 24 on, 96 off). Unlike the resident position, you will only work shifts during fall, winter and spring term's at COCC. No stipend will be given to nonresident volunteers.

#### You will receive:

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### VERP Requirements:

- Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Full time students at COCC (Minimum of 12 credits per term)
- Complete EMT certification within 18 months of start date.
- Attend Monday night trainings (6:30 p.m. – 8:30p.m.)
- Demonstrate proficiency and competence in skills during evaluations every 3 months.

### Resident Volunteer:

- Assigned shifts year round until completion of program.
- Reside at one of the substation with minimum monthly hours set by the Training Officer.

### About Crook County Fire & Rescue:

Crook County Fire and Rescue was established in 1882, originally known as Prineville Volunteer Fire Company #1.

We have grown from the first fire district in Central Oregon covering several city blocks; to a district that now provides fire service to over 450 square miles.

As an organization we respond to over 4,000 emergency calls a year. In addition to the Fire District we also are responsible for a 3000 square mile Ambulance Service Area and have transporting ambulances.

We have three stations in our Fire District. The main station located in Prineville and sub-stations located in Powell Butte and Juniper Canyon.

We have three shifts with three career Lieutenant/Paramedics, three career Firefighter/Paramedics and one Battalion Chief/Paramedic on each shift. We rely heavily on our volunteers to help staff our stations during increased call volumes and significant events. We auto aid with Bend Fire & Rescue and Redmond Fire & Rescue often in the western portion of our district.

### How to Apply:

The student process begins at the Central Oregon Community College Joint Recruitment at the beginning of the year. Information on the Joint Recruitment process can be found at the following link:

[https://www.cocc.edu/programs/structural-fire/joint\\_recruitment.aspx](https://www.cocc.edu/programs/structural-fire/joint_recruitment.aspx)

Please contact Training Chief Jerimiah Kenfield for any additional questions relating to our Volunteer Education Reimbursement Program. We also offer a part-time paid program. Up to \$16.50/hour, sick leave and PERS is provided to part time members. Oregon EMT certification is required for consideration into part-time program.

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