



LANE FIRE AUTHORITY

Prospective Volunteer Firefighter Guide

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LFA's Volunteer Firefighters

Lane Fire Authority provides fire, safety, and emergency medical services (EMS) to 45,000 residents in 282 square miles. With such a large fire district, we rely on volunteers to help us respond to emergency calls. We have 65 career and volunteer personnel who responded to approximately 7,300 calls a year; 81% are EMS.

Lane Fire operates 16 fire stations, four of which are staffed 24/7. As a volunteer, you will be working alongside career firefighters and EMS personnel. You will be responding to fires, traffic accidents, forces of nature like flooding and snowstorms, and all types of medical emergencies. The work can be physical, stressful, and emotionally challenging. However, the rewards of helping others in their moment of need are plentiful.

To prepare and train our volunteers, we conduct two Recruit Academies a year: one in the spring starting around March and one in the fall starting around September. Application submission opens in December for the Spring Academy and June for the Fall Academy.





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Basic Requirements

- Minimum 18 years of age
- Able to complete the application process
- Able to complete a physical agility test
- Able to commit scheduled time for shift/training hours
- No conviction of a criminal offense



Application process

1. Obtain an application from our website at www.Lanefire.org
2. Complete and submit the application before the closing deadline.
3. Evaluation of application, references, driving records, and criminal background check.
4. Complete an oral interview in front of a hiring panel.
5. Complete the physical agility test.
6. Schedule and complete medical assessment and respiratory questioner.

Responsibilities

- Respond to fire and other emergency calls for help with assigned company.
- Responsible for the cleanliness and maintenance of their station and apparatus.
- Demonstrates continuous effort to improve operations, decrease turnaround times, streamline work processes, and work cooperatively and jointly to provide quality seamless customer service.
- Conducts tours of station houses for scout, civic and other interested groups.
- Participates in fire & EMS training, attends classes in firefighting, EMS and related duties.
- Administers emergency medical services to injured persons per protocol as qualified.
- Assist in the inspection and preplanning of all commercial buildings in your fire management area.

Our mission

Lane Fire Authority is dedicated to the safety and well-being of those we serve, through fire suppression, emergency services, and prevention.

Our Vision

We strive to provide the highest level of services that improve the quality of life, health, and safety of all we meet.

Our Motto

"Dedicated to Service"





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Did you know?

NFPA estimates there were an estimated 1,080,800 career and volunteer firefighters in the United States in 2019. Of the total number of firefighters 722,800 (67%) were volunteer firefighters.

Did you know?

Lane Fire Authority has an ambulance service as well. With an ambulance service area of 425 square miles servicing communities of Lane Fire, Junction City, Monroe, Harrisburg, Lake Creek, Santa Clara, and Eugene/Springfield.



FAQs

What's recruit academy like?

Recruit Academy meets on Sundays from 0700 hours to 1700 hours and has some full 8-hour Saturday and Sunday classes. The academy training includes health and fitness, fire hose and water streams, vertical and horizontal ventilation, ground ladders, mobile water supply, hydrants, ropes and knots, extinguishers and forcible entry, victim search & rescue, communications, personal protective gear (PPE), self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hazardous materials, CPR, communications and team building, wildland fires, rescue and EMS. Training will also include live fire days with both structural and vehicle fires.

Around week five of academy you will be placed on an Internship. Internships are intended to let you learn the ins and outs of station life. You will not be responding on calls during this time. However, you will train and work alongside career and volunteer firefighters to better acclimatize yourself, so that you are better prepared once you are done with academy and ready to start responding to call in the community.

In addition to the weekend classes, there are chapters of required reading in the textbook "Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations," including passing online chapter quizzes and chapter tests each week. You also must complete a required weekly online response log about each chapter.

What can I expect my first year?

For those who complete all the requirements of the Recruit Academy, congratulations, you will become a Probationary Firefighter and be assigned to a 24hr shift every 6th day at one of the two 24/7 staffed stations. We excuse volunteers for work and/or school but expect them to be at the station ready to respond to emergency calls for the remainder of the 24hrs.

During the first year of Probationary Firefighter service, you must also complete:

- NFPA Driver Course
- Regular Drill Training - 144 hours
- Specialized Training - 32 hours average



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Can a volunteer position lead to a career in firefighting?

Yes. Volunteering is one of the best ways to get the necessary training and experience to be an attractive candidate for a career firefighting position. Many volunteer firefighters achieve other careers, as first responder life skills become significant assets to many professions inside and outside emergency services.

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Did you know?

Nationwide 38% of fire departments provided no emergency medical services, 46% provided basic life support (BLS), and 17% provided advanced life support (ALS).

