

**HOODLAND FIRE DISTRICT #74
PRE-APPLICATION INFORMATION PACKET**

Introduction to Hoodland Fire

Hoodland Fire District #74 is 35 miles east of Portland, Oregon along historic Highway 26, in East Clackamas County. The Fire District was established as a Special District by Clackamas County Commissioners in September of 1966. Hoodland Fire District provides quality fire, rescue, and advanced life support emergency medical services in a 45 square mile district between Sandy and Mount Hood.

The Fire District is overseen by a Board of Directors that consists of five publicly elected residents or property owners. Our Board Members serve four-year, staggered terms. The Board establishes fire district policy through the passage of resolutions and ordinances. The Board also adopts the fire district budget and approves appropriations and levies taxes.

Lead by Chief John Ingrao, the Fire District is staffed by a combination of 10 career and 30 volunteer personnel. We proudly protect the rural communities of Marmot, Cherryville, Brightwood, Wemme, Welches, Zig Zag, Rhododendron and Government Camp from our three fire stations. Last year, we responded to just under 1000 emergency calls for assistance from our 6000 full time and up to 15,000 seasonal residents.

Support Group

The Hoodland Fire Support Group was formed to give assistance to the Fire District and its firefighters. The Support Group members provide refreshments and meals to members during large fires, training exercises and at other events where assistance is needed. This group hosts an annual Christmas party for the families of the Fire District staff and volunteers, as well as periodic social events for the District. Service projects, such as bicycle helmet drives, are also sponsored by the Volunteer Support Group to serve the Hoodland community

The Volunteer Support Group is made up of Fire Department staff, spouses of members, and community members interested in serving and supporting the Fire District. The group holds monthly meetings to conduct its business in addition to its fundraising activities throughout the year.

C.E.R.T

Community Emergency Response Team or C.E.R.T. Volunteers participate in a variety of events and callouts which include the Hood-to-Coast Relay, Spook Alley, fire prevention education, FF rehab and flooding. These volunteers also participate as requested assisting other areas of HFD. C.E.R.T. Active volunteers participate in, and receive ongoing training in light search and rescue, medical operations, small fire suppression and flooding.

Requirements:

• **Initial Review - Active Membership Candidates**

- All C.E.R.T. volunteers are requested to complete a preliminary application and interview prior to participating in F.E.M.A. sponsored training.
- Upon successful completion of 8 consecutive weeks of training, candidates are required to complete a full application. Following a background check and abbreviated physical, candidates are eligible to become Active Members of Hoodland C.E.R.T.

• **Initial Review - Public Education**

- Candidates interested in Public Education only are requested to complete a preliminary application and interview prior to participating in F.E.M.A. sponsored training.
- All candidates are requested to wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and close-toed shoes or work boots.

Training:

- Initial training consists of 8-weeks classroom where review and practical application are performed. **Active Members** receive ongoing education and are asked to attend monthly meetings and quarterly simulations and recommended to participate in the annual C.E.R.T. Summit.
- All C.E.R.T. trainees are requested to complete pre-work prior to classroom training and online modules as assigned.

Response:

- In addition to monthly and quarterly training simulations, Active Members are asked to participate in planned events and unplanned callouts as requested.
- Attendance guidelines are 30-40 hours annually.

Support Driver

The Support Driver Volunteer responds to calls of service that require a water tender. These members generally have previous fire or large truck experience, and wish to use their skills and abilities to assist the District. They respond on Structure and Wildland fires by driving the water tenders to the scene, providing water for firefighting efforts.

Requirements

- Initial training
 - All Support Driver volunteers will be required to perform a Physical Abilities Test, a medical physical, and background check prior to initial training
 - Previous fire or large truck driving experience
 - All Support Driver volunteers will go through driving “task books” to ensure competency in the apparatus they are driving.
 - All Support Driver volunteers will be required to be certified in Hazmat awareness. This class is taught yearly during our fire academy.
- Training
 - Training requirements for the Support Driver Volunteer:
 - Attending four hours a month of training
 - Attending quarterly water supply drills
 - Attending yearly Hazmat Refresher
- Response
 - Responding for calls of service from home when available

Support Medical

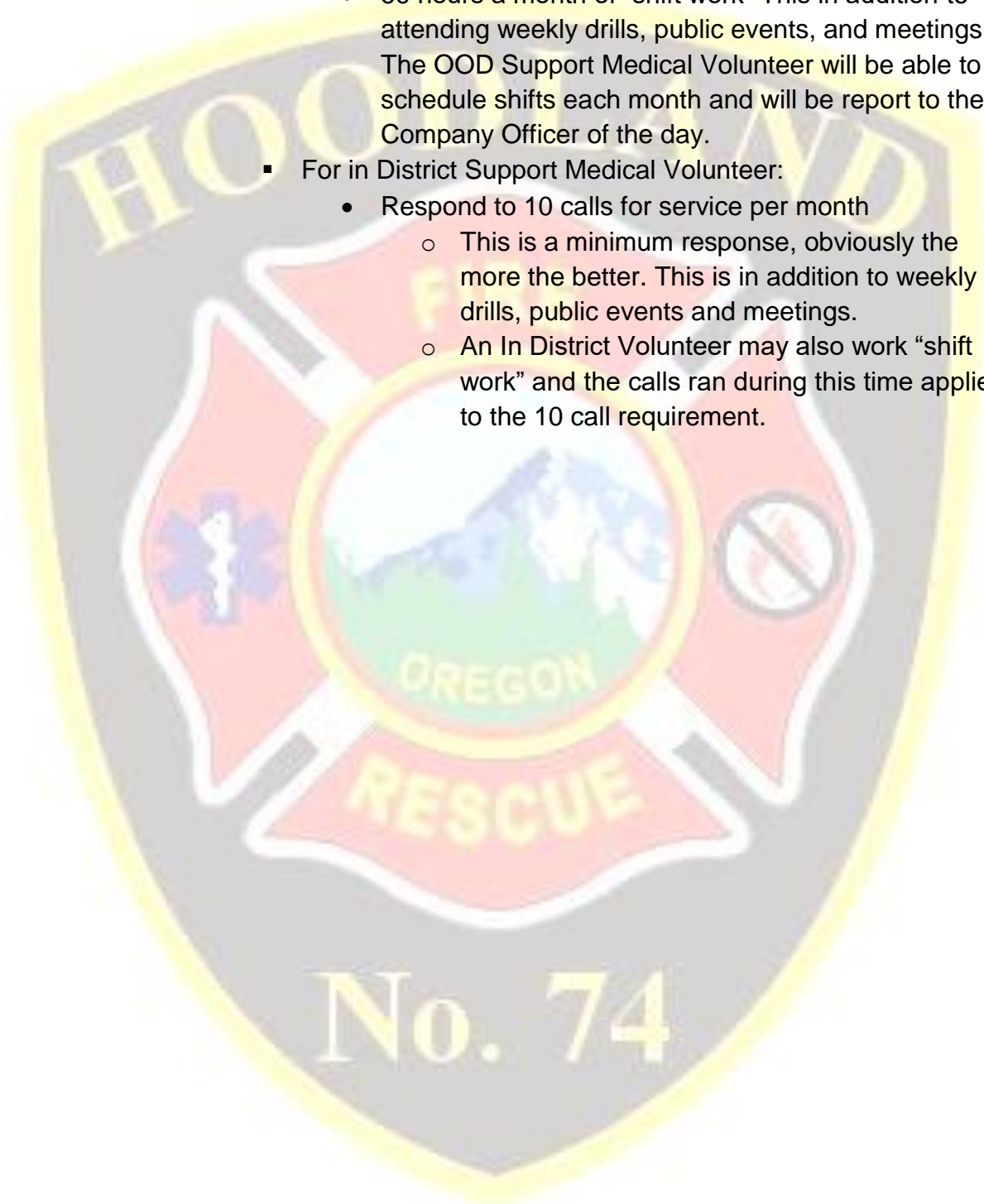
The Support Medical Volunteer responds to calls of service that are medical in nature. These members also provide support and act in various roles throughout the District beyond medical calls. These volunteers can receive initial medical training with Hoodland Fire, or if they are currently licensed they will be assessed to ensure competency in their level of care and be “fast tracked”.

Requirements

- Initial training
 - All Support Medical volunteers will be required to perform a Physical Abilities Test, a medical physical, and background check prior to initial training
 - All Support Medical volunteers will be required to be licensed as an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) at a minimum. An eight week EMR class occurs every year; this class takes place on Saturdays every week.
 - All Support Medical volunteers will be required to be certified in Hazmat awareness. This class is taught yearly during our fire academy.
 - Following licensing as an EMR, Support Medical personnel receive one-on-one training with another member to continue to familiarize themselves with our equipment
- Training
 - Training requirements for the Support Medical Volunteer:
 - Maintaining the individual EMS license
 - Attending the monthly EMS drill
 - Yearly Hazmat Refresher
 - Weekly Wednesday and monthly Saturday company drills are conducted so the Support Medical Volunteer can maintain competency in their skills
 - Support Medical Volunteers are encouraged to attend all drills, even the ones not medical in nature.

- Response

- Response requirements for the Support Medical Volunteer include:
 - For out-of-district (OOD) Support Medical Volunteer:
 - 36 hours a month of “shift work” This in addition to attending weekly drills, public events, and meetings. The OOD Support Medical Volunteer will be able to schedule shifts each month and will be report to the Company Officer of the day.
 - For in District Support Medical Volunteer:
 - Respond to 10 calls for service per month
 - This is a minimum response, obviously the more the better. This is in addition to weekly drills, public events and meetings.
 - An In District Volunteer may also work “shift work” and the calls ran during this time applies to the 10 call requirement.



Combat Firefighter

The Volunteer Combat Firefighter is the backbone of Hoodland Fire District. They perform all the acts of the Support Driver, Medical, and more. These members respond to all calls for service, from burn complaints, to home first aids, to traffic accidents to wildland and structure fires.

Requirements

- Initial Training
 - All Volunteer Combat Firefighters will be required to perform a Physical Abilities Test, a medical physical, and background check prior to initial training
 - All Volunteer Combat Firefighters will be required to be licensed as an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) at a minimum, prior to attending the Training Academy. An eight week EMR class will precede the 16 week Firefighter Academy; this class will take place on Saturdays every week. Current State of Oregon EMR's, through Paramedics may skip this eight week class.
 - Initial training for Volunteer Combat Firefighter is a 16 week Firefighter Academy taking place on Thursdays & Saturdays every week. Hazmat Awareness, Wildland Firefighter type 2, and NFPA Firefighter 1 certifications will be awarded with successful completion of the training academy, one year of probation, and completion of required task books.
- Training
 - Training requirements for the Volunteer Combat Firefighter include:
 - 120 hours of training every two years
 - Maintaining the individuals EMS license
 - Attending at least six hours a month of training
 - Yearly Hazmat and Wildland refresher
 - Weekly Wednesday and monthly Saturday company drills are conducted so the Volunteer Combat Firefighter can maintain competency in their skills
- Response
 - Response requirements for the Volunteer Combat Firefighter include:
 - For out-of-district (OOD) Volunteers Combat Firefighters:
 - 36 hours a month of "shift work" This in addition to attending weekly drills, public events, and meetings. The OOD Volunteer Combat Firefighter will be able to schedule shifts each month and will be report to the Company Officer of the day.

- For in District Volunteer Combat Firefighters:
 - Respond to 10 calls for service per month
 - This is a minimum response, obviously the more the better. This is in addition to weekly drills, public events and meetings.
 - An In District Volunteer may also work “shift work” and the calls ran during this time applies to the 10 call requirement.

Benefits of being a member of Hoodland Fire

Public service to the Community

Members of Hoodland Fire District are here to serve the community. They are here to assist citizens on their worst day and to do what they can to make it better. This is the reason we are here, to serve THEM.

Educational Assistance

Each member of the Fire District is allowed to better themselves through education if it applies to their role. The Fire District will reimburse part or all of the tuition if members attend school to become an EMT. The Fire District also will send members to outside fire service training if the member is in good standing.

Training

The Fire District will provide members with state certified training if it applies to their role. The Fire District will also send members to outside training to benefit the District. Many of the classes and certifications can be used if the member wishes to apply for Fire Department jobs.

Career Opportunity

Members in good standing of Hoodland Fire District are awarded five extra points as volunteers when Hoodland Fire hires paid employees