

APPLICATION

FOR

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER/EMT

CROOKED RIVER RANCH FIRE & RESCUE



Thank You for your interest in becoming a Volunteer with CROOKED RIVER RANCH FIRE & RESCUE

INTRODUCTION:

Our Service District covers all of the Ranch proper, and a small portion of the area on Chinook before 43rd St. We provide first response to all fire and medical calls in our area and are the medical (ambulance) transport agency for those areas. We also provide services including “search & rescue” on public lands around the Ranch, including high angle rescue from the Crooked and Deschutes River canyons. We average about 360 calls per year (or an average of one per day). The majority of these calls are medical calls. As the Ranch grows, so will the number of calls we receive.

We are primarily interested in applicants who are willing to become trained in, and respond on both fire and EMS calls. However, we understand that, for various reasons, not everyone may feel “comfortable” serving in both of these areas. However, we do encourage all members to become trained in all areas.

You should be aware that, because of regulations and liability, we are required to do background checks on all applicants. We also have policies regarding the use of drugs and alcohol. You are likely to be required to have a drug test, and may be randomly tested for the use of drugs throughout your service with us. This is for both our members’ safety, and the safety of the people we serve. You will also be required to pass a “DOT” physical, which we will pay for.

Even as volunteers, we are required by the State to obtain and maintain certain levels of training, which the Fire District provides. You will be expected to obtain this training. We have regular weekly drills, and special training through the year on weekends. You will be expected to attend this training.

The Fire District will incur considerable expense in training you and providing you with the required “gear”, so we need to be as certain as possible that you are committed.

We also have various fundraising functions and other functions for the Ranch residents through the year. We expect you to help with these functions.

If accepted, you will become a member of the Crooked River Ranch Volunteer Fire Association, Inc. and also a volunteer with the Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District (Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue).

PROCESS:

This is a preliminary application that will first be reviewed by a “Membership Committee” of the Volunteer Association, and will involve an interview with the “Membership Committee”. If the Committee approves, you will be asked to complete a more detailed application to enable the Fire District to conduct the background checks, etc. The paid staff will then review your application and the results of your background check, etc. and make a determination. If approved, you will be sworn in as a member of the Volunteer Fire Association at the next business meeting after your orientation.

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE FIRE DISTRICT:

We trust you understand the need for this process, but if it just doesn’t fit, we also have a very active Fire Auxiliary. We also seek applications from residents for the Fire District’s Budget Committee, and of course you are welcome to run for an elected position as a Director on the Fire District Board.

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU

1. Permanent residency within Crooked River Ranch (except for students, see #2. below, and, under certain circumstances, residency off of the Ranch).
2. Be at least 18 years of age, or be between the ages of 16 & 18 and be a student in a recognized Firefighter/EMS program in Central Oregon.
3. A valid Oregon Drivers license.
4. Have a clean criminal background check
5. No alcohol or drug addiction. No current use of drugs or other than occasional social use of alcohol.
6. Obtain and maintain a current CPR card (Training provided by us)
7. A personal commitment on your part to participate.
8. Have reliable transportation
9. Have and maintain the physical ability to perform the tasks required of a firefighter and/or EMT.
10. Attend a minimum of 75% of the regularly scheduled weekly drills during a probationary period of 6 months.
11. Respond to a minimum of 20% of the calls we receive during the probationary period.
12. Have a desire to work as a team member.
13. Have a desire to better yourself.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

1. Professional level training at no expense to you.
2. A commitment to safety.
3. Modern safety, firefighting, and EMS equipment and apparatus.
4. We provide all of the “gear” needed for firefighting.
5. A pager and charger to alert you to calls.
6. Reimbursement for training and continuing education classes
7. A small semi-annual stipend for drills and response to calls.
8. Possible participation on large wildland fires (statewide conflagrations)
9. Social gatherings that include your family.
10. A sense of belonging to an extended family.
11. Clothing made available after probationary period.
12. Fun & educational environment



MEMBERSHIP INITIAL APPLICATION FORM:

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
Street Address (No PO Box)

Phone Numbers: _____
Home Cell Work

Please check your age bracket: 16 – 18 18 or older

If you checked 16 – 18, are you currently enrolled in a firefighter/EMS class in Central Oregon? Yes No If No, are you available and willing to commit to attending such a class when one becomes available? Yes No If No, please do not complete this application.

Do you have at least a high school diploma or GED? Yes No If No, please do not complete this application.

Is this an application for: Firefighter EMS Both

Do you have a desire to enter this field as a career? Yes No

List any prior Fire or EMS experience/certifications you have: _____

What hours are you normally available on Crooked River Ranch to respond to calls?

If you have other commitments that would keep you from responding on calls(children, etc), please explain:

Why are you interested in being a Volunteer Firefighter and/or EMT?

(Use the back of this form if you need more room)

All applicants:

By signing this application form below, you agree to the following:

1. You have read, understand, and agree to the "Introduction" and "What We Expect From You" sections attached to this application.
2. You have reliable transportation.
3. You have (or will obtain prior to acceptance) and will maintain a valid Oregon driver's license.
4. You are willing to submit to a background check.
5. You are willing to submit to a drug test.
6. You are willing to adhere to any drug and alcohol related policies of the District.
7. You are willing and available to attend Drills every Monday night from 7PM – 9PM
8. You are willing and available to attend some weekend training.
9. You will commit to the necessary training for certification as a firefighter, EMT, or both.
10. You agree to respond to calls whenever possible.
11. You are willing to commit to a minimum of one year with us.
12. You have the physical ability to serve as a firefighter or EMT.
13. You will obtain and maintain a current CPR Providers card (We supply the training)
14. You are willing to help the Volunteer Association with its fundraising activities.
15. You are willing to support the Fire District in its duties and responsibilities.
16. You work well others.
17. You are willing to take orders and learn from Officers and senior members of the Department.
18. You are willing to serve the Fire District and the residents of Crooked River Ranch.
19. You are willing to have a good time while serving your community.

Please list and explain any items from the previous list that you do not agree with or cannot do:

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Membership Committee Approve: Yes No Date: _____

If NO, explain _____

Comments: _____

By: _____

Membership Committee Members Names