

# BALD HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 17

## RESIDENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

### **About the Program**

Bald Hills Fire Protection District 17 is currently recruiting qualified applicants for Resident Volunteer positions. Resident volunteers live in the Fire District's residence and are responsible for carrying out the duties assigned by the Fire Chief, and those required to maintain a high level of operational efficiency. Resident Volunteers are volunteers and receive no wages or rights of contract. Selection for a Resident Volunteer position requires a two-year commitment on the part of the individual.

### **Application Process**

The position of Resident Volunteer will be open to all qualified current members and new applicants. The initial required qualifications include being at least 18 years of age, hold a High School Diploma or GED, maintain a valid Washington State Driver's License, and be insurable by the Fire District's carrier. Initially accepted applicants are required to pass both a background check and physical exam. Accepted applicants are interviewed and placed on an eligibility list. Volunteer Residents will be selected from this list by the Fire Chief and given a ranking of seniority.

### **Requirements**

The selected Resident Volunteer's responsibilities will include, but will not be limited to, the following list, which are shown without regards to their priority:

- Reside on the premises, meet all the requirements of regular volunteer membership, meet the performance requirements outlined in the Resident Volunteer Agreement, and follow all Fire District policies and procedures.
- Serve an average of 156 hours per month, by completing a minimum of 36 hours each week including regular cleaning, maintenance and upkeep of District properties, apparatus, and equipment as directed by the Fire Chief during their on-duty hours.
- Attain Emergency Vehicle Driver Training and qualify to drive all Fire District apparatus within 3 months of selection. †
- Attain National Registry Emergency Medical Technician and pass the Thurston County Medic One Protocol Exam within 12 months of selection. †
- Attain International Fire Service Accreditation Congress Firefighter 1 and Hazardous Materials Operations certification within 18 months of selection. †
- Attain National Wildfire Coordinating Group Firefighter Type 2 certification, pass the arduous duty physical test, and maintain Red Card status. †
- When on-duty, residents shall provide response as requested to incidents in accordance with current Fire District policies. When off-duty and at the premises, residents shall provide response as described above, when doing so would not conflict with required certification training, college classes, employment, or other scheduled obligations.

† *Training provided or sponsored by Bald Hills Fire District as part of the Resident Volunteer Program.*

### **Benefits**

Resident Volunteers benefit from; training and experience in the emergency services field, opportunities to deploy on out-of-area wildland fires, and lodging and utilities provided by the Fire District. They are eligible for the same reimbursements and incentives provided for regular volunteers including; stipends, Board of Volunteer Firefighters & Reserve Officers membership, limited coverage under the District's insurance, online and hands-on training opportunities, recognition programs, uniforms and equipment, partial reimbursement for health club memberships, and eligibility for health care insurance through the Washington Fire Commissioners Association.

### **Information**

For additional information, please contact Bald Hills Fire Protection District 17 by calling (360) 894-2517, by email to [chief17@fairpoint.net](mailto:chief17@fairpoint.net), or visit us online at [www.baldhillsfire.org](http://www.baldhillsfire.org).

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