



Thank you for your interest in the EMS Resident Volunteer program with Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District!

Resident Volunteer Program Goals:

The intent of the EMS Resident Volunteer Program is to provide knowledge of the operating principles for emergency medical services through day-to-day operations, hands-on experience and classroom time. EMS resident volunteers learn the principles of rescue and emergency medical services. EMS resident volunteers may also have the opportunity to learn the principles and practices of fire control, fire prevention, and fire safety education, but that is not a requirement of the program.

EMS Resident Volunteers will:

- Respond to medical emergencies and motor vehicle accidents on a transporting ambulance
- Drive and operate emergency equipment, including:
 - Ambulances
 - First response vehicles
- Receive training and licensure in EMS:
 - Licensure is provided through NREMT and Oregon Health Authority
- Be assigned to shift rotation working 48 hours on with 96 hours off
 - Resident volunteers are excused from their shift requirements to attend classes
 - Time off for vacation & illness is provided and shift trading with other Resident Volunteers is allowed



The Resident Volunteer experience begins:

EMS resident volunteers are chosen through an application and testing process. The process consists of application review, oral interview and a basic physical abilities test. EMS resident volunteers are selected from a list of candidates that successfully complete the process.



Housing:

EMS resident volunteers are not required to live in District housing. District housing may be offered to EMS resident volunteers if it is available, but housing is not guaranteed.

Scholarship Details:

EMS resident volunteers receive a scholarship covering tuition and books at Central Oregon Community College in Bend, Oregon. They are required to be enrolled in the Paramedic Program and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours per academic term. Completion of the program generally takes two years depending upon prior college credit earned. EMS resident volunteers may be given the opportunity to use a district vehicle to drive back and forth to classes. District uniforms are provided and consist of: t-shirts, polo shirts, Nomex pants, jacket, hat, belt, and boot reimbursement.



Additional Opportunities:

EMS resident volunteers are encouraged, but not required, to obtain structural and wildland firefighting training and certification. SCSFD offers many training opportunities that would be available to EMS resident volunteers. Those opportunities include:

- Structural Firefighter 1 & 2
- Pumper Operator/Wildland Operator
- Wildland Firefighter type 2 & type 1



About the Fire District:

Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District is a combination department serving an area over 240 square miles with an ambulance service area of approximately 800 square miles in scenic Central Oregon. The District provides structural and wildland fire suppression, fire prevention and education, and ambulance service to the community with advanced life support emergency medical services and rescue services. The District serves two communities (Sisters and Camp Sherman) and adjacent rural areas with a combined population of approximately 6,500 permanent residents out of four stations. Along with the resident population, the area is recognized nationally as a tourist destination and local events can draw as many as 15,000 tourists at a given time.



Current staffing includes: Fire Chief, Deputy Chief of Operations, Administrative Assistant, part-time Finance Manager, part-time Fire Safety Manager, three Captain/Shift Commander-Paramedics, six Firefighter-Paramedics, six Resident Volunteers, three EMS Resident Volunteers, approximately 45 Volunteer Firefighters and 15 Fire Corps members.

The Fire Corps:

Provides essential non-emergency services to the district such as:

- Smoke alarm installation
- Rural emergency address signs
- Community CPR and first aid training
- Community blood pressure screening
- Child Passenger Seat Safety Checks



Questions???

If you have any questions regarding Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD or if you'd like to visit the station and take advantage of our ride-along program, please contact Deputy Chief Tim Craig at:

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