

# SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

### **Volunteer Firefighter**

#### **Basic Function:**

Respond to emergency incidents and perform fire suppression, emergency medical service work, fire prevention, public education, training, maintenance, and other duties as assigned. Work within the recognized chain of command and lines of communication.

Report to: Volunteer Officer

#### **Primary Duties:**

1. Drive safely when responding to an alarm or to the station.
2. Enter hazardous environments, extend hose lines, and operate nozzles. Raise, lower, and climb ladders. Force entry into structures, operate fire extinguishers and various tools and equipment. Perform rescue, salvage, ventilation and overhaul operations. Render emergency medical treatment, within the scope of your training, when at an emergency incident.
3. Be subject to all hazards associated with fire suppression and emergency medical service responses, including but not limited to the dangers of poor weather, unpleasant odors, heat, high noise levels, hazardous materials, burns, hazardous traffic conditions, and contact with persons under severe emotional stress.
4. Be encouraged to become First Responder or EMT certified.
5. Learn and comply with all Fire District rules and regulations.
6. Remain at the fire scene until released by the officer in charge.
7. Be agreeable to the following time commitments as set forth by Fire District Policy and the Board for Volunteer Firefighters:
  - a. Traditional Volunteer Firefighters are required to attend one training per month, with a minimum of 32 training hours attended annually. Tender/Operators have a requirement of one training per month, with a minimum of 20 hours attended annually. You are also required to respond to a minimum of 10% of calls assigned to your station, or twenty hours of

approved standby time annually.

- b. Volunteer on Duty Firefighters are required to attend a minimum of one training per month, with a minimum of 32 annual training hours, and work a twelve hour shift at least twice a month.

**Type of Education:**

Volunteer Firefighters must complete the Fire District Recruit Academy within one year of appointment.

**Physical Requirements:**

Must pass the Fire District's physical ability test. Must pass and maintain the Fire District's minimum medical and health standards physical.

**Other Requirements:**

1. Applicant must be 18 years of age.
2. Must pass an interview and background investigation. Must maintain a valid Washington State driver's license.
2. Possess the ability to read and write at the level necessary to perform the duties of a Volunteer Firefighter. Be able to communicate with oral and written skills in the English language.
3. Possess the ability to learn firefighting and life saving techniques and procedures together with the skill and judgment in applying same to specific situations ability to retain presence of mind in emergency situations.
4. Possess the ability to understand and carry out oral and written orders and directions.
5. Provide a suitable vehicle to transport yourself to the station and/or training activities.
6. Possess the ability to maintain a good working relationship with all staff, employees, and volunteers within the Fire District. This extends to all personnel from other agencies who work, interact, or contract with the Fire District. The general public shall be treated with courtesy and respect at all times.
7. Represent the Fire District with a positive public relations image.
8. Must be able to respond to incidents in a reasonable timeframe and live within Fire District boundaries or as otherwise approved.

9. Must maintain a professional appearance, including no visible tattoos, per the Fire District Grooming Standard. The only exception to the Grooming Standard is listed in Section D as follows:

D) Visible Tattoos or other skin markings that are related to service in a branch of the United States military may be authorized by the Fire Chief on a case-by-case basis for new employees provided the said tattoo or marking is not prejudicial to good order, discipline, morale, or of a nature to bring discredit upon Spokane County Fire District 8.