

ROLES OF A VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are an important resource to KVFR and our community.

Levels of qualifications include:

- Interior firefighting
- Wildland firefighting
- Apparatus driver
- Staging manager
- Vehicle extrication
- Basic First Aid to Emergency Medical Technician
- Traffic management at emergency scenes
- Fire prevention and safety education.

KVFR volunteers are eligible for retirement credit and receive a stipend per call and per drill or training. Insurance coverage is also provided under the Washington State Volunteer Pension and Relief Act. Volunteers are also eligible for retirement through Washington State Volunteer Pension Fund after achieving the required years of service.

ABOUT KVFR

KVFR provides fire suppression, rescue, advanced life support (ALS) and basic life support (BLS) response and ambulance transport, fire prevention, code enforcement, hazardous material response and fire investigation.

Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue has 37 career firefighters and relies on approximately 70 volunteer members.

KVFR services approximately 278 square miles with a population of about 28,500.



BECOME A VOLUNTEER



KITTITAS VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE

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RECRUIT SCHOOL

All candidates must be over 18 years old and have a valid WA Driver's license.

Recruit School runs from January to April every year two days a week and several Saturday drills. The curriculum prepares volunteers to be fully qualified for interior firefighting at KVFR.

How to Apply:

Please go to our website www.kvfr.org under the "I Want to" tab click volunteer. Applications and more information can be found online. Please submit your application, copy of your driver's license and supporting certifications via mail or by dropping it off at the District Office located at 400 E. Mtn View, Ellensburg.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

These are the "come-from-home" volunteers that are assigned to a volunteer station. They respond to calls when their station is dispatched but are encouraged to assist if they are close to the call or if it is a significant call that needs additional support or resources. Candidates that complete the Recruit class will be fully qualified as interior firefighters for KVFR. Candidates that choose to complete their initial training using the Task Book route will not be fully qualified until they complete their task book and it is accepted by the Training Officer.

Requirements:

At a minimum all volunteers will be trained in First Aid and CPR.

Drills:

Fairview 1st & 3rd Monday
Westside/Reecer Creek 1st & 3rd Tuesday
Badger Pocket 2nd & 4th Monday
Broadview 2nd & 4th Tuesday
Denmark 2nd & 4th Wednesday

Expectations:

To meet the minimum requirements as a volunteer you must have 20 hours of training and have responded to 10% of your volunteer companies responses annually.

RESIDENT

Resident Firefighters live at Station 29 and are a part of the KVFR response team. They serve the community by responding to emergencies that threaten life or property. Candidates must complete the KVFR recruit class and be fully qualified as interior firefighters for KVFR.

Requirements:

Candidates must have an EMT Certification, pass the department general aptitude written test and have a current Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT).

Drills:

Drills are every Thursday 1800-2000.

Shifts:

Residents are required to do eight shifts per month.

Expectations:

They must complete Resident Probation within one year of your start date in the Resident Program. Resident Probation consists of both written and practical testing on subjects including firefighter skills, EMS skills, maps & addressing, and becoming qualified on KVFR apparatus.