

"Steps to Becoming an Evans Valley Fire District #6 Volunteer Fire Fighter"

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Evans Valley Fire District. We are happy to see that you are willing to make the commitment to volunteer.

Unfortunately we can not have you start riding the fire engines just yet. You will be able to ride in the rescue with some minor training though. Below are step by step instructions on how to become a volunteer.

First, come down to the fire station at 8677 E. Evans Creek Road, Rogue River (Wimer), Oregon and meet with the Fire Chief and/or Training Officer to get things started. There will be a full application to fill out along with several other forms acknowledging our drug policy, driving policy and insurance coverage.

Also during this time, you will be invited to attend our weekly training drills. Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm for about 2 hours, we conduct training to keep our skills sharp.

2. Structural Firefighter turnouts issued. Before you can begin training, you will need Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Evans Valley Fire District #6 will supply this at no charge to you.

3. Register for the NFPA Firefighter 1 Academy and Essentials textbook issued. The training officer will complete this step with you. You will need to know the dates of the academy, location and pre-course reading material. The course will take three months to complete. Your CPR textbook will also be issued at this time.

4. All firefighters and medics must complete CPR and Basic First Aid Training. CPR and first aid training can be easily scheduled around your schedule and is taught here at the Evans Valley Fire District #6 fire station. The CPR class lasts approximately 6-8 hours. The Basic First Aid training class is only 4 to 6 hours long.

5. You will now be issued a pager and go through an orientation at the Evans Valley Fire District #6 fire station. Orientation will cover minimum staffing requirements, radio identifiers, what truck to go on for the different types of calls and more training opportunities.

After completing CPR and First Aid, you may begin going on medical calls in the third seat position.

6. Attend the Firefighter Academy. 100% attendance is mandatory to complete the academy. The classes are scheduled on weekends and are from 8:00 am until 5:30 pm (0800 hours - 1730 hours) each day. The classes will involve lectures and many hands on activities. Be sure to completely read the pre-reading assignment before the first day and complete all the homework assigned. There will be a test each weekend on what you have read and learned. If you score poorly, you will have an opportunity to retake the test. On

the first day, the instructor will explain how to retake a test, so pay attention. (*Those who do not read through the assigned chapters will most likely fail the class.*) Plan to show up early each day and be courteous to other students and instructors.

7. During your training course at the academy, it is advisable to come down to the Evans Valley Fire District #6 station and practice what you have learned in previous days at the academy, as well as, familiarize yourself with the equipment and trucks that Evans Valley Fire District #6 uses. Begin memorizing the equipment locations on the different trucks. You will be tested on this later.

8. You will need to have a medical evaluation and a SCBA mask fit test. The orientation will explain this in greater detail.

9. The firefighter I academy will finish up with a final exam to be taken at EVFD#6 fire station. Upon successful completion of the exam, you will be invited to attend the Firefighter I Graduation. After graduation, the Firefighter I Task performances will be scheduled.

10. CONGRATULATIONS! You are now able to go on emergency fire calls! Initially you will be sitting in the third seat while responding - meaning you will need to go with at least two experienced firefighters.

11. You will now be scheduled for a ***Basic Wildland Firefighter Class***, (S130/190). This class will be required prior to any wildland fire response. The course is mostly a self study course, computer based and one 8 hour day of hands on activities plus testing.

12. Along with the ***Basic Wildland Firefighter Class***, you will be scheduled for the ***Wildland Interface Firefighter*** course (S215). This class will give you an understanding on how to protect a structure from burning from an approaching wildland fire with limited resources (our primary fire fighting job). It is also a 32 hours course.

As you can see this list is quite long & this is only a partial list. Many other training opportunities exist. Other classes you will be strongly encouraged to take are:

- First Responder
- Emergency Medical Technician
- HazMat Operations
- Basic Driver
- Wildland Engine Operator
- Pumper Operator
- Water Supply Operations
- Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior
- Incident Command System
- Safety & Survival
- Strategy & Tactics
- and many, many more.