

What if nobody came?

Imagine the notion of calling 911 and nobody was able to show up and help? Imagine how scary that could be!

Volunteer numbers are becoming fewer and fewer each year, however, volunteer Fire & EMS departments account for the majority of all departments in the state of Oregon.

The fire service in Hood River County and the entire gorge east of Cascade Locks is entirely volunteer with the exception of the City of Hood River and The Dalles.

Busy work schedules play a huge part in how many people can respond to emergencies on any given day. Just think, the one hour you may have free during the morning, afternoon or evening might make the difference in saving someone's life or house.

What if it were your house?



Cascade Locks Fire & EMS Mission Statement

"We the members of Cascade Locks Fire & EMS are here to serve and protect our community, environment and surrounding areas in a professional and timely manner; whenever the need arises."



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Be a part of our professional team

What's in it for me?

- Firefighter Academy =130 hrs
 - CPR / First Aid
 - Firefighter 1
 - Wildland Firefighter 2
 - Hazmat Operations
 - ICS
- Disability insurance at no cost to you
- Life insurance at no cost to you
- Fire Med at no cost to you
- Uniforms and equipment at no cost to you
- Certifications at no cost to you
- Awards and recognition
- Opportunity for personal growth
- There is no personal financial gain, however, the more you that you commit yourself to this volunteer service, the more you will be rewarded.
- The skills that you learn will not only benefit the Cascade Locks community, but will give you the ability and confidence to assist your own family and friends in times of emergency.
- You will gain a deep feeling of self-satisfaction by providing a critical service to your local community.

What is expected of me?

- Complete Hood River County Fire Academy
- Participate in 50% of the drills (Volunteer Drill Night is every Monday evening)
- Represent Cascade Locks Fire & EMS with pride & professionalism
- Enjoy being part of an organization filled with tradition & pride
- Answering calls for assistance 24 hours/day, 365 days/year (*even if it's -20 degrees or +110*)
- Missing some personal or family events (*fires, accidents, and illnesses don't honor holidays*)
- Risking your life for people you'll never see again (*and not asking for thanks*)



Lighting off fireworks for the 4th of July show in Cascade Locks

How Do I Get Started?

- ✓ Complete an application packet (during the open enrollment period)
- ✓ Copy of your 5-year driving history
- ✓ Copy of your current Oregon State drivers license or ID card
- ✓ Copy of your High School Diploma or GED
- ✓ Take and pass a physical agility test
- ✓ Take and pass a drug screen (paid for and provided by the fire department)
- ✓ Agree to a thorough background check (paid for and provided by the fire department)
- ✓ Oral interview
- ✓ Complete 6 month probationary period