

Job Announcement – Volunteer Firefighter

Vacaville Fire Protection District

January 1, 2020

Volunteer Firefighters do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. Your community needs you. Please consider joining today!

The Vacaville Fire Protection District is looking for energetic individuals to fill entry-level volunteer positions. Volunteering with Vacaville Fire Protection District is a great way to support the local community or even prepare for a paid career in the fire and rescue service. We are looking for people from a wide age range and backgrounds. If you ever thought about becoming a firefighter, an EMT, or just helping in the community, now is your chance to make it happen!

Applicants must live within the Fire District's 135 square mile service area of which surrounds the City of Vacaville. You must also have a high school diploma, a valid driver's license, and be willing to submit to a physical exam.

The Vacaville Fire Protection District is an equal opportunity employer.

This is a volunteer, unpaid position.

Under the direction of the Fire Chief, our volunteer firefighters protect the community in a wide range of emergencies. The Volunteer Firefighter will be called upon to deliver fire suppression, emergency medical assistance, rescue, hazardous material responses, participate in training activities, and public education to the citizens of Vacaville Fire Protection District **and mutual aid to where needed**. This involves hazardous and strenuous assignments under emergency conditions.

- ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE JOB:

- Responds to fire calls and extinguishes fires.
- Assists in calls for emergency medical services.
- Places hoses and ladders, operates pumps, booster lines, directs streams of water, uses other extinguishing agents as appropriate, and ventilates structures by opening windows or cutting holes.
- Rescues individuals from fires and other emergencies. Evacuates individuals from burning structures and assists them to safety.
- Performs salvage activities, which may include removal of debris and excess water, de-smoking and temporary damage control of the structures and other related duties.
- Performs firefighting tasks, rescue operations, and other emergency response actions, under stressful conditions, while wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
- Ventilates and forces entry of burning buildings by breaking glass; springing or forcing doors, windows or gates; cutting locks or bars, or breaking walls using appropriate safety gear and equipment.

- Participates in drills, demonstrations and courses related to equipment use, firefighting techniques, and rescue procedures.
- Participates in inspecting and maintaining all fire related equipment.
- Cleans up and prepares equipment, including refueling vehicles, refilling water tanks, recharging air tanks and extinguishers, washing trucks and hand tools, drying and reloading hoses, and other work as needed.
- Under direction of the officers, work in a team environment under extremely stressful situations.
- Maintain all licenses and certificates as required by Fire District policy.

- DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Ability to obtain knowledge of firefighting and emergency rescue equipment and techniques.
- Ability to operate and maintain a variety of firefighting equipment and tools.
- Ability to perform firefighting duties while on ladders and other climbing apparatuses at various heights above ground level.
- Ability to perform firefighting duties in all weather conditions and under adverse environmental conditions including flames, heat, smoke, fumes, irritants and hazardous material.
- Ability to work strenuously wearing heavy and restrictive turnout gear and equipment, such as self-contained breathing apparatus, hazardous material suits, facemasks, and other gear in all weather and in extreme heat.
- Knowledge and ability to properly use appropriate personal protective equipment.
- Ability to understand and carry out oral and written communications and directives.
- Ability to analyze situations quickly and objectively.
- Ability to lift and maneuver heavy equipment.
- Ability to lift 50 – 100 pounds on a regular basis.
- Ability to communicate and maintain effective working relationships with other Fire District members and with the general public.
- Ability and willingness to maintain strict confidentiality.
- Ability to operate vehicles and trucks in emergency situations and in congested traffic.
- The visual acuity (***insight***) to identify hazards, detect danger and read house numbers, street signs, placards and warnings, etc.
- Ability to exercise sensory functions (see, hear, touch, smell) and motor skills necessary to perform all duties assigned.

- EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- High school diploma or GED equivalency; and
- Must be at least 19 years of age; and
- Any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the knowledge and abilities necessary to perform the work.

- CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Ability to pass medical standards for self-contained breathing apparatus; and ability to wear self-contained breathing apparatus while performing work duties.
- Must possess a valid driver's license.
- Must maintain a primary residence within the Fire District's 135 square mile service area.
- Must satisfactorily complete a background investigation, physical examination, and drug test.
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certification or ability to obtain certification within 6 months of employment.

HOW TO APPLY: Application Deadline: **Monday March 2, 2020**

- Download the on-line employment application
 - <http://vfpd.net/contact/app-vol.pdf>
- Turn in completed application, in person by deadline.
 - 420 Vine Street, Vacaville CA 95688 (M-F 9a-5p)

Physical Agility Test

The Vacaville Fire Protection District will conduct the Required Physical Agility Test on Sunday, March 15, 2020. If CPAT Card was not submitted during the application process, those candidates will need to participate in the physical Agility.

Firefighter Skill Training

Once the recruits have completed the initial process, they will complete a Firefighter Academy where they will learn the policies, procedures, standards, and equipment for the Vacaville Fire Protection District.

Background

A background check will be performed.

Medical Evaluation

A medical evaluation and drug test will be performed through Occu-Med at the Districts expense. A fit test will also be performed by the individuals to meet OSHA respiratory laws.

Once the above process is complete, the recruit will be allowed to participate in active duty and will begin to fill volunteer shift assignments.