



Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District

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Congratulations on choosing to serve your community!

We would like to give you some information about what will be happening in your recruit days and how our district operates.

First, after you have made your decision to join us and have turned in all the paper work in your recruit/cadet packet, there is a six month probation period. During that period, you are required to attend drills on a regular basis in the division or divisions you have chosen to join. By attending drills, you will begin to work toward mandated training goals. Inconsistent drill attendance will push your probation period to longer than 6 months. At the end of the probation period, you will begin to be issued district uniform items as they become available. During that probation period you may be allowed to respond to actual emergencies if you have completed the required entry level training and if your Division Chief informs you that you are cleared to do so.

All who choose to join the Fire Suppression division as firefighters are required to complete a Recruit Academy. Academies are usually held once or twice a year in Columbia County or at DPSST (Department of Public Safety Standards and Training) in Salem. Recruit Academy entails weekends, generally spaced at intervals over a period of 2 to 4 months. When these Recruit Academies are not available, we are able to train in-house.

Other training you will be required to complete will depend upon which division you choose and the level of volunteer service you choose. To become a firefighter, you must complete the Recruit Academy, and successfully complete the Firefighter Task book to become an Oregon DPSST. To become an EMT, you must complete the Oregon Health Division approved course and pass the state written and practical test. To become certified in Search and Rescue, you must complete 32 hours of training in Search and Rescue. All of that training is in addition to district mandated training in CPR/First Aid, Blood borne pathogens, driving, flagging, and hazardous materials. In order to become an uncertified volunteer, you must complete the previously mentioned department training. Currently, the Office of Homeland Security also mandates certain training in the area of Incident Management for Fire District members.

Mist-Birkenfeld R.F.P.D. has 3 divisions, Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical Services and Search and Rescue. You may join any individual division or any combination of divisions.

Our fire district's operational chain of command begins with the supervising officer in your division and then proceeds upward to the Division Chief of your division, the Assistant Chief and the Fire Chief. As a member of the fire district, any questions or concerns should be directed up the chain of command without skipping any steps. As part of the chain of command system, we have instituted a rotating Duty Officer schedule. Each week one member of the Command Staff is the Duty Officer for the district. Questions, emergency or otherwise, can be directed to that person.



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Duty Officers are: Joe Kaczinski, C46, 755-2786; Mary Lou Busch, 4601, 755-2737;
Ann Berg, 4602, 755-2274; Nick Berg, 4603, 755-2274.

Please read the enclosed guidelines and statements of understanding. Being a member of the Fire District is not to be taken lightly. We are held to a high standard by our community and each member of the team is required to work to meet that expectation.

**After completing Application A return it to the main station.
Administrative Supervisor Mary Lou Busch will set up a time to meet
with you to complete Part B Application.**