



**HOODLAND FIRE DISTRICT #74  
PRE-APPLICATION INFORMATION PACKET**

## **Introduction to Hoodland Fire**

Hoodland Fire District #74 is 35 miles east of Portland, Oregon along historic Highway 26, in East Clackamas County. The Fire District was established as a special district by Clackamas County Commissioners in September of 1966, Hoodland Fire District provides quality fire, rescue and advanced life support emergency medical services in a 45 square mile district between Sandy and Mt Hood.

The Fire District is overseen by a Board of Directors that consists of five publicly elected residents or property owners. Our Board Members serve four-year, staggered terms. The Board establishes fire district policy through the passage of resolutions and ordinances. The Board also adopts the fire district budget and approves appropriations and levies taxes.

Led by Chief Jim Price, the Fire District is staffed by a combination of 10 career and approximately 30 volunteer personnel. We proudly protect the rural communities of Marmot, Cherryville, Brightwood, Wemme, Welches, Zig Zag, Rhododendron and Government Camp from our three fire stations. Last year, we responded to just over 1,000 emergency calls for assistance from our 6,000 full time and up to 15,000 seasonal residents.

## **Support Group**

The Hoodland Fire Support Group was formed to give assistance to the Fire District and its firefighters. The Support Group members provide refreshments and meals to members during large fires, training exercises and at other events where assistance is needed. This group hosts an annual Christmas party for the families of the Fire District staff and volunteers, as well as periodic social events for the District. Service projects, such as bicycle helmet drives, are also sponsored by the Volunteer Support Group to serve the Hoodland community

The Volunteer Support Group is made up of Fire Department staff, spouses of members, and community members interested in serving and supporting the Fire District. The group holds monthly meetings to conduct its business in addition to its fundraising activities throughout the year.

## **C.E.R.T. Community Emergency Response Team**

**Who We Are:**

We are your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors and call the Villages at Mt. Hood our home. We are passionate about serving and helping others and feel privileged to live in the foothills of the Northern Cascades.

**What We Do:**

CERT members provide training and education on preventing and preparing for emergencies. As members of Hoodland Fire, CERT is deployed to support emergency and/or training events such as the COVID vaccination clinics, emergency resource centers, and when activated, offer firefighter rehab support.

**Why You Should Join:**

Hoodland Fire is one of the only first responder agencies between Warm Springs and Sandy, and is responsible for fire, rescue, advanced life support, and emergency medical services covering 45 square miles of protection and safety. As a CERT member you'd be actively involved and helping to support efforts year-round. If you think you'd enjoy being part of a first responder organization and want to learn more about personal safety and preparedness, CERT may be for you. Training is designed to help you prevent, prepare and protect yourself, your family, your neighbors and your neighborhood in an emergency situation.

**What We Need From You:**

Complete an indication of interest form: <https://www.hoodlandfire.us/hoodland-c-e-r-t> or call Hoodland Fire at 503-622-3256 to leave a message for a return call from a CERT leader. We'll set up time for an informational interview and to complete a preliminary application, followed by background and reference screening. Training for CERT members includes F.E.M.A. on-line courses as well as hands-on during actual events.

**What to Expect:**

Personal safety and the safety of others is our top priority and we adhere to a strict chain of command. For protection, all members are required to wear long pants, long-sleeved or t-shirt uniforms and close-toed work shoes or boots.

Time commitment is approximately 20 hours annually including quarterly team meetings and participating at events related to Firewise and Winterwise preparedness campaigns and unplanned events and emergencies.

As a CERT member, we want your ideas on ways to evolve and improve how we serve and support our community. We believe in teamwork and supporting one another, Hoodland Fire and people in need of emergency preparedness.

## **Support Driver**

The Support Driver Volunteer responds to calls of service that require a water tender. These members generally have previous fire or large truck experience, and wish to use their skills and abilities to assist the District. They respond on Structure and Wildland fires by driving the water tenders to the scene, providing water for firefighting efforts.

### **Requirements**

- **Initial training**
  - All Support Driver volunteers will be required to perform a medical physical and background check prior to initial training
  - Previous fire or large truck driving experience
  - All Support Driver volunteers will go through driving “task books” to ensure competency in the apparatus they are driving.
  - All Support Driver volunteers will be required to be certified in the following:
    - NFPA Driver Operator
    - NFPA Mobile Water Supply
    - NFPA Hazmat Awareness
    - ICS-100
    - ICS-200
- **Training**
  - Training requirements for the Support Driver Volunteer:
    - Attending two hours a month of training
    - Attending six hours a year of engineer training
    - Attending yearly Hazmat Refresher
- **Response**
  - Responding for calls of service from home when available

## **Support Medical**

The Support Medical Volunteer responds to calls of service that are medical in nature. These members also provide support and act in various roles throughout the District beyond medical calls. These volunteers can receive initial medical training with Hoodland Fire, or if they are currently licensed they will be assessed to ensure competency in their level of care and be “fast tracked”.

### **Requirements**

- Initial training
  - All Support Medical volunteers will be required to perform a medical physical, and background check prior to initial training.
  - All Support Medical volunteers will be required to be licensed as an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) at a minimum.
  - All Support Medical volunteers will be required to be certified in Hazmat awareness. This class is taught yearly during our fire academy.
  - Following licensing as an EMR, Support Medical personal receive one-on-one training with another member to continue to familiarize themselves with our equipment
- Training
  - All Support Medical volunteers will be required to be certified in the following:  
NFPA Hazmat Awareness  
ICS-100  
ICS-200

All training provided by Hoodland Fire

  - Training requirements for the Support Medical Volunteer:
    - Maintaining the individual EMS license
    - Attend 4 hours a month of training
    - Yearly Hazmat Refresher
  - Weekly Monday evening drills are offered to keep responders up on their skills.
- Response
  - Response requirements for the Support Medical Volunteer include:
    - For out-of-district (OOD) Support Medical Volunteer:
      - 36 hours a month of “shift work” This in addition to attending weekly drills, public events, and meetings. The OOD Support Medical Volunteer will be able to schedule shifts each month and will be report to the Company Officer.
    - For in District Support Medical Volunteer:
      - Respond to 10 calls for service per month
        - This is a minimum response, obviously the more the better. This is in addition to weekly drills, public events and meetings.

- The in-District Volunteer may also work “shift work” and this time applies to the 10 call requirement.

## **Combat Firefighter**

The Volunteer Combat Firefighter is the backbone of Hoodland Fire District. They perform all the acts of the Support Driver, Medical, and more. These members respond to all calls for service, from burn complaints, to home first aids, to traffic accidents to wildland and structure fires.

### **Requirements**

- **Initial Training**
  - All Volunteer Combat Firefighters will be required to perform a Physical Abilities Test, a medical physical, and background check prior to initial training
  - All Volunteer Combat Firefighters will be required to be licensed as an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) at a minimum, prior to attending the Training Academy.
  - Initial training for Volunteer Combat Firefighter is a Firefighter Academy. Hazmat Operations, Wildland Firefighter type 2, NFPA Driver, and NFPA Firefighter 1 certifications will be awarded with successful completion of the training academy, one year of probation, and completion of required task books.
- **Training**
  - Training requirements for the Volunteer Combat Firefighter include:
    - 60 hours of training every year
    - Maintaining the individuals EMS license
    - Attending at least four hours a month of training
    - Yearly Hazmat and Wildland refresher
  - Weekly Wednesday drills are conducted so the Volunteer Combat Firefighter can maintain competency in their skills
- **Response**
  - Response requirements for the Volunteer Combat Firefighter include:
    - For out-of-district (OOD) Volunteers Combat Firefighters:
      - 36 hours a month of “shift work” This in addition to attending weekly drills, public events, and meetings. The OOD Volunteer Combat Firefighter will be able to schedule shifts each month and will be report to the Company Officer.
    - For in District Volunteer Combat Firefighters:

- Respond to 10 calls for service per month
  - This is a minimum response, obviously the more the better. This is in addition to weekly drills, public events and meetings.
  - The in District Volunteer may also work “shift work” and this time applies to the 10 call requirement.

## **Benefits of being a member of Hoodland Fire**

### Public service to the Community

Members of Hoodland Fire District are here to serve the community. They are here to assist citizens on their worst day and to do what they can to make it better. This is the reason we are here, to serve THEM.

### Educational Assistance

Each member of the Fire District is allowed to better themselves through education if it applies to their role. The Fire District will reimburse part or all of the tuition if members attend school to become an EMT. The Fire District also will send members to outside fire service training if the member is in good standing.

### Training

The Fire District will provide members with state certified training if it applies to their role. The Fire District will also send members to outside training to benefit the District. Many of the classes and certifications can be used if the member wishes to apply for Fire Department jobs.

### Career Opportunity

Members in good standing of Hoodland Fire District are awarded five extra points as volunteers when Hoodland Fire hires paid employees.

## **Interested In Joining Our Team?**

Visit: <https://www.hoodlandfire.us/>

Email: [hoodland@hoodlandfire.org](mailto:hoodland@hoodlandfire.org)

Call: 503-622-3256