



City of Sun Valley
Fire Department
Paid-per-call Firefighter Job Qualifications, Training & Duties

Qualifications

1. Must be at least 18 years of age
2. Be a high school graduate from an accredited school or hold a GED certificate
3. Hold and maintain a valid Idaho Driver's License with a good driving record
4. Reside within ten (10) miles of the Elkhorn Fire Station
5. Pass a background check
6. Pass a minimum physical examination
7. Be committed to joining the department for a minimum of three (3) years

Training

All paid-per-call firefighters require continued training to ensure they are adequately prepared for all response responsibilities. After being accepted into the Fire Department, new paid-per-call firefighters are required to complete and pass the *Firefighter 1 Essentials* training established by the National Fire Protection Association within six (6) months of being accepted into the Fire Department.

Firefighter 1 Essentials training programs are comprised of both practical application and in-class instruction. Trainees learn to handle various rescue tools, such as extinguishers, axes and ladders. Along with firefighting techniques, paid-per-call firefighters are instructed in preventing fires, handling hazardous materials and performing emergency medical procedures.

Paid-per-call firefighters continue training after completion of the *Firefighter 1 Essentials*. Once the probationary year is completed, paid-per-call firefighters are enrolled in *Engineering and EMT – Basic* training. In addition, department training drills are offered twice per month at the Elkhorn Station or at other regional stations. A paid-per-call firefighter must attend at least 72% of the training drills to remain a member of the Sun Valley Fire Department. Specialized training, which is offered outside of Blaine County, is determined and scheduled by the Fire Chief.

Duties

The general duties of a paid-per-call firefighter are listed on the next page.



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Paid-per-call Firefighter Duties

1. Respond to alarms of fire, medical or other emergencies.
2. Shall be engaged in preventing, controlling, extinguishing fires, and shall give aid in the saving of lives.
3. Reports to a Sun Valley command officer for instructions.
4. Performs duties as outlined in firefighting procedure for the suppression of fires such as: laying of lines, raising of ladders, ventilation, forcible entry, etc.
5. Performs such other duties in line of rescue or first aid as required.
6. Assumes certain responsibility for servicing and maintenance of fire equipment.
7. Maintains fire station and grounds.
8. Operates certain fire apparatus at fires.
9. Conducts training and instructional programs in lieu of a command officer on the scene.
10. May assume command of the fire or emergency when proper rank and required training has been completed.
11. Follows the operating standards, policies, and practices as prescribed by the Fire Chief.
12. Performs other related duties as assigned by a ranking officer.