

## MISSOULA RURAL FIRE DISTRICT AN OVERVIEW

Missoula Rural Fire District provides fire protection, emergency medical services and a hazardous materials response team to 35,000 persons in a 90 square mile area. We operate from 5 strategically located stations with 9 engines, 4 water tenders, and 1 aerial truck.

You can develop technical skills in the use of complicated firefighting and rescue equipment as well as life-saving techniques. It is an opportunity to gain valuable work experience and provide a valuable community service through the protection of lives and property of your friends and family.

### VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER JOB SUMMARY

Under the general supervision of a Fire Officer, a volunteer firefighter is expected to efficiently perform, at some bodily risk, duties involving the protection of life and property from fires or other emergencies. Sometimes assigned to an engine, ladder, or rescue company, the volunteer may be required to maintain fire apparatus and perform other duties as directed. **Volunteer firefighters are required to serve 24 hours in the station per month and attend Regular Training.**

### VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER DUTIES

A volunteer is responsible for the efficient, accurate and rapid completion of all tasks assigned and may perform duties on a rescue squad, engine, truck and/or other fire service equipment. A volunteer works closely with other personnel in the normal performance of duties, which may require a knowledge and understanding of fire suppression principles, practices and methods used in the operations of a modern fire department.

The Volunteer Firefighter responds to fires and other emergency alarms and assists in those operations necessary to ensure the confinement and extinguishment of fires or the elimination of other hazardous conditions; assists in the evacuation of endangered persons from hazardous locales; connects and lays hose lines; operates hose nozzles and other fire extinguishing appliances in an efficient manner to reduce water or other damage; raises, lowers and climbs ladders; uses hand and power tools; makes forcible entry into buildings; opens up walls and other structures; enters burning buildings or other locations; protects property through salvage and clean-up operations by using salvage covers, brooms, mops, shovels and similar equipment; replaces broken or ruptured sprinkler heads to prevent unnecessary water damage; operates resuscitator and inhalator and administers first aid and CPR; assists officers at the scene of a fire or other locale by delivery of messages, receiving reports and transmitting orders; assists in getting equipment and apparatus prepared for further alarms after a fire or emergency; attends instruction classes, training sessions and drills; studies local conditions and factors affecting fire operations; assists in maintaining fire apparatus, equipment and stations; be a member in good standing of the Missoula Rural Volunteer Firefighter's Association, voluntarily participating in social, business, fundraising, and community service activities sponsored by the Association or the District.