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[PHOTO: Volunteer firefighters from Asotin County Fire District #1 on training exercise]

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

Asotin County Fire District #1 looking for volunteers to serve their community

CLARKSTON, WASH. – Asotin County Fire District #1 is seeking volunteers to serve on our team as firefighters. Firefighters are trained and equipped professionally to protect the community. Successful applicants will be paid for training and receive a stipend for emergency response and retirement for their years of service.

Across the nation, volunteer-based fire departments are experiencing a decline in the numbers of people signing up to save lives in their communities due to time constraints and training requirements. To support those that would like to serve, Asotin County Fire District #1 has changed its volunteer program in the last couple of years to reduce the time commitment for training and responding to emergencies in the community.

Historically, fire departments have asked volunteers to cross train as both a firefighter/EMT. At Asotin County Fire District #1, volunteers can still cross train for both, or train just to be a firefighter or an EMT. The fire district also offers an opportunity to train for its Marine River Rescue Division, which is the only one of its kind in the region.

Asotin County Fire District #1 is proud to be a volunteer fire department, with a legacy that dates back to 1951. More information about volunteering is available online at www.acfd1.org, or by contacting Chief Noel Hardin at (509) 758-5181 (nhardin@acfd1.org) or stopping by the station during business hours (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) at 2314 Appleside Boulevard.

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Asotin County Fire District 1 provides fire suppression and prevention, emergency medical service (EMS), river rescue, oil spill response and wildland fire protection to 14,000 people over 120 square miles of land and 35 miles of shoreline. Thirty-two volunteer firefighters, 28 emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and 35 paramedics (through a partnership with Lewiston) respond to an average of 2,600 calls per year. Learn more about Asotin County Fire District 1 by visiting their web site www.acfd1.org or Facebook page @asotincountyfd1.