

DEMOGRAPHICS

The Hurricane Valley Fire District was established by the Washington County Commission on December 18, 2007. Its purpose was to increase fiscal and operational efficiencies of several smaller fire departments. It has now grown to include the cities of Hurricane, La Verkin, Toquerville, Virgin, Leeds and the associated unincorporated Washington County. The roughly 563 square miles within our boundaries covers nearly 1/3 of the county and is an area larger or equivalent to Davis, Weber, and Morgan counties and slightly smaller than Daggett, Salt Lake and Piute Counties. In addition, our State Issued EMS license covers an additional 96 square miles outside the District boundaries.

Our service area demographics include Zion National Park Back County, Washington County Regional Sports Park, Quail Creek State Park, Sand Hollow State Park, Kolob Reservoir, Babylon Mills Recreation Area, Gooseberry Mesa Recreation Trail, Del Webb Scout Camp, Marion D. Hanks Scout Camp, Oak Valley Girls Camp, South-Eastern Nevada Region Girls camp, Sand Mountain Recreation Area, Red Cliffs Recreation Area, Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, Warner Valley Recreation Area, and the Pine Valley Oak Grove Recreational Area.

Our service area draws numerous annual local and international events including; Ironman St. George, Red Bull Rampage, 25 Hours Frog Hollow, Kokopelli Triathlon, Utah Sumer Games, St. George Triathlon, Washington County Fair, WORCS Off Road Racing, Sand Hollow Board Fest, Sand Hollow Pro Water Cross, Dixie Downs Horse Races, Sand Hollow Marathon and numerous other smaller events. We routinely provide emergency staffing for an excess of 54 events annually.

Our service area presents unique manning and coverage challenges as it ranges in elevation from approximately 3100 to over 8100 feet along the Hurricane Earthquake Fault Zone and is impacted by the addition of over 12,000 "resident snow birds" each winter, over 2,300 additional weekly residents to Kolob Mountain, and an additional four million annual visitors which come to our area to enjoy Zion's National Park.

We are home to 68% of the county's water storage and treatment, the regional jail, juvenile detention complex,

electrical corridor for the Eastern side of the county, sewer district treatment facility, County landfill, two major isolated transportation corridors, I-15 the ONLY North/South interstate transportation corridor through Utah connecting California to much of the nation and Hwy-59 connecting the Southwest to the Southeast portion of the state, and other critical infrastructures.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

RESPONDED TO 2641 EMERGENCY CALLS IN 2016

We respond on an annual average to 26 structure fires, 265 motor vehicle accidents, 102 breathing problems, 68 wildland fires, 185 heart problems, 254 falls, 92 unconscious patients, 113 psychological emergencies, 60 overdoses, 53 assaults, 45 diabetic emergencies, 1 airplane crash, over 105 serious patient traumas including multiple stabbing and gunshot victims. Our calls for service are currently handled by 21 fulltime and 39 pay-per-call firefighter/EMT's.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES

- PARAMEDIC TRANSPORT SERVICES
- STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING
- WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING
- RESCUE SERVICES
- HAZMAT RESPONSE
- LIFE SAFETY/ CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTIONS
- PUBLIC EDUCATION



Battalion Chief Recruitment

Interested individuals should submit a completed Hurricane Valley Fire SSD Job Application, resume and career accomplishment portfolio to Hurricane Valley Fire SSD 202 East State Street, Hurricane, Utah 84737 by Noon on May 18, 2017.

HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE
202 EAST STATE STREET
HURRICANE, UTAH 84737
435-635-9562



Job Description Battalion Chief

FLSA Status: Full-time Exempt with Benefits
Pay Range: Managerial

GENERAL PURPOSE

Under the general supervision and direction of the Fire Chief and/or Deputy Fire Chief, performs administrative and supervisory duties relating to the prevention and mitigation of emergencies and disasters through proper planning, public education and code enforcement. Responds to emergencies involving fire, medical or environmental concerns. Oversees and manages a District and/or Division and administrative duties.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES

- Manage daily, monthly and annual shift operations and activities.
- Respond to fire, medical and other emergencies. Perform incident command or support functions.
- Follow up and oversee the completion of performance evaluations of all shift members.
- Review daily activity and response reports to ensure completeness and quality assurance.
- Manage, supervise and motivate shift staff, solve problems and follow-up on behavior modification/discipline.
- Complete monthly reports.
- Effectively follow directions from supervisor(s).
- Promote a positive attitude among District personnel and other contacts.
- Maintain personal fitness in order to effectively perform essential duties of job.
- Serve on various teams and committees as assigned.
- May act as Fire Chief in absence of the Fire Chief or Deputy Chief.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Requires valid Utah Driver's License
- Utah Fire Officer II Certification.
- Utah Paramedic Certification
- Requires 5 years' experience as a Captain.

In addition, must meet one of the following criteria:

- Must have 8 years firefighting experience with progressively increasing responsibilities, including administrative or supervisory experience as well as a bachelor's degree in Fire Science or Management; or
- Must have 10 years firefighting experience with progressively increasing responsibilities, including administrative or supervisory experience as well as an associate's degree in Fire Science or Management; or
- Must have 12 years firefighting experience with progressively increasing responsibilities, including administrative or supervisory experience.
- Probationary Period: A one year probationary period is a prerequisite to this position.

EXPERIENCE, CERTIFICATIONS

- Knowledge of:
 - Utah emergency medical programs;
 - Training, safety programs and staff development;
 - Practices of governmental administration;
 - Fire and medical equipment and programs;
 - International Fire Code;
 - Origin and cause determination;
 - Site plan review, examination and inspection;
 - District prevention programs;
 - Fire ground procedures;
 - Sprinkler systems;
 - Alarm and communication procedures;
 - Operation and maintenance of apparatus and equipment;
- Communication Skills:
 - Building relationships with outside agencies;
 - Furnishing and obtaining information;
 - Exercising tact and judgment to avoid friction;
 - Interacting with the public;
 - Frequent contacts with major executives on matters requiring explanations and discussions;
 - Must have excellent written and verbal communication skills;
 - Ability to deal well with upset and irate people;
 - Frequent contact with citizens and other employees during emergency situations;
 - Establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, elected officials, District heads and citizens.
- Tool, Machine, Equipment Operation:
 - Use of fire suppression and emergency medical equipment;
 - Regular use of a personal computer, office machines, radios and telephone;

- Analytical Ability:
 - Organize, delegate and establish meaningful goals; communicate effectively verbally and in writing;
 - Make decisions during emergency situations;
 - Evaluate and analyze data to make recommendations;
 - Implement programs.

WORKING CONDITIONS

- Great mental pressure and fatigue are present due to work environment, exposure to difficult situations, contact with the public, problem-solving and deadlines;
- Frequently has contact with employees and the public;
- Physical Demands:
 - While performing duties of job, employee typically handles office equipment, objects, emergency apparatus, specialized equipment or controls;
 - Requires bending, climbing, stooping, crouching, twisting, jumping, running in a variety of environmental conditions;
 - Employee will sit or stand for long periods of time;
 - Response to emergency situations may require moving heavy equipment as well as climbing/balancing, stooping and kneeling.
 - Employee will work in a generally comfortable station or office setting (75% of work performed indoors and 25% of work performed outdoors);
 - The noise level in the work environment is usually minimal;
 - Frequent exposure to stressful situations as a result of human behavior and emergency situations;
 - Periodic exposure to inclement weather conditions and emergency situations that involve dangerous and disagreeable conditions including smoke, heights, fire, stress, hazardous material, communicable diseases, excessive noise, fumes, heat, cold, water, emergency driving, etc.;
 - Work assignments are broad and performed with little or no supervision;
 - Typical assignment includes supervision of a rotating 24-48 hour shift and additional administrative hours;
 - Subject to call back 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the person(s) assigned to this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities and skills required of personnel so classified. The approved class specifications are not intended to and do not infer or create employment, compensation, or contract rights to any person or persons. This updated job description supersedes prior descriptions for the same position. Management reserves the right to add or change duties at any time.