

## 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, Worx 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 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 2,934 EMERGENCY CALLS IN 2017**

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/paramedics or firefighter/EMT's.



## EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES

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



## Firefighter/Paramedic Recruitment

Interested individuals should submit a completed Hurricane Valley Fire SSD Job Application and resume to Hurricane Valley Fire SSD 202 East State Street, Hurricane, Utah 84737 by Noon on February 12, 2018.

**Testing February 16-17, 2018**

HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE  
202 EAST STATE STREET  
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## Job Description Firefighter/Paramedic

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Pay Range: 26 (\$45,050 - \$62,102)

Full benefits package (Health, Dental, Retirement, Vision Etc.)

### GENERAL PURPOSE

- Functions as a member of an engine or truck company under the general supervision of the Station Captain.
- Makes medical decisions based on standing orders, protocols and orders from on-line and off-line medical directors. The position of Firefighter/Paramedic **necessitates the same knowledge, skills and job requirements of a Firefighter/EMT**. Additionally, a Firefighter/Paramedic must respond to medical emergencies and provide **ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT** pre-hospital care to victims of injury or illness.

### EXAMPLE OF DUTIES

- Performs all the duties of a Firefighter/EMT
- Performs complex diagnostic and medical procedures such as intravenous cannulation, endotracheal intubation, and recognition of cardiac arrhythmias and administration of drugs.
- Drives and operates rescue vehicle or other apparatus assigned and/or operates as a member of a rescue engine or rescue truck company; ensures that apparatus is clean and maintained.
- Operates heavy extrication equipment such as air bags, hydraulically powered cutters and spreaders, pneumatic cutters and special saws.
- Accurately completes written and verbal reports on patient care to hospital emergency departments.
- Comprehends and documents patient histories.
- Accurately completes District reports.
- Checks drugs and equipment daily to ensure proper control and inventory.
- Participates in firefighting duties as assigned. Lays lines, operates nozzles, operates extinguishers, and performs other actions to suppress fires; performs salvage and overhaul operations. Participates in company inspections of commercial and residential properties to identify code violations and educate the public.

- Conducts educational and training programs for the public and fire personnel.
- Participates in drills and training sessions as directed.
- Participates in physical training and District physical testing.
- Responds to emergency incidents including fires, medical emergencies, hazardous situations, environmental emergencies, and other requests for public assistance.
- Performs related duties as required.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE & CERTIFICATIONS

- Must have high school diploma or the equivalent (GED)
- Certification and licensure as a Paramedic by the State of Utah Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services or complete state reciprocity within two (2) months of hire date.
- Must maintain state-mandated continuing education requirements, including current American Heart
- Association (AHA) certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced
- Life Support (PALS), Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) or equivalent.
- Utah State Firefighter II certifications.
- Must possess a valid Utah Driver license.

### NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Familiarity with existing triage, treatment and patient transport protocols.
- Familiarity with standing orders provided by off-line medical director.
- Proficiency in advanced life support procedures.
- Knowledge of medical terminology.
- Ability to follow both written and oral communication; ability to communicate in a written and verbal manner; ability to exercise appropriate safety tactics in firefighting and medical emergencies.
- In addition to basic life support (BLS) skills, must be proficient in advanced life support (ALS) skills including but not limited to IV therapy, cardiac monitoring, advanced airway control and a variety of medication therapies.
- Ability to handle high levels of personal stress and to maintain composure under a variety of adverse conditions, including verbal and physical abuse, witnessing death and critical injuries and experiencing risk of personal harm.
- Working knowledge of the goals and objectives of the District's fire control program; working knowledge of effective techniques and methods of fire suppression and control; working knowledge of effective operation of policies and procedures established for the District; some knowledge of hazardous substances and their control.
- Skill in the operation of the apparatus to be driven; skill in maintenance of equipment and station; skill in operation of fire and emergency medical service equipment.

### TOOLS & EQUIPMENT USED

- Fire pumps, SCBA, hoses, and other standard firefighting equipment, ladders, first aid equipment radio, vehicle, personal protective gear, personal computer.
- All equipment listed on State of Utah's required equipment list for paramedics, including but not limited to defibrillators medical suction equipment, cardiac monitors, intubation equipment, IV and medication administration equipment.

### PHYSICAL DEMANDS

- The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.
- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit, talk, hear, stand, walk, use hands to finger, handle, or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl, twist, or jump; and taste or smell.
- The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move in excess of 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

### WORK ENVIRONMENT

- The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.
- While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works in outside weather conditions including temperature extremes, during day and night shifts. Work is often performed in emergency and stressful situations. Individual is exposed to hearing alarms and hazards associated with fighting fires and rendering emergency medical assistant, including smoke, noxious odors, fumes, chemicals, liquid chemicals, solvents and oils.
- The employee works near moving mechanical parts and in high precarious places and is exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, ice and snow, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electrical shock, and vibration. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate, except during certain firefighting or EMT/Paramedic activities when noise levels may be loud.

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.