



# Black Butte Ranch RFPD

## Resident Volunteer Program

### *About Us*

Black Butte Ranch Rural Fire Protection District is a combination career and volunteer department which serves an area of approximately 3 square miles in the mountainous shadows of the Central Oregon Cascades. The department serves the resort community of Black Butte Ranch with a permanent population of about 300 residents and a destination population that can be as high as 5000-7000 during the peak summer months.



Our Fire District responds to an average of 300 calls per year with an average of 90% being medical related. Due to many of our year-round residents and guests being elderly, we tend to have more cardiac related calls per capita than the average fire district. In addition to our primary fire district and Ambulance Service Area (ASA), we also have "Automatic" and "Mutual" aid agreements in place for Fire/EMS with Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department as well as the other Central Oregon Fire Departments.

Our **staff** consists of:

- Fire Chief
- Deputy Fire Chief
- Administrative Assistant
- 3 Shift Captain/Paramedics
- 3 Firefighter/Paramedics
- 7-10 Resident Volunteers

Our **apparatus** consists of:

- (1) Class A Engine
- (1) 75' Ladder Truck
- (1) Heavy Brush Engine
- (1) Light Brush
- (2) ALS Ambulances
- (3) Command Vehicles
- (1) Utility Vehicle

Our **housing and facilities** consist of:

The department is housed in a 11,200 sq.ft. building that was completed in December of 1991. The station is fully equipped with comfortable living quarters for up to twelve firefighters, with the bedrooms sleeping one to two students. There is a large eating area with a kitchen, spacious day room with a pool table and a big screen TV, as well as both male and female bathroom facilities.

There is adequate storage space in your room plus other areas in the building for resident volunteers to store their personal belongings. In order to help maintain your physical edge, we have both weight lifting and aerobic training equipment on the premise as well as have access to Glaze Meadow Recreation Center.



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Our Resident Volunteers are essential to our day-to-day operations and emergency response system. Historically, the Black Butte Ranch resident population demographic has not supported a traditional fire department program that utilizes home responders to provide Fire and EMS services. Therefore, we have developed a Resident Volunteer Program that utilizes career minded young adult who affiliate with BBR RFPD and volunteer their time in exchange for training, experience, and educational support in pursuit of college degrees in the Fire and EMS related fields.

To be **eligible** for our program, you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age by the 1st day of Academy
- Valid Oregon Driver's License
- Be insurable by Black Butte Ranch RFPD insurance carrier
- High School Diploma, G.E.D. or Certificate of Advanced Mastery
- Physician note citing physically fit for the duties of a firefighter
- Pass application process, written evaluation, physical agility and oral interview
- Be enrolled in the Structural Fire Science and/or EMS programs at COCC



As a **scholarship student**, you will be assigned to a shift after completing a six to eight week academy at which thereafter you will:

- Learn to drive and operate an ambulance and/or fire engine
- Be trained to respond to emergencies as the first one on scene
- Learn how maintain and operate several types of firefighting equipment
- Learn the principles of firefighting, fire prevention, fire control and EMS
- Be trained on the operation and maintenance of lifesaving equipment
- Learn the principles of physical fitness and healthy-in, healthy-out
- Receive hours of hands-on experience
- Learn the skills and techniques of good customer service

If you chosen by Black Butte Ranch RFPD, you will receive a scholarship that covers tuition and books. Each scholarship position is for a duration of two years, with the potential of continuing for a third year to obtain your paramedic degree. You will also receive a monthly fuel reimbursement up to \$450, uniforms, PPE and the use of the many amenities at Black Butte Ranch.

We take pride in our program and have a very successful placement rate of students completing the program (usually finishing with dual AAS degrees) and moving into fire and EMS career positions. Our goal is to guide you through the process and set you up for success in becoming great firefighters and EMS professionals.

***If you have any questions regarding the Resident Volunteer Program at Black Butte Ranch RFPD, or you would like to schedule a visit or ride-a-long, please contact Deputy Chief Jason Ellison at (541) 595-2288 or [jellison@blackbutteranchfire.com](mailto:jellison@blackbutteranchfire.com).***

