

Cowlitz County Fire Protection District # 5

Serving the Kalama Area

Employment Opportunity – Wildland Firefighter

3 Summer Temporary Positions: June 11 – September 30th (Tentative)

Description

Cowlitz County Fire District #5 is seeking to fill 2-3 summer temporary Wildland Firefighter positions. Successful applicants will perform the duties of a Wildland Firefighter in responding to emergencies in our 66 square mile response area that includes the City of Kalama and Port of Kalama. Successful applicants will specialize in wildland firefighting and will be on call for State mobilization or DNR hire to wildfires. Typical daily duties will include responding to 911 emergency calls, apparatus checks, maintenance, training, station duties, odd jobs, special projects, working with District Staff and other duties as assigned. Fire District 5 operates out of two stations with a call volume of 1059 in 2023, serving a population of approximately 7,500.



Benefits & Schedule

Successful applicants will work a variable schedule; typically, 0900 – 1800 hours Tuesday-Saturday, hours may vary. Applicants will be on call for wildfire mobilization or hire. Mobilizations and/or hire involve travel outside the local area at the expense of the fire district and are typically 14 days in duration. All equipment is provided at the expense of the district. Additional training may be required and will be at the expense of the district. Salary range starts at \$18.97 an hour.

Requirements

- Minimum 18 years of age
- High school diploma or GED or have at time of hire
- Applicants must have a valid Washington State Driver's License and submit a driving record abstract with an acceptable driving record per district policies
- Capable of passing wildland "pack test" or present current 2023 test completion
- Applicants must submit to and pass a district physical
- Applicants must submit to medical and drug screening
- Applicants must submit to a criminal background investigation pursuant to RCW 43.43.830, the results may disqualify some applicants

Preferred Qualifications

- Wildland engine boss or higher
- Washington State EMT certification
- Previous wildland mobilization experience
- Currently certified as a Wildland Firefighter 2 (Red Card) or higher



If interested, please complete a district application and return to Station #51, 382 NE Frontage Road, Kalama, WA 98625. The Fire District must receive applications no later than Monday, April 1, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Tom Chavez at (360) 673-2222 or by email at tchavez@cowlitzfd5.org.

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