



CLALLAM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #5
~ Proudly Serving Clallam Bay/Sekiou Since 1954 ~

Become a Paid, On-Call Volunteer ~ Be a Part of the Team

Thank you for your interest in volunteering in our Fire & EMS Department. The Clallam Bay/Sekiou Fire & EMS Department has been a service agent since its inception in 1954.

Becoming a volunteer requires a large initial commitment. **Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) are required to successfully complete a 120-hour firefighter program and a 120-hour Emergency Medical Technician course. Firefighter/Engineers are required to successfully complete a 120-hour firefighter program.** Once you have completed the initial required training, your monthly commitment will vary, dependent upon the needs of the Department and community. Active participation is a mandatory requirement for membership. Regular drills are held each Monday at 6:00 pm. Additional drills are conducted throughout the year.

Minimum Qualifications

Must be at least 18 years old.

Must be able to pass all portions of the Department physical and be able to perform the physical duties of a Firefighter/EMT.

Must be able to pass a background check.

Must live or work within the Clallam County Fire District #5 boundaries.

Must have a high school diploma or GED.

Must be able to read and write the English language fluently enough to perform the duties of a Firefighter/EMT.

Must have a valid Washington State Driver's License and a history of safe driving habits.

Application Process

Applications can be obtained at the Clallam County Fire District #5 Headquarters Station located at 60 Eagle Crest Way, Clallam Bay, WA. Applications are accepted at any time and will be maintained on file for a period of one year. Anyone who withholds or gives false application information, or fails any portion of the candidate testing process, will not be accepted.

Candidate Testing Process

Our candidate testing process consists of a physical at the Clallam Bay Clinic at Department cost, an oral interview, a driving history review, a criminal history background check, and drug screening.

Physical

Candidates must obtain and pass a physical at Department cost from the Clallam Bay Clinic prior to being approved to serve as a volunteer. Physical forms are located in the application packet.

Oral Interview

A panel made up of our Volunteer Executive Board Officers and the Department's Training Officer will take this opportunity to become acquainted with you.

Additional Items

Your standing after successfully completing the physical and oral interview process will determine if we will perform a review of your driving history and criminal background check.

Getting Started as a Paid On-Call Volunteer

Once a candidate has been accepted, they will begin a 12-month probationary period, during which they must attend and successfully complete all required training components. This training is designed to provide you with the skills you need to operate safely and efficiently as part of an emergency response team. Anyone failing to meet this requirement will be dismissed. At no time will a new volunteer respond to any emergency incidents prior to receiving authorization by the Department's Officers. Once the Officers have approved you to begin responding to emergency incidents, you will be issued a radio, and will be expected to sign up for duty shifts to begin your service within the community.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do Volunteers Get Paid?

Yes, volunteers are paid a flat fee (stipend) for all training drills, duty company responses, and calls.

What training will I receive?

All candidates are required to attend a Department Orientation, and *successfully complete a 120-hour initial Fire Fighter Training Program*. Firefighter/EMTs are also required to successfully complete a 120-hour Emergency Medical Technician class. All training is offered by the Department. During the Department Orientation, you will complete any needed paperwork and will be provided with an overview of the Department.

When do I go on calls?

Once the Department Officers have approved you to respond, you will sign up for duty shifts with seasoned personnel and issued a radio that will alert you of a call. You are not expected to leave your regular place of employment to respond to calls without your employer's approval. You are expected to respond anytime you are in the community, as determined by the need of the call.

How long do calls last?

It varies depending upon the nature of the call. Medical calls can be as short as 20 minutes or as long as 3+ hours, if the patient needs to be transported to the hospital. Fire calls, where there is actually fire, last a minimum of 1 hour, but can last up to 6 hours. The best rule of thumb is 3 hours for medical aid calls, and 2-4 hours on a working fire call. The majority of calls are for medical aid.

How often do calls occur?

Calls vary greatly; we may have several calls a day, or we may go several weeks without a call. We responded to 197 calls in 2007.

What else does the Fire Department do in addition to responding to fire and medical aid calls?

The Clallam Bay/Seki Fire & EMS Department is very involved in the community. We routinely provide EMS standby at school sporting events and have several active Public Education programs. Our EMS program provides CPR and First Aid training and our Fire Prevention program provides fire safety and emergency preparedness information at many community events and within the Cape Flattery School District. Many of these non-emergency activities would not be possible without the support of our volunteers. As a volunteer, you will be encouraged to participate in these activities.

If I have prior experience, can I receive credit for it?

This will depend upon your experience and will be determined by the Department's Officers on a case-by-case basis. Any certifications or documentation that shows experience should be attached to your application when it is turned in.

EQUAL OPPORTUNMITY EMPLOYER

Clallam County Fire District #5 is an Equal Opportunity Employer and complies with all Federal and State laws and regulation and does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, genetics, religion, age, disability and/or veteran status.



CLALLAM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #5

60 Eagle Crest Way, Post Office Box 530

Clallam Bay, WA 98326

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND PERSONAL RECORD FILE

Name (Last, First, and Middle Initial)		Social Security No.		
Mailing Address (Include Apartment Number, if any)				Home Telephone
City	County	State	Zip	Work (or Message) Telephone
Employer				
Employer Address, Phone #				
Education	High School/GED	<u> Y </u>	<u> N </u>	
Formal Education	School	Subject	Certificate/Degree	

Military Service	Branch	Dates	Type of Discharge	

Fire Service Experience	Department	Dates	Position Held	

Emergency Medical Service Experience	Department	Dates	Position Held	

List other agencies or community activities you are or were involved in :				

Why do you want to be a volunteer for the Clallam Bay/Seki Volunteer Fire & EMS Department:				

License, Certificate, or Registration	License Number	Expiration Date		
Driver's License	_____	_____		
Commercial (A, B, C)	_____	_____		
Other (Indicate type):	_____	_____		
Other than English, what languages do you speak, read, or write fluently?				

Have you been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony within the past seven (7) years that might unfavorably affect your fitness for this job?

If yes, for what? _____

Have you received any traffic violations in the last FIVE (5) years?

If yes, for what? _____

Emergency Notification Information

Name	Address	Phone #	Relationship
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Will your employer release you to respond to emergencies?

No

Yes

Time of day you would be available to respond to alarms: (Check all that apply)

Any time

Weekends

Weekdays

Other

Personal References (Not Relatives)

Name	Address	Phone #
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Does your employer know of this application? **Y** **N** **Are they in favor?**

TO BE ACCEPTED, YOU MUST SIGN AND DATE THIS APPLICATION.

All answers and statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Department may verify information, and that untruthful or misleading answers are cause for rejection of this application, or dismissal if employed.

Date (Month/Day/Year) Signature

Approved by

Chief

Chair of the Board of Commissioners

This application is not a contract and is not a guarantee of employment with Clallam County Fire District #5

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