



Camrose County Fire Services Introduction & Information

Thank you for expressing interest in becoming a member of Camrose County Regional Fire Services. We hope this information package can answer some of the questions you may have regarding volunteer firefighting.

The Camrose County Regional Fire Hall is located on Hwy 609, approximately 1 Km East of Hwy 21 near the Hamlet of Ferintosh.

Camrose County Volunteer Firefighters are paid on a call-based fire service with a dedicated group of volunteer firefighters. This staffing model meets the needs of the County to ensure effective operation and response for fire services and program delivery.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (included in the Standard Operating Guidelines)

The applicant shall:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Hold a valid Alberta Operator's License with the ability to obtain an air brake, Q endorsement
- Provide a current driver's License Abstract
- Be physically fit to the level required to perform all functions, tasks and/or otherwise of a firefighter
- Participate in physical testing as required or requested
- Be willing to provide a Criminal Record Check
- Hold a Standard First Aid Certificate with level "C" CPR, current within one year of issue

FACTS TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPLYING

Camrose County Fire Services Volunteer Firefighter recruitment selection process is structured to ensure we have the most suitable people to join our service. It strives to select people that demonstrate desire and commitment to help their community and contribute as members of the department.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND WORKING CONDITIONS

Environmental factors play a large role in the performance of a firefighter's duties. Some working conditions that firefighters experience as part of normal operating procedures include:

- The requirement to report to fire calls “fit for duty”, both mentally and physically.
- Responding to fire calls after working a regular workday at their regular occupation which may have involved an 8–14-hour workday with varied levels of mental and physical exertion. May be performing tasks with little or no sleep.
- Performing required tasks while wearing full personal protective equipment (PPE) including self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Withstanding strong vibrations over extended periods of time (i.e., riding in emergency vehicles, operating/holding heavy power tools in awkward positions, etc.).
- Working quickly to extinguish fires in extreme heat and when visibility is poor or non-existent.
- Experiencing physically demanding tasks during extreme fluctuations in temperature.
- Lifting, carrying, butting, extending, and climbing ladders to extreme heights, while maintaining balance and maneuvering in unwieldy positions.
- Working in hazardous areas that are hot, wet, slippery, muddy, icy, dirty, cramped, etc.
- Working on and around moving machinery, vehicles and equipment.
- Being aware of and protecting against:
 - o Burns and other injuries.
 - o Exposure to sharp objects.
 - o Hazardous substances through inhalation, injection, ingestion and absorption.
 - o High noise levels.
 - o Infectious agents/biological hazards.
 - o Radiation hazards.
 - o Smoke, dust, noxious odours, and contaminants.
 - o Uninstalled or unshielded electrical equipment.

FACTS ABOUT THE POSITIONS (included in the Standard Operating Guidelines)

- It is a requirement that to keep your active firefighter status you must attend 50% of the fire practice sessions.
- Respond to fire/rescue and/or emergency assistance calls as often as possible
- Complete Firefighting Training Courses S300 and S400 or the equivalent within 36 months of joining the department.

APPLICATIONS

If you are interested in becoming a member of Camrose County Fire Services, the following documents shall be submitted:

- Application Package & Forms
- Driver’s License Abstract
- A photocopy of a valid driver’s license

Please forward your applications to:

email: rfs@county.camrose.ab.ca

c/o Camrose County

3755 – 43 Avenue

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Any questions please contact Deputy Chief Larry Baerg at 1-780-878-1562