

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3

CRFD #3 is in search of one resident firefighter/EMT. Columbus Fire Rescue is a combination department. The Department has a full time Chief, Assistant Chief, Battalion Chief/Volunteer Coordinator, FF/Mechanic, 2 FF/paramedics, approximately 45 volunteer members, and maximum of three resident FF's. Columbus Fire Rescue provides fire, rescue, hazmat, and EMS. The department covers 650 square miles for first due fire and 850 square miles for first due EMS. Columbus Fire runs about 830 calls a year. Columbus is located 40 miles west of Billings MT and sits off Interstate 90. Stillwater Mining Company, Montana Silversmiths, and Next FX Incorporated are all based in CFR's first due area

A Resident FF/EMT is a person who lives in the station in a dormitory setting, works assigned shifts, and responds to emergencies. Residents are part of the emergency response in CFR's response area for two primary purposes, first to ensure rapid response of apparatus to the scene of an emergency, secondly to provide minimum guaranteed response of personnel. The Resident program is designed to help the individual get a career in the emergency services or other job fields. **CFR offers a monthly stipend of \$300.00 to assist the resident with financial needs. There are also scholarship opportunities for residents attending college.** CFR also offers summer employment doing fuel mitigation work and the option to be deployed on contract engines for wildfire assignments.

Minimum Resident Requirements

- Eighteen years of age
- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Valid driver's license
- Verifiable good driving record with at least two years of driving experience
- Under most circumstances CFR requires a two year resident requirement but special circumstances may be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Training and Educational Opportunities

- CFR may provide the following training opportunities to all residents.
 - Montana State Firefighter 1
 - EMT-Basic
 - Hazardous Materials Operations
 - Basic Wildland Fire
 - Wildland Urban Interface
 - Interview, resume/application training
- Other Training Opportunities that a resident wants to attend must apply to the Chief and/or Training Officer or Resident Coordinator.

If you are interested or know someone who would advance with this opportunity contact Battalion Chief Travis Hansen at 406-322-4302 or thansen@columbusfirerescue.com