

Cowlitz 2

FIRE & RESCUE

Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue is accepting applications for the positions of:

Lateral Firefighter/EMT
Or
Lateral Firefighter/Paramedic

How to Request an Application:

Candidates with the necessary knowledge, skills, abilities, education and experience are invited to apply. Application packets may be requested by one of the following methods:

In person: Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue, 701 Vine Street, Kelso

By telephone: (360) 578-5218

E-mail request: laura.bouchard@c2fr.org

Original applications must be returned to the District Headquarters office at 701 Vine Street; they will not be accepted at other District locations. Faxed or electronically submitted applications will not be accepted.

Application packets must include a copy of your valid driver's license along with driving abstract, proof of graduation or GED, copy of current CPAT card or signed Waiver and Release form, and copies of all appropriate certifications in order to be complete and be considered further.

The Organization:

Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue is a Fire District governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners who are elected to serve six-year terms. The District operates out of six locations and encompasses 170 square miles serving approximately 38,000 citizens. District services include fire suppression and prevention, along with ALS transport. Service is provided by 28 career uniformed employees, 100+ active volunteers, 2 full-time mechanics, and an administrative staff consisting of a Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, EMS Administrator, Operations Chief, District Secretary, Volunteer Liaison, Logistics Assistant and Fire Secretary. The annual Fire District budget for 2009 is just over \$6 million.

Equal Opportunity Employer/Drug Free Workplace

This announcement is intended only as a general recruitment guide; no expressed or implied contract is intended.

General Information about the Application and Testing Process:

The testing process for Lateral Firefighter/Paramedic and Firefighter/EMT will consist of a resume' review, CPAT or C2FR work abilities completion, and thorough background investigation. The highest scoring applicants after all processes have been completed will then proceed to the oral interview phase of the process. After oral interviews, applicants will be placed, highest scores first (based on resume' review and oral interview) on a Lateral Eligibility List. Applicants will maintain eligibility on this list for two years. The District will review applications from both this list and the entry-level eligibility list concurrently for vacant positions. Upon a tentative offer of employment, applicants will be required to successfully complete a psychological examination, drug test and physical exam.

Duties of the Position:

The positions of Firefighter/Paramedic and Firefighter/EMT are uniformed, public-safety, union-represented positions. Principal duties involve responding to medical emergencies providing emergency medical aid. The position is also responsible for general firefighting activities that are hazardous due to smoke, heat, falling debris, toxic atmosphere, hazardous materials, exposed electrical conductors, working from ladders and other high places. Firefighters are also required to perform public education and fire prevention inspections, maintain and repair fire equipment, apparatus and station facilities. Work schedule is currently 1 day on, 1 day off, 1 day on, 1 day off, 1 day on, and 4 days off.

Knowledge, Skills, Education, Minimum Qualifications:

Applicants for Lateral Firefighter/Paramedic and Firefighter/EMT must be 18 years of age, possess a current and valid driver's license, and high school diploma or the equivalent. Firefighter/Paramedic applicants must also possess Washington or national paramedic certification, along with ACLS, PALS and PHTLS (or equivalent TNCC or TEAM) certifications. Firefighter/EMT applicants must possess Washington or national EMT basic certification. Lateral positions also require one year of continuous experience at the same agency as a full time firefighter or firefighter paramedic or four years of volunteer experience at the same agency with verified training and participation records equaling a minimum of 576 hours. Must also possess Firefighter 1 certification (Washington state or equivalent), current EVAP certification or the equivalent, Haz Mat Operations, and NIMS training consisting of I-100, I-200, I-700, and I-800. Also request most recent year's personnel evaluation and letter of recommendation from current or previous supervisor.

Paramedic applicants must also become Washington State and Cowlitz County certified as a condition of employment during probation as described by all local, county and state guidelines (no more than 90 days allowed to complete process). If you receive Paramedic certification (as outlined above) while on the eligibility list, you are responsible for providing copies of all certifications to the District in order to be considered for a Firefighter/Paramedic position filled from this list.

Employees of the Fire District are expected to be willing and able to: 1) establish a record of self-motivation and dedication on the job; 2) stay on the job or respond off-duty in the event of an emergency although one's own family may be in danger; 3) cope with personal conflicts which may arise from such a schedule and duties; 4) make decisions under stress, keep a clear head, including jeopardizing one's own safety to save another; 5) show pride in the job; and 6) use standby time to the benefit of the District and one's own career advancement by studying and learning fire and emergency aid subjects which are of benefit to the District.

Benefits of the position include annual paid vacation based on the number of years of service with the District, annual sick and holiday leave, medical/dental/life/LTD insurance package, Washington State LEOFF Retirement System, uniform and equipment provided. Other optional programs available to employees include a deferred compensation plan and additional life insurance for employees and dependents.