

HOPLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FIRE CHIEF MITCH FRANKLIN

Volunteer Application



2024

There are several components which make up a member's time commitment to the District.

These components are as follows:

1. Regularly scheduled training.
2. Required outside training.
3. Call response
4. Equipment check

The Hopland Fire Protection District has its regular training every Thursday night. Training begins at 6:00pm and runs until 9:00pm. It is mandatory to attend at least 2 trainings per/month.

Although most trainings are done “in house”, probationary firefighters must complete the Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Academy.

Your service as a volunteer firefighter for the Hopland Fire Protection District *requires a serious commitment*. Your decision to join should not be made quickly. It is important that you share this information with your family, as they must also commit to support your decision to join our organization. This booklet has been developed to provide the information needed to help you make that decision.

If you need any additional information please contact:

On Duty Staff

Station - (707)-744-1222

Email – hopchief6100@gmail.com

What are the Training Requirements for a Probationary Firefighter?

During the first twelve months of service e new volunteers will be held on a probationary period. Probationary firefighters are required to successfully complete the Fire Chiefs Academy and a basic First Aid/CPR course. These classes will be paid for by the fire district. In addition to these classes all firefighters are expected to make as many calls as possible.

How Many Calls Does the Department Respond to in a Given Year?

In an average year, The Hopland Fire Protection District responds to approximately 350 emergency requests for service. For the year 2023 these requests break down as follows:

Medical Calls	127
Structure Fires	2
Vegetation Fires	34
Debris Fires	25
Smoke Check	10
Traffic Collisions	89
Vehicle Fires	9
Hazardous Conditions	15
Public Assist	20
Agency Assist	5
Search/Rescue	2
Mutual Aid	10
Fire Alarm	13
Other	0
Total	361

Frequently Asked Question About Hopland Fire Protection District

Who does Hopland Fire Serve?

The Hopland Fire Protection District serves an area of approximately 110 square miles. The district includes Highway 101 from Sonoma County to Nelson Ranch Rd, Highway 175 from Hopland to Lake County, Russian River Estates, McNab Ranch, Mountain House Rd, Feliz Creek Rd, and everything in between.

How is the Hopland Fire Protection District Organized?

Hopland Fire operates under the direction of the Fire Chief who reports to the HFPD Board of Directors. HFPD paid staff includes Fire Chief, two Engineers and two Firefighters.

What Does the Term '*Volunteer*' Mean?

The fire service in the United States has a rich tradition of volunteer fire departments (or companies) dating back to the days of Benjamin Franklin. These volunteer fire companies provided fire suppression services through the time and talent of the members of the community. As towns grew, the need for full-time (or career) firefighters developed. This occurred mainly in medium to large cities where the industry and tax base could pay for a full-time staff. In other smaller areas, volunteer departments continued to provide quality and cost effective services to their community.

The firefighters with HFPD continue the rich tradition of volunteerism by literally volunteering their time and energy to serve the residents and visitors of our district. Firefighters receive a uniform allowance of \$5.00 per call they respond to.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS/PROCESS

Requirements:

- Live or work within the Hopland Fire Protection District
- 18 years of age
- High School Graduate or equivalent
- In good physical condition
- Possess a valid class C California Driver's License

ENTRANCE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

If a volunteer entering the Hopland Fire Protection District has adequate prior training or experience he/she must attend two regular drills and complete an eight hour orientation program taught by HFPD personnel.

Volunteers who are new to the fire service or do not have qualifying experience must successfully complete the pre-membership training program. A volunteer who has completed all pre-membership requirements including an interview with the fire chief will be issued a pager and allowed to respond to emergency calls.

All personnel/membership decisions are made by the fire chief and any exemptions are subject to his discretion.

PRE-MEMBERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

Purpose:

To ready new volunteer firefighters for response to emergency calls

Policy:

- To be accepted into the pre-membership training program all new recruits must fill out an application and complete an interview with the fire chief.
- To qualify to respond to emergency calls new recruits must complete pre-membership training requirements, attend a minimum of four trainings, and complete a second interview with the fire chief.

MISSION STATEMENT

THE HOPLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STRIVES TO BE A LEADING EMERGENCY SERVICE
ORGANIZATION BY:

- Meeting the needs of our community in the areas of fire prevention, fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical services, and education.
- Continually improving upon our services, techniques, and operations.
- Providing the residents and visitors of Hopland Fire Protection District with a well trained professional fire/rescue team that responds to all public safety needs.

In carrying out this mission the Hopland Fire Protection District will:

- Give top priority to firefighter safety and environmental concerns
- Encourage professional and personal development of our members
- Work as a team to take full advantage of our skills, knowledge, and creativity.
- Communicate openly and honestly to our members and community to inspire trust and confidence.
- Provide a well rounded training program which will meet the standards set forth by the Hopland Fire Protection District
- Provide the highest level of training and safety equipment to ensure the safety of all HFPD personnel.
- Maintain all fire suppression equipment in top condition at all times.
- Present a positive public image of the Hopland Fire Protection District at all times.

HOPLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

THE NATURE OF OUR BUSINESS

Fire Fighting is one of the world's most honored but hazardous occupations. It is the duty of every fire department to save lives and to reduce injuries and property loss. By becoming a fire fighter, an individual joins a profession that is rich in heritage of dedication, unselfish sacrifice and inspired human action. A fire fighter performs no greater service than coming to the aid of others. The firefighter's job is not comfortable or easy; it is a profession that exposes an individual to a high level of personal stress and danger. Fire fighting requires personal dedication, a genuine desire to help people, and endless training.

Whenever there is an emergency, the fire department is one of the first entities called to the scene. Emergencies involve not only fires but incidents such as cave-ins, building collapses, motor vehicle accidents, aircraft crashes, hazardous materials, civil disturbances, rescue operations, explosions, water incidents, and medical emergencies. The list of possibilities is endless.

When people feel they have an emergency, they think of the fire department first. Firefighters are involved with all types of people, appreciated by some and scorned by others. Since firefighters are public servants, they are expected to calmly evaluate the problem and bring it to a successful conclusion. As a result of this position, firefighters will come to know sincere thanks, human kindness, misunderstanding, sadness, helplessness, and disappointment. Firefighters will see and know unrestricted emotion, destruction, foolishness, pain, and death. From the first time an emergency situation is encountered until the last day of service, firefighters are expected by the public to perform heroically. However, firefighters are not super heroes. Like other people, they have their limits. Everything cannot be done at once. This fact must be accepted.

The rewards that a firefighter receives as a result of performing the job come in a variety of forms, but one can be sure that all firefighters develop a sense of pride from helping their community and its people.

HOPLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION

Fill out completely. This application is part of the acceptance process and subject to verification. Use black ink or type.

1. Name _____

Last

First

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2. Address _____

Street

City

ZIP

3. Phone _____ DOB _____ H.T. _____ WT. _____

4. Eyes _____ Hair _____ DL# _____ Sex _____

5. Are you a US Citizen? _____

6. List all addresses you have lived at in the past 5 years:

7. Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

8. Do you have any serious ailments/health issues? _____

If Yes, please explain: _____

9. Do you have any allergies? _____ If yes, please list: _____

10. High School:_____ City:_____

11. Highest Grade Completed: 9 10 11 12 Graduated:_____ GED:_____

12. Colleges Attended (Name/Dates/Major/Degrees):

13. Employer:

Name	Address	Phone
Hours p/week worked:_____		
Will this interfere w/ your participation in the HFPD Volunteer Program?_____		

14. List last 2 employers:

Name	Reason for Leaving
_____	_____
Name	Reason for Leaving

15. Have you ever been arrested?_____ If yes, please give details on back.

16. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? _____

If yes, please give details on back.

17. Have you ever been a defendant in a criminal action? _____

If yes, specify Date/Court/Disposition/Verdict on back.

18. Please state why you would like to volunteer with Hopland Fire:

19. Provide 5 personal references that you have known for at least one year:

Name	Address	City	Phone
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I, _____ hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation of materials or facts will be used for disqualification or dismissal.

Signature

Date