



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT FIREFIGHTER/EMT – ENTRY LEVEL

**Starting Salary - \$37,450
4 Year (5% per year) Step Program**

Job Classification

Benton County Fire Protection District 6 is currently accepting applications for one **Firefighter/EMT - Entry Level** position. BCFD6 Firefighter/ EMT's are responsible to perform skilled emergency medical care and transport for victims of sudden illness and injury. Firefighters are also responsible for work performed in combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires and protecting life and property through rescue, public education and other emergency service activities. Duties also include other support services under the close supervision of the Fire Chief which includes but is not limited to training, maintaining equipment and quarters as well as other District activities.



Entry Level Requirements

Required

- 3 years firefighter experience
- Valid WA State Driver's License and meets the District insurability requirements
- NFPA or IFSAC Firefighter I
- NWCG Wildland Firefighter 2
- EVIP 2.1 Certified
- Washington State EMT Basic or ability to obtain within 3 months of hire
- Haz Mat Awareness
- ICS 100, 200, 700, 800

Preferred

- 5 years firefighting experience
- WA State CDL
- NFPA or IFSAC Firefighter II
- NFPA or IFSAC Fire Officer I
- NWCG Wildland Firefighter I / Type V ITC
- NWCG Wildland Engine/Crew Boss
- Haz Mat Ops
- On Scene Incident Command – Haz Mat
- A.A. Degree in Fire Science or equivalent
- ICS 300, 400
- WA State Advanced EMT

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 12, 2023 – 5:00PM

Hours of Employment

This position shall be scheduled using a 91 hours per 12 day work period as authorized under the FLSA. Career Firefighters are assigned to a 48/96 shift schedule.

The Fire District

Benton County Fire District #6 (BCFD6) is located in South East Washington state approximately thirty miles South of the Tri-Cities (Kennewick, Richland and Pasco) along the scenic Columbia River. Our department responds from 3 fire stations to protect 277 square miles of rural land. Our two ambulances service a response area encompassing approximately 490 square miles in two counties. Many of our total calls for service are medical related. The resident population of BCFD6 is approximately 1000; however, due to the nature of the industries and abundant farming in our district, the population during the summer time period is much higher and varies throughout the year.



Each year BCFD6 has seen a drastic increase of traffic on our roadways and major Interstate highways. Although we are rural our district contains several key facilities and locations. Some of these key areas are: thirty (30) miles of US Fish and Wildlife scenic wildlife preserve along the Columbia River; the US Corps of Engineers McNary Dam; three Bonneville Power Administration high energy transmission lines; Williams Pipeline bulk storage facility containing 2.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas; four major Williams Pipeline high flow transmission lines serving Spokane,

Seattle and the West coast; thirty miles of BNSF railroad; seven miles of Interstate 82; twelve miles of State Route 221; twenty-seven miles of State Route 14; and hundreds of square miles of cultivated agricultural property including one of the largest wineries in the world, Columbia Crest, that has one million square feet under one roof. All of these industries are expanding at an enormous rate.

BCFD6 provides fire and ALS/BLS ambulance coverage to our District as well as coverage to two neighboring Fire Districts through an Automatic Aid Agreement (Klickitat County Fire District 10 and Benton County Fire District 5). We work closely with our neighboring EMS and Fire agencies. Mutual aid is received and given to the Tri-Cities area when needed through a County wide Mutual Aid Agreement.

BCFD6 enjoys a stable tax base. In November 2015 the voters approved a .53 ¢/1000 tax rate increase, funding 3 additional firefighter positions. The District is currently completing a modification of our headquarters station to accommodate sleeping quarters and living facilities. This new tax rate also provides funding to enhance our current volunteer force by providing three Volunteer- Paid on Call positions. The intended goal is to bring the total response to at least eight on a 24/7 basis.

Benefits

- 4 year –(5% per year) Step Increase Program
- Accrued vacation and sick leave
- 100% Employer Paid Medical, Dental and Vision for spouse and family including a District funded VEBA account
- WA State LEOFF II Retirement Plan participation

Application

Due Date – May 12, 2023, by 5:00pm

APPLICATIONS AND JOB DESCRIPTION CAN BE OBTAINED IN PERSON AT OUR HEADQUARTERS STATION IN PATERSON, WA.

Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the Fire District. Applicants must submit a cover letter, a résumé, and copies of relevant certifications with the application. Applications with supporting documentation must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the closing date. Applications received after 5:00 p.m. on the closing date will not be accepted. Selected candidates will be mailed the interview date and time. Make sure to include a valid mailing address, contact phone number, and an e-mail address.

A completed application packet should be mailed to the address listed below:

Firefighter Applicant Process
Benton County Fire District 6
P.O. Box 218
Paterson, WA 99345

Or Deliver: Benton County Fire District 6 – Headquarters Station
48001 Prior Ave
Paterson, WA 99345



BCFD6 is fully committed to Equal Employment Opportunity and to attracting, retaining, developing and promoting the most qualified employees without regard to their race, gender, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age, non-job-related disability, or any other characteristic prohibited by state or local law. We are dedicated to providing a work environment free from discrimination and harassment and where employees are treated with respect and dignity.

