Welcome to the Shaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department

An Equal Opportunity Employer

New Applicants

Welcome! Shaver Lake VFD accepts all applicants 18 and over with a willingness and time to serve their community. Our members are dedicated to protecting the people and property in the greater Shaver Lake area. *This is a 100% volunteer company; members receive no salary.*

We will Train You

Many applicants are nervous because they have no formal fire training. Don't worry! We will train you from the ground up. Our trainings cover medical calls, wildland fires, structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, and much more. We won't ever ask you to do anything that you haven't been trained to do. Occasionally outside trainings are also made available to members.

Trainings are weekly on Thursday night at 17:30hrs

Consider the Commitment

The job involves a lot of personal commitment with weekly trainings, about 200 calls a year, and various other events or activities. As volunteers we don't have shifts or specific on-call times, we carry pagers and are 24/7/365.

We understand personal life takes priority, and most of our members have "day jobs" in addition to the fire department commitment. If you are in the middle of some other activity that you can't get away from, we understand that you won't be able to respond to an incident. This is completely expected.

If you don't live in the Shaver Lake area, but come up on weekends or have a cabin here, be honest with yourself about availability. We don't just get calls on weekends. Responding to a call from the valley is not an acceptable situation.

What we ask is that you take an honest look at your availability and decide if this is a good fit for you. If you don't think you'll have the availability, maybe the fire department isn't a good choice right now.

What's Next

1. Start by filling out the documents in the included packet bringing it to a Chief Officer.
2. Call one of the Chiefs to set up an interview.
3. During the interview we will go over department polices, your paperwork and what comes next.

Chief
Steve McQuillan
559-681-3847
Chief@shaverlakefire.org

Asst Chief
James Parr
559-515-1650
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We look forward to having you join our team!

In the New Member Packet

In this packet, you will find the following documents to fill out.

SLVFD Application	Even if you filled out the on-line, you need to fill this one in.
Code of Conduct	Please read completely and ask any questions
Emergency Contacts	
Authorization to use POV	
Basic Medical Eval Form	
Confidentiality Agreement	
W9	SLVFD has a stipend program for incidents and training (details will be given by an Officer). A W9 is required to be on file for these payments.
Department Bylaws	This is for your reference, you do not need to sign this document.

Fill out the documents completely and bring them to your interview with the Chief.

Additional Requirements

Driver's License	We will need a copy of your driver's license. Either send a good picture to the Chief, or the Chief will take the picture (we store the picture encrypted for security)
Install WhatsApp on your Phone	We use WhatsApp for messaging the members. Please install it on your phone and connect with either Chief using the cell #'s on the previous page.

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