

Keremeos Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Fighter

Application Package



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Department Profile - General Information

The Keremeos Volunteer Fire Department is made up of dedicated and community minded individuals. The fire hall is not staffed, and we have no full-time members. Members carry pagers and respond to emergency calls at any time of the day or night. When the pager goes off, you respond to the fire hall as quickly as possible (if you can and it's safe) and attend the call for help. Our primary goal is to protect the public.

***Please note that ALL rules of the road must be adhered to. ***

To achieve our goals of protecting the public and ourselves, regular practice and training occurs weekly. Special training sessions and seminars also occur at other times and maybe out of town. Although members obviously can not attend all emergency calls and training sessions, a certain attendance level is required.

On average we respond to 150 emergency calls per year. These include structure fires, grass fires, vehicle incidents, and a variety of other requests for assistance. We are dispatched through 911 emergency dispatch located in Kelowna. Of our members, a leadership team or set of officers is chosen to organize, train, and otherwise administer the department. The department ultimately answers to the local people through the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen, and we are funded by local property taxes.

The department has a very active roll in community events including, fire prevention, training, and public awareness. We also have a department social club to organize special annual events throughout the year. Members are encouraged to participate in as many official, community, and social events as possible.

Thank you for having an interest in the Keremeos Volunteer Fire Department.

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Recruiting Procedures and requirements

People interested in becoming a member of the Keremeos Volunteer Fire Department can complete this application and drop it off at the Fire Hall, Village of Keremeos Office, mail it to the Keremeos Fire Department PO Box 292, Keremeos BC V0X 1N0 or email; fc@stn151.ca Your application will be kept on file until new recruits are being accepted and only those accepted for interviews will be notified.

You should:

- Be physically fit
- Have good verbal and written communication skills
- Be able to work with other people as a team
- Have a supportive family
- Be able to adapt to changing situations and improvise
- Follow direction and take commands
- Be of good character and community minded
- Be able to respond to the fire hall or fire scene in a safe yet timely manner.
- Must be a Canadian Citizen and possess a Canadian Social Insurance Number

If selected and availability confirmed, potential members of the department must complete our recruit training and orientation program. The recruit training program may consist of evenings, Saturdays, or Sundays for department orientation as well as theory and practical training. The emphasis of this training is on **safety**.

Once the recruit training program is completed, the new recruit may be issued a pager and can attend regular practices for a one (1) year probationary period. During this time the individual is evaluated, attendance recorded, and other department members can provide feedback about your ability to work as part of the team.

Please return the completed application from to the fire department. If you are selected to participate in training, we will require: a physician's report, criminal record check and direct deposit payroll info; (forms will be supplied) and the applicant must provide an original Driver's License and Social Insurance Number. The Fire department **MUST** take photocopies of these for your personal file.