



RANDALL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Information About Becoming a Randall County Volunteer Firefighter

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Randall County Fire Department (RCFD) Volunteer Firefighter and serving the Citizens of Randall County! The RCFD is a combination Paid/Volunteer Fire Department which relies heavily on its volunteer members to provide emergency responses for fire, rescue and medical incidents.

The RCFD requires all of its members to be Texas Certified Firefighters through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) or the State Firemen and Fire Marshal's Association (SFFMA). Minimum Firefighter certification requirements are Basic Structural Firefighter through TCFP or Module 2 completion (formerly Basic Firefighter) through SFFMA. Applicants who do not hold a Texas Firefighter Certification will be required to successfully complete the RCFD Rookie Training Academy which is offered each year, usually starting in January and finishing in June with over 100 hours of instruction. The Academy is generally completed on one week night and Saturdays each week ending with a Live Fire Training session. Successful completion of the RCFD Rookie Training Academy meets the Requirements for SFFMA Module 2. Additional training and certifications for firefighters include National Wildland Coordination Group Wildland Firefighter certification and National Incident Management System courses which are available as online courses and can be completed at home with the use of a computer.

In addition to the requirement of Texas Firefighter Certification, RCFD requires that its members have or obtain Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) Emergency Medical Personnel Certification at the Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) level or greater. Approximately 75% of RCFDs calls for service involve medical care and treatment. RCFD is a TDSHS Licensed First Responder Organization. The RCFD offers an in-house ECA Certification class at least once annually which is conducted during evening hours, week days.

The above training and certifications are to be completed within a specified time frame, if an applicant does not already have the certifications, usually during a member's first year of service. This first year of service is referred to a "Rookie" or Probationary Year. As a Probationary Member successfully progresses through their training, they will be "cleared" for different types of responses. RCFD does not allow non-trained members participate at emergency incidents. **The Probationary Year requires a deep commitment for successful completion. This commitment not only comes from the Probationary Member but their family as well due to the time required completing the required Certifications that they do not already have. Please discuss your decision to become a RCFD Volunteer Firefighter with your family before you apply.**

RCFD requires its members to respond to at least 25% of calls for service and attend at least 50% of all scheduled training which is usually one night per week.

RCFDs Values are: Know our job; Do our best; Respect our brothers/sisters; Do the right thing; Put others before self. If you are ready for the challenge to become a RCFD Volunteer, we are ready to bring you into our firefighting family.



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Application Process Check-List

The following is a check-list to use to insure that your application process goes as smoothly as possible.

___ Review RCFD Applicant Disqualifiers. Any questions regarding this can be directed to the Fire Chief or his/her designee.

___ RCFD Minimum Qualifications:

- At least 18 years of age
- Possess a Valid Social Security Card
- Possess a valid Texas Driver's License
- Speak, Read and Write the English Language
- U.S. Citizen or possess a valid work visa/permit that allows you to be employed in the U.S.
- High School Graduate or GED Completed
- Randall County Resident(exceptions with Fire Chief approval)
- Be insurable under the requirements of the Randall County Insurance Policies

___ Obtain and complete an RCFD Application Packet: Available online at <http://www.randallcounty.org/fire/default.htm> or at RCFD Station #1, 1111 E. Loop 335 South, Amarillo, TX 79118.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED AT STATION # 1

- Randall County Employment Application, Fill in all spaces. Use N/A if not applicable.
- Authorization for Drivers License History Check
- Authorization for Criminal History Check
- Include copies of any certification(s) you already have, including but not limited to:
 - TCFP / SFFMA Firefighter
 - If coming from another SFFMA Department, a current copy of your SFFMA Training Progress Report if Level 2 has not been completed.
 - TDSHS ECA, EMT, EMT-I, EMT-P
 - NIMS
 - NWCG
 - Red Cross CPR Healthcare Provider
 - High School Diploma or GED Certificate
 - Any other certifications you feel are related to your application.

___ Interview by the Fire Chief or his/her designee after Employment, Driver License and Criminal History Background checks are received by RCFD.

___ Submit to a physical examination, at RCFD Expense, after Interview

___ Complete additional paperwork / forms as needed by RCFD after Certification of Physical Fitness.

- TESRS Form 502 (Texas Emergency Services Retirement System)
- Brian Hunton: National Seat Belt Pledge
- Training Agreement Form